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(NSAP Section)

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Room No. 12, Core 5A, 2nd Floor
India Habitat Centre, New Delhi -110003
Dated: 28th March, 2024

To

The Pay & Accounts Officer,
Government of India,
Ministry of Rural Development,
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

Subject:- Release of Ist tranche of IInd instalment (IIIrd Quarter October to December 2023) of Central Assistance for the **Schedule Caste beneficiaries** under the scheme of Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) for the financial year 2023-24 to **Himachal Pradesh** State.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of President of India to the payment of **Rs. 218.84 Lakh (Rupees Two Crore Eighteen Lakh and Eighty Four Thousands Only)** to the **Himachal Pradesh** State which includes 3% Administrative Fund of **Rs. 6.37 Lakh** (out of which **Rs. 1.06 Lakh** is earmarked for conducting Social Audit) As Central Assistance for the Schedule Caste beneficiaries of Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) Under National Social Assistance Programme during the Current Financial Year 2023-24. No Utilisation Certificate is pending in respect of National Social Assistance Programme for the year 2022-23 in respect of the State.

2. **The State Government must transfer these funds to the concerned SNA's account within a period of 21 days of its receipt. In case of non-transfer within the stipulated 21 days, Central Government may be constrained to stop further releases. The State Government is requested to endorse the copy of the release order to the Central Government addressed:-**

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Tel: 011- 24654425

3. The grant is towards the Revenue expenditure and will be utilized for payment of assistance to the beneficiaries covered Under IGNOAPS. The funds released Under IGNOAPS shall not be utilized for any other schemes Under NSAP. The amount now released is inclusive of the 3% administrative expenditure. Separate Utilisation Certificate for the funds released for IGNOAPS shall be furnished. The fund should be utilized for payment of benefit to the Schedule Caste beneficiaries of Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS). No deviation from the provisions of the guidelines is permissible.

4. The Accounts of the grantee institutions will be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the Internal Audit of the Office of the Chief Controller of Account of the Ministry in terms of Rule 236(2) of the General Financial Rules.

5. The expenditure is debitable to the following Heads of Accounts Under Demand No. 87, Department of Rural Development (2023-24).

3601 - Grants-in-Aid to State Govt. (Major Head)
06.789 – Special Component Plan for Scheduled Caste
66 – National Social Assistance Programme
66.01 - National Old Age Pension Scheme
66.01.31 - Grants- in –Aid General

6. DDO NSAP, New Delhi (208039), Ministry of Rural Development will be the Drawing & Disbursing Officer for the purpose. PAORD is requested to transfer this fund through RBI advice.

7. This issues the powers delegated to this Ministry and in consultation with the Integrated Finance Division vide their **U.O. No. 1420/Finance/2023-24 Dated 28-03-2024**.

8. The Utilization Certificate for the Financial Year should include the interest accrued. Interest accrued should be computed based on the details of ledger accounts maintain for the purpose.

9. The next release of fund to the state will be released only after utilisation of 75% of available fund.


Yours faithfully
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Joint Director (NSAP)
Date: 28.03.2024

Copy to

1. The Principal Secretary, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, State Governments of Himachal Pradesh, Block No. 33, Shimla-171002.
2. Secretary, Finance Department, State Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002.
3. Secretary, Planning Department, State Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002.
4. Accountant General (A & E) State Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002.
5. The Director of Audit, E & S Ministries, IP State, AGCR Building, New Delhi.
6. The Resident Commissioner of State Government Himachal Pradesh, New Delhi for taking necessary action under intimation to this Ministry.
7. The Chief Controller of Accounts, Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
8. Section Officer. (Fin.II) Ministry of Rural Development, New Delhi.
9. SO(NSAP)
10. Guard file

ANNEXURE-I

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OLD AGE PENSION SCHEME (IGNOAPS)
RELEASE OF 3RD QUARTER DURING THE CURRENT YEAR 2023-24.**

(Rs. in Lakh)

Name of State	Beneficiaries 60-79 years	Beneficiaries 80 years and above	Total Beneficiaries	Types	Release of 3rd Quarter of 2023-24 of Central Assistance	3% Total Admin Charges (Rs. in Lakh)		Release of 2nd Quarter of 2023-24 of Central Assistance including 3% Admin Charges
						Admin Charges other than Social Audit	Funds earmarked for Social Audit	
					(A)	(B)	(C)	D(A+B+C)
Himachal Pradesh	400092	53086	93178	Other than SC and Tribal Plus Sub Plan	716.24	17.91	3.58	737.73
				SC	212.47	5.31	1.06	218.84
				Tribal Plus Sub Plan	108.14	2.70	0.54	111.38
Total Fund----->>>>>					1036.85	25.92	5.18	1067.95

Place: New Delhi
Date: 28.03.2024


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