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Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Digital Agriculture Division

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated 27 June, 2022

To,
The Pay & Accounts Officer,
Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare,
Jeevan Tara Building, 3rd floor,
New Delhi.

Subject: Release of Grants in aid to **Himachal Pradesh** under "National e-Governance Plan-Agriculture (NeGP-A) in Department of Agriculture, & Farmers Welfare" during financial year 2022-23.

Sir,
I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to the release of funds to the tune of **Rs.297 lakhs (Rs. Two Hundred Ninty Seven Lakhs only)** to **Himachal Pradesh** for implementation of "National e-Governance Plan-Agriculture (NeGP-A) in Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare" during financial year 2022-23.

2. It is informed that with the Centre-State funding pattern modified/revised from 2015-16, the sharing pattern of funds between Center and State for implementation of the National e-Governance Plan on Agriculture (NeGP-A) has been revised in the ratio of 90:10 for N.E. & Himalayan States, 60:40 for rest of the States & 100 % centre share for Union Territories.

3. The funds would be utilized in public interest and strictly for the approved proposal as per the revised NeGP-A/Digital Agriculture guidelines.

4. No further funds will be released till the Grant released stand fully utilized or surrendered to the Government of India. The State Governments concerned should ensure that matching share is released for carrying out the activities under this scheme.

5. Proposal for additional release of funds may be forwarded to the Government only after ensuring that the funds already released stands fully utilized including the State share. The Utilization Certificate and the Physical & Financial Progress Report in prescribed format should also be forwarded with the proposal.

6. 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.

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. If the agency ceases to exist at any time, such properties shall be reverted to the Government of India.

8. The State Government shall utilize the amount in line with approval given for the project vide Minutes of Meeting dated 29.03.2022 (copy enclosed). Further, State Government shall have to share source code of all software developed alongwith designs/specifications of any hardware/POC developed from NeGPA funding with this Ministry/Department so that the same may be made available for other States/UTs, if required, for better utilization of funds under NeGPA.

9. The State Government shall ensure submission of timely return in respect of its activities under the scheme National e-Governance Plan-Agriculture (NeGP-A) in Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare" during financial year 2022-23 for which grants is being sanctioned.

10. The aforesaid expenditure may be debited to the following Heads of Account: -

Head of Account	Description
Major Head -3601	Grants-in-aid to State Governments
Minor Head - 06	Centrally Sponsored Scheme
101-	Central Assistance/Share
95-	Krishonnati Yojna
06-	Digital Agriculture
950631 -	Grants in aid General/NeGP-A(General)

11. The State Government shall submit an Audited Certificate of actual utilization of the grant-in-aid released in prescribed format (General Financial Rules 12-C) specifying the report on targets and achievements -cum- performance reports in terms of Rule 242(2) of General Financial Rules, 2017 to the sanctioning authority within 12 months from the date of release of funds for the project.

12. 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 not supported by the EAT module data is likely to be rejected and expenditure is not to be treated as regular. The State would be forced to refund the amount received as the expenditure not appearing in EAT module data is not being taken as expenditure incurred in accordance with terms and conditions of this Sanction Order. State Govt. shall submit UC on PFMS, as per GFR.

13. State should strictly adhere to the guidelines of M/o Finance, D/o Expenditure OM No. 1(13) PFMS/FCD/2020 dated 23.03.2021, 23.03.2022 and 20.05.2022 regarding Procedure for release of funds under the Centrally sponsored Schemes (CSS) and monitoring utilization of the funds released.