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Odisha Rural Development & Marketing Society creating competence and values in rural Odisha

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ORDER

Blacklisting of M/s OCTAVO SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED Registered address:- G 27, Basement Kailash Colony, New Delhi, South Delhi-110048, Email: paliwalbijender@gmail.com; contactoctova@gmail.com; Ph: 011-64550707, Fax 011-41658335 Corporate Identification Number (CIN) U72400DL2007PTC159745

Project Details:

- a. Sanction order 1254 dated 25th Jan 2016 and revised sanction order no 2077 dated 17/08/2016 after introduction of Common Cost Norms.
- b. Training target of 500 and placement target of 375 candidates which was revised to 370 as training target with placement of 259 rural youths.
- c. Total Project cost:- Rs. 1,76,74,592/-.
- d. MoU with M/s-Octavo Solutions Private Limited on dated 25th Jan 2016
- e. Total amount released (1st installment):- Rs.39,06,798/- on 17/08/2016
- f. Recovery letter issued vide letter No. 1895 dated 13/12/2017
- g. Legal notice issued on 18th Jan 2020

Whereas M/s-Octavo Solutions Private Limited had been sanctioned a project under DDU-GKY (Erstwhile Aajeevika Skills) for imparting placement linked training to rural youth of Odisha vide sanction letter 1254 dated 25th Jan 2016. In pursuance of the said sanction order, an MOU was signed on 25th Jan 2016 between ORMAS and the said Project Implementing Agency (PIA) according to which PIA had to impart placement linked training on the allotted target. Further the training target was revised to 370 with placement of 259 candidates vide ORMAS sanction order no 2077 dated 17/08/2016 after introduction of common cost norms.

As per the sanction order, M/s Octavo Solutions Private Limited received 25% advance as 1st installment amounting to Rs.39,06,798/- on 17/08/2016 out of total project cost Rs. 1,76,74,592/-

The agency was unable to provide placement to any trained candidate as per the norms prescribed in the SOP of DDU-GKY. So on 17th June 2017 a red alert letter bearing no 891/dtd 17/06/2017 has been issued to the PIA. But the PIA was unable to improve the placement of trained candidates and stopped the trainings. Again a show cause notice was issued to the PIA on 29th Sept 2017 (vide ORMAS letter no 1305 dated 20/09/2017) to resume the training within 30 days of issue of the show cause notice. But the PIA could not start the training program.

A recovery letter was issued vide letter No. 1895 dated 13/12/2017 to refund the entire released amount of Rs. 39,06,798/- with interest @ 10% per annum from the date of release (as per notification no 3/2014 dtd 3rd February 2014 of MoRD). But PIA did not like to respond the letter.

During the arbitration the PIA requested 2 months time to resume the training and placement thereof. Accordingly PIA has been permitted to resume the training within 2 months from the date of hearing (i.e. from 07/08/2018), otherwise recovery will be made. As the PIA failed to





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resume the training and placement as per the decisions of arbitration, a show cause notice vide ORMAS letter no 2494 dated 22/11/2018 has been issued to initiate legal action against the PIA.

The authorized representative of PIA (Shri Himansu Roul) met the CEO-ORMAS and agreed to submit all the relevant documents by 31.12.2019 for pre-closure of the project failing which Rs. 52, 15,843/- (inclusive of penal interest) will be recovered from the PIA. Accordingly a letter bearing no 3672 dated 23/12/2019 has been issued to the PIA. The PIA did not respond to the above decision / letter by the end of December 2019.

PIA replied that they have provided placement to the candidates but they did not join, which is meaningless as per the task assigned and term and conditions of MoU and placement criteria mentioned in the SoP.

Not finding any alternative, a legal notice was issued to PIA on dated 18th Jan 2020 through the legal consultant to refund the released amount with 10% interest (per annum) within 10 days of receiving the notice.

Dr. Bidhan Das, Managing Director of OCTAVO Solutions Pvt. Ltd met the Joint CEO, ORMAS on 12th March 2020 and requested for restart the project. The request was rejected as the PIA is a defaulter; instruction has been given to refund the due amount within 15 days. Till date the PIA has not refund any amount.

Several opportunities were given to the agency for closure of the project. But PIA did not like to respond for refund of dues and closure of the project.

Under the circumstances stated above, M/s OCTAVO SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED bearing DDU-GKY PRN (Permanent Registration Number) DL2014CR3220 is being blacklisted with immediate effect in the State of Odisha till further order.

Chief Executive Office

Copy to:

1. The Joint Secretary (Skills), DDU-GKY Division, Ministry of Rural Development for information and requested for black listing of OCTAVO Solutions Private Limited across the country

2. The V.P, NABCONS for information and necessary action

3. The Executive Director, NIRD&PR for information and necessary action (email:satyanarayanakv.nird@gov.in)

4. To all MD/CEOs SRLM of all States for kind information

- 5. The Chairman, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) for information
- 6. To the COO and Officiating CEO, National Skill Development Corporation 7. To the OSD to the Chairman, OSDA for kind information of Chairman, OSDA
- 8. To all Departments of Government of Odisha for kind information
- 9. To the Director, OSEM, Govt. of Odisha for information
- 10. To the Director, SUDA, Govt. of Odisha for information
- 11. To the GM, Odisha SC&ST Development Finance corporation for information
- 12. Board of Directors of M/s- Octavo Solutions Private Limited for information (emails: bidhandasoctavo@gmail.com, shweta_das@hotmail.com)