D.O. No. 25017/07/2017-CIS-II

Dear

Ministry of Home Affairs released the funds to your State/UT for setting up of “Cyber Forensic Lab cum Training Centre” for cybercrime investigation under the Cyber Crime Prevention for Women and Children (CCPWC) scheme in September 2017. Detailed instructions regarding utilization of the grant-in-aid amount were sent vide advisory of even number dated 07.02.2018.

2. It was also requested for expediting the process for setting up and commissioning the training lab, by 31.03.2018. A Video Conference was also held on 09.04.2018 to address the queries of States/UTs. In order to further facilitate operation of this training lab, vide letter of even number dated 23.03.2018 a grant-in-aid of Rs. 12 lakh was released to your State/UT for engaging one Junior Cyber Forensic Consultant @ Rs. 1 lakh per annum for the ‘Cyber Forensic Lab cum Training Centre’. This Ministry has also released grant for training of police, prosecutors and judicial officers in 3 days and 5 day courses on cybercrime, for which, detailed guidelines along with target of training was conveyed vide letter dated 2-2-2018.

3. However, we are yet to get the details of the progress made with regard to setting up of Cyber Forensic Lab cum Training Centre, engaging one Junior Cyber Forensic Consultant for the lab and details of training programmes conducted /manpower trained as per targets. I may mention here that Hon’ble Supreme Court is monitoring the progress made for all components of the CCPWC Scheme and has, in its latest hearing on 18.05.2018, directed compliance by 30th June, 2018.

4. I would, therefore, request you to kindly look into the matter personally and expedite commissioning of the training Lab, hiring of consultant, training of manpower. A report on the progress made in respect of above items may kindly be faxed/e-mailed to us by 15th June 2018 so that the Hon’ble Supreme Court can be suitably apprised of progress in the matter.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary (Home) of all States/UT Administrations