To
The Pay & Accounts Officer (Secctt.),
(Loans & Grants Section), Deptt. of Agri., Coopn. & Farmers Welfare.
Akbar Road Hutments
New Delhi-110001.

Subject: Release of Grants-in-aid(1st Installment) to Government of Himachal Pradesh under ‘Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms (ATMA)’ component of Centrally Sponsored Scheme “Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE)” during 2020-21 (General) - regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to the release of funds to the tune of Rs.601.55 lakh (Rupees Six crore, one lakh and fifty-five thousand only) towards Grants-in-aid(1st Installment) to Government of Himachal Pradesh for implementation of ‘Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms (ATMA)’ component of Centrally Sponsored Scheme “Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE)” during 2020-21 (General Component).

2. The grant is on ad-hoc basis for meeting recurring and non-recurring expenditure as per approved State Extension Work Plan(SEWP) 2020-21. The funds would be utilized in public interest and strictly for the approved components of the scheme within the terms and conditions laid down in EFC and CCEA.

3. No further funds will be released till the previous grant have been fully utilized or surrendered to the Government of India.

4. In terms of Rule 236(1) of General Financial Rules, 2017, the accounts of grantee institutions or organizations shall be open to inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India under the provision of CAG(DPC) Act, 1971 and internal Audit by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry or Department, whenever the institution or organization is called upon to do so.

5. The accounts of the Scheme shall be maintained properly and separately and submitted as and when required. They shall be open to inspection by an officer deputed by the Government of India or the State Government.

6. The audited statement of receipt and expenditure (Item-wise) together with Utilization Certificate in the prescribed form are required to be furnished immediately but not later than 12 months after the closing of the financial year.

7. The State Government shall maintain a record of all assets acquired wholly or substantially out of the Government grant and maintain a register of such assets in the prescribed proforma contained in General Financial Rules, 2017. Such assets shall not be disposed off, encumbered or utilized for purpose other than those for which the grant was given, without prior sanction of the Government of India.

8. The State Government and Scheme Officer in Directorate of Extension, New Delhi shall ensure submission of timely return in respect of activities under the Scheme “Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE)” for which grants is being sanctioned.

9. The State Government shall ensure 10% state share for all components under the scheme except farmers friends where it will be on 50:50 basis between the Center & State.

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10. The expenditure involved will be met from the sanctioned budget grant of the Directorate of Extension for the financial year 2020-21 and debitable to the following Head of Accounts under Demand No.1- Department of Agriculture & Cooperation:-

Demand No.1 - Agriculture
3601 - Grants-in-aid to State Governments (Major Head)
06 - Centrally Sponsored Scheme (Sub Major Head)
101 - Central Assistance / Share (Minor Head)
43 - Green Revolution - Krishonnati Yojna
08 - Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension
430831 - Grants-in-aid General - Rs.601.55 lakh

11. The State Government/Grantee Organization shall submit an Audited Certificate of actual utilization of grant-in-aid sanctioned in prescribed proforma (GFR-12 C) specifying the report on targets and achievement-cum-performance reports in terms of Rules-242(2) of GFR, 2017 to the sanctioning authority.

12. No Utilization Certificate is due with the grantee organization for rendition in the said scheme. The unspent balance of the previous years grant has been taken into account in sanctioning the grant for current year.

13. The grant is recurring in nature.

14. The further use of Grants-in-aid being released by this Sanction order is to be done through Expenditure Advance & Transfer(EAT) module of PFMS. The Utilization Certificate is not supported by EAT module data is likely to be rejected and expenditure is not to be treated as regular. The State Government Implementing Agencies would be forced to refund the amount received as the expenditure not appearing in EAT module data is not to be taken as expenditure incurred in accordance with the terms and conditions of Sanction Order. In this regard, instructions of M/o. Fin. & CCA, M/o. Agri. & FW have been circulated by this Department vide letter No.PAO/Sect/Agri/PFMS/2017-18 dated 12.11.2018. All State Government Implementing Agencies shall submit UC on PFMS, as per GFR.

15. In terms of Rule 234 of General Financial Rules, 2017, entry of grants-in-aid has been made in ECR at Sl. No.001 dated 04.08.2020 in Budget Section of DAC&FW.


Yours faithfully,

(D. Ponni)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Copy for information and necessary action to:-

1. Director(Administration), Directorate of Extension, Krishi Vistar Bhavan, Pusa, New Delhi with the request to ensure creation of Sanction ID by the Drawing & Disbursing Officer of the Directorate of Extension.
3. PS to Joint Secretary (Exttn.) / Director (Exttn.) / Under Secretary(Exttn.), DAC&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. Section Officer(Extension Desk), DAC&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. Under Secretary(Finance-V)/ Budget Section / Budget & A/cs Section, DAC&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
8. Director (Agriculture), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Krishi Bhawan, Naggar House, Shimla-171005 (Himachal Pradesh).
9. Director, State Agricultural Management & Extension Training Institute(SAMETI), Mashobra, Shimla-171007.
10. Hindi Anuvad Anubhag – Directorate of Extension – for rendering Hindi version of sanction letter to this Unit.
11. PAO(Compilation Section), DAC&FW, Akbar Road Hutments, New Delhi.
13. Joint Director(Extension Reforms)-BS /Guard File.

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