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Government of India
Ministry of Jal Shakti
Department of Water Resources, RD & GR
State Projects Wing

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: 11th August, 2021

To,

The Principal Pay and Account Officer,
Department of Water Resources, RD & GR,
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Subject: Release of 'On Account' payment of One-time Special Grant to Renuka Dam Project as a special case keeping in view the developments in RFA 161/2019 on 16.7.2021 and 30.7.2021 before Hon'ble High Court, Shimla, under **Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (Har Khet Ko Pani) [PMKSY-HKKP]**.

Sir,

The Renuka Dam Project has been declared as Project of National importance as such the cost (excluding power component) shall be borne by Govt. of India (GoI) and other beneficiary States in the ratio of 90:10.

The cost of the project has been revised as per the price levels in October, 2018 and the same has been accepted by the Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Flood Control and Multipurpose projects, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD & GR), in its 143rd meeting held in December, 2019. Further, the investment clearance for the project cleared by the Investment Clearance Committee of DoWR, RD & GR in August, 2020.

Further, an amount of Rs.446.96 Crore was released as a special one-time assistance as per the order of the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh. As per the Utilization Certificate for the same submitted by HP Power Corporation Limited (HPPCL), an amount of Rs. 260.63 crore has been spent on payments towards land acquisition, while Rs. 186.38 crore has been deposited with various Courts.

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The matter related to delay in depositing the requisite amount of claim for which is being contested by HPPCL in the matter RFA 161/2019 before the Hon'ble High Court, Shimla. HPPCL has, vide its letter no. HHPCL/CP/Renukaji/Vol.-XXXII/2021-4427-30 dated 31.7.2021, informed that an amount of Rs. 10,61,23,057/- (Rupees ten crore sixty one lakh twenty three thousand fifty seven only) needs to be deposited with the Hon'ble High Court of Shimla in the present matter.

In light of this, sanction of the President of India is hereby conveyed for release of an amount of ₹10,61,23,057/- (**Rupees Ten Crore Sixty One Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Fifty Seven) Only** to State Government of Himachal Pradesh to further transfer it to Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (HPPCL) for depositing the same with the Hon'ble High Court, Shimla towards land acquisition of Renuka Dam (National Project) being grant under **Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana - Har Khet Ko Pani (PMKSY-HKKP)** in the matter of Regular First Appeal RFA 161/2019 in compliance to Hon'ble High Court Order date 30th July, 2021 for State's Annual Plan 2021-22 as under:-

Sl. No	State	Project	Scheme	Amount of grant being released (Rs. In lakh)
1.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	Renuka Dam Project	PMKSY (HKKP)	1061.23057
		Total		1061.23057

2. The amount being released subject to the following conditions:

- a) The above amount shall be adjusted against the overall liability of Government of India towards funding of the Renuka Dam Project.
- b) Necessary sanctions/approval/compliances including codal formalities required under the statutory or other regulatory regime as applicable would be obtained by the authority (ies) concerned with projects (s).
- c) The State Government and the implementing agency shall ensure that the said amount is deposited before the Hon'ble High Court against RFA 161/2019 expeditiously, and in any case not later than one week after the amount is reflected in the account of HPPCL.
- d) Central Government shall not be liable for further funding of any further works taken up by HPPCL for this project unless approved by the competent authority of UoI.

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- e) Provisions under GFR 2017 as also GOI directions issued from time to time in relation to Grants-in-Aid to states and utilization thereof need to be adhered to in general and those under GFR 232 in relation to Centrally Sponsored Scheme in particular. The grant is further subject to requirements of/under PMKSY guidelines.
- f) The release is 'on account' basis, and therefore, subject to reconciliation. Any excess arrived at on the basis of audited figures or reconciliation by DoWR, RD&GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti can be adjusted in future releases to the State under this project or other project of State.
- g) The State Government/HPPCL shall ensure proper custody upkeep, maintenance and operation of the land acquired for the project.
- h) A Utilisation Certificate for Special Central Grant Assistance released for the project will be submitted by the State/HPPCL in prescribed format in GFR 19-A for FY 2021-22 within one month from the expiry of the current financial year 2021-22, i.e. by 30.04.2022.
- i) The Utilisation Certificate must contain date of release of Central share to the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh alongwith relevant receipts. The special grant should be exclusively used for the purpose it is released for.
- j) As per Rule 236(1) of GFR 2017, the accounts of all Grantee Institutions or Organisations 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 Ministry.
- k) The State Government and HPPCL would be required to submit audited statements of expenditure incurred on the components of the project within 18 months of the completion of the financial year in which the Central Assistance is released i.e. by 31.12.2022. The release of central assistance of the following years will not be considered if audited statement of expenditure is not furnished within stipulated period.
- l) If the State Government/HPPCL fails to deposit the above amount in the Hon'ble High Court of Shimla expeditiously, the above amount will be treated as loan and recovered as per usual terms of recovery of the Central loan.
- m) The release is subject to any post adjustment arising out of land requirement finalised after appraisal of the project is complete.

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3. The payment is debitable to the following Head of Account:-

Demand No. 61, Ministry of Jal Shakti, DoWR, RD & GR
3601 (Major Head) - Grants-in-aid to State Governments
06 (Sub Major Head) - Centrally Sponsored Schemes
101 (Minor Head) - Central Assistance/Share
35 - Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana
06 - Har Khet Ko Pani - State
35 - Grants for creation of Capital Assets, for the financial year, 2021-22.

4. **The said amount is to be deposited in the account of HPPCL by the State Government, as per details below:**

Name of the Bank : AU Small Finance Bank.

Branch: The Mall, Shimla (HP)

IFSC Code : AUBL0002381

Beneficiary : H.P.Power Corporation Limited

Account No. : 1781238115696655

5. This issues with the concurrence of IFD, DoWR, RD & GR vide their **Dy.No 405/IFD/2021-22 dated 03.08.2021**

Yours faithfully



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3. Finance Secretary / Planning Secretary, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. Accountant General (A&E), Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
5. Dept. of Economic Affairs, Budget Division(States), North Block, New Delhi.
6. Dept. of Expenditure (Plan Finance-I Division), North Block, New Delhi.
7. NITI Aayog, SP Division/FR Division. New Delhi.
8. Secretary, RBI, Central office Mumbai Pin- 400001.
9. Manager, RBI CAS, Nagpur.
10. Principal Director of Audit (Agriculture, Food and Water Resources), New Delhi.
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Copy also to:-

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