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

Subject- Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA) – on account payment of 1st instalment of 1st tranche of Central Assistance towards material and admin cost for financial year 2020-21 to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to the payment of Grants-in-aid amounting to Rs.69,41,71,000/- (Rupees Sixty nine crore forty one lakh seventy one thousand only) to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh as Central assistance towards material and admin cost only for implementation of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA for the financial year 2020-21.

2. The State Government must transfer these funds along with the State share to the State Employment Guarantee Fund 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;

Sh. Sanjay Kumar, Deputy Secretary (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA)
Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan,
New Delhi, 110001

3. The pending liabilities (Material & Admin liabilities) must be cleared keeping in view the period of pendency. The old pending liabilities should be cleared first. The status of clearance of old pending liabilities will be reviewed by the Ministry from time to time.

4. Further the following conditions shall be fulfilled in utilisation of these funds:

(a) Adherence to the time line indicated in the minutes of the Labour Budget Meeting of FY 2020-21 against various key activities.
(b) In all Electronic Fund Management system (eFMS) ‘implemented’ areas, the funds shall be maintained at the State level; and there shall be no intermediary accounts. All payments in these areas shall move directly from the State fund to the destination accounts based on the pay order generated at the Block/Gram Panchayat level.
(c) Where eFMS is not yet implemented, steps shall be taken to implement the same at the earliest.
(d) The detailed voucher-based data shall be available in the NREGASoft for all the expenditure done.
(e) The material component including wages of skilled and semi-skilled labour shall not exceed 40% at district level.
(f) The Expenditure of material component including wages of skilled and semi-skilled labour will be shared between Centre and State Government in the ratio of 75:25.
(g) This grant is towards plan expenditure and shall be utilized for approved items of works subject to the conditions laid down in the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Guidelines. No deviation from the provisions of the Guidelines is permissible.

(h) The Utilization Certificate should be submitted within 12 (Twelve) months of the closure of financial year which shall include interest accrued. Interest accrued should be computed based on the details of ledger account maintained for the purpose.

5. No Utilization Certificate is pending against the Recipient Organization under the Scheme.

6. The accounts of the grantee institutions will be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the Internal Audit of the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry in terms of Rule 236 (1) of the General Financial Rules, 2017.

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

| 3601 | Grants-in-aid to State Governments (Major Head) |
| 06   | Centrally Sponsored Schemes                   |
| 101  | Central Assistance/Share                      |
| 28   | Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment       |
| 28.01| Programme Component-MGNREGA                   |
| 28.01.35 | Grants for creation of Capital Assets. |

8. The DDO, Mahatma Gandhi NREGA (207172), M/O Rural Development will be the Drawing & Disbursing Officer for the purpose. The amount mentioned in Para I above will be transferred to the State Employment Guarantee fund of Government of Himachal Pradesh in the following account:

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9. This issues under the powers delegated to this Ministry and in consultation with the Integrated Finance Division vide their U.O. No.64/Finance/2020-21, dated 04.04.2020.

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Secretary (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA)

Copy to:

1. The Secretary/Commissioner, Rural Development Department, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh-171001.
2. The Accountant General, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh-171001.
3. The Director, Rural Development (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA), Govt. of Himachal Pradesh-171001.
4. The Director of Audit, E&S Ministries, IP Estate, AGCR Building, New Delhi-110002
5. Under Secretary, RE- V Section.
6. Under Secretary (Fin.-I)