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No. J-12019/1/2014-NSAP Government of India Ministry of Rural Development (NSAP Section)

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To

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

Subject: -Release of funds to the State of **Himachal Pradesh** for providing 2nd instalment of exgratia payment of Rs.500/- under **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana Package** to the beneficiaries of Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS), National Social Assistance Programme to help them fight the battle against Corona virus.

The undersigned is directed to convey the sanction of President of India to the payment of Rs. 89.90 Lakh (Rupees Eighty Nine Lakh Ninety Thousand Only) to the Himachal Pradesh State (as per list at Annexure -I) as Central Assistance for providing 2nd instalment of ex-gratia payment of Rs.500/- to the beneficiaries of Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) under National Social Assistance Programme.

2. The amount of ex-gratia is in addition to the amount of central assistance provided to the State/UTs in two six monthly instalments for disbursement of monthly pension/benefit to eligible beneficiaries. Funds for  $01^{\text{st}}$  instalment of 2020-21 will be released to State as per the guidelines of NSAP.

3. The State Government must transfer these funds to the beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) through Implementing Department of the programme within 3 days positively from the date of receipt of these funds. In case of non-transfer beyond this period, Central Government may be constrained to stop further releases. Besides, the State Government would be liable to pay interest @ 12% for the period of delay beyond the specified period. The State Government is requested to endorse the copy of the release order to the Central Government addressed as under:-

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4. The grant is towards the Revenue expenditure and will be utilized for payment of assistance to the beneficiaries covered under IGNWPS. The funds released under IGNWPS shall not be utilized for any other schemes under NSAP. State must submit a separate Utilization Certificate for the above amount before submitting the proposal for release of 02<sup>nd</sup> instalment of funds (2020-21) under NSAP schemes. No deviation from the provisions of the guidelines is permissible.

5. 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.

The expenditure is debitable to the following Heads of Accounts under Demand No. 85, 6. Department of Rural Development (2020-21).

> 3601 - Grants-in-Aid to State Govt. (Major Head) 06 - Centrally Sponsored Scheme 101-Social Central assistance/Share 26 - National Social Assistance Programme 26.03 - National Widow Pension Scheme 26.03.31- Grants- in -Aid General

DDO NSAP, New Delhi (208039), Ministry of Rural Development will be the Drawing & 7. Disbursing Officer for the purpose. PoRD is requested to transfer this fund through RBI advice.

This issues under the powers delegated to this Ministry and in consultation with the Integrated 8. Finance Division vide their U.O No.: 254/Finance/2020-21 Dated: 09.05.2020.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. Manik Chandra Pandit) Deputy Secretary (NSAP)

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ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय/M/o Rural Development The Principal Secretary, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment f State Governments of Himachal Pradesh, Block No. 33, Shimla 171002 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.
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**ANNEXURE-I Release of Fund under** Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana Package to the beneficiaries of Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) Name of State Total Release of 2nd Installment of ex-**Beneficiaries** gratia of Rs 500/- to the beneficiaries of IGNWPS (Rs. in Lakh) A **Himachal Pradesh** 17979 89.90

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