Subject: Release of 2nd Quarter of Central Assistance in the scheme of Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) under National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) from July to September, 2020 during the financial year 2020-21 to Himachal Pradesh State.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to convey the sanction of President of India to the payment of Rs. 125.48 lakh (Rupees One Crore Twenty Five lakhs and Forty Eight Thousand only) to the Himachal Pradesh State as Central Assistance for the implementation of Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) under National Social Assistance Programme during the financial year 2020-21. No Utilisation Certificate is pending in respect of National Social Assistance Programme for the year 2018-19 in respect of the State.

2. The State Government must transfer these funds to the Implementing Department for programme implementation 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:-

Dr. Manik Chandra Pandit,
Deputy Secretary (NSAP)
Ministry of Rural Development,
Room No.701, 11-Block, CGO Complex
Lodhi Road, New Delhi. Tel: 011-24362822

3. 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. The amount now released is inclusive of the 3% administrative expenditure. Separate Utilisation Certificate for the funds released for IGNWPS shall be furnished. No deviation from the provisions of the guidelines is permissible.
4. The expenditure is debitable to the following Heads of Accounts under Demand No. 85, 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

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.

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

7. This issues under the powers delegated to this Ministry and in consultation with the Integrated Finance Division vide their U.O No: 386/Finance/2020-21 Dated: 23.06.2020.

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 maintained for the purpose.

Yours faithfully

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

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.
5. The Director of Audit, E & S Ministries, IPS 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.
8. Section Officer, (Fin.II) Ministry of Rural Development, New Delhi.
9. SO (NSAP)
10. Guard file