

To

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

Subject- Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) – on account payment of 1st instalment of 1st tranche of Central Assistance for financial year 2024-25 towards Material and Admin. Contingency to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to the payment of Grants-in-aid amounting to Rs. 238,65,69,000/- (Rupees Two Hundred Thirty Eight Crore Sixty Five Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Only) to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh as Central assistance towards material and Admin contingency for implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA for the financial year 2024-25. This sanction amount includes Rs. 214,70,33,000/- towards material and Rs. 23,95,36,000/- (This amount includes of Rs.10,43,29,000/- is pending liabilities of the previous FY 2023-24) towards admin contingency. Further, out of total Material sanction amount of Rs.214,70,33,000/- [Rs.73,18,35,000/- towards material component for current FY 2024-25 and Rs.141,51,98,000/- towards pending liabilities (75% of Central share of the pending liabilities of Rs.188,69,30,000/- of previous FY 2023-24 (As on 31.3.2023)].

2. The Central funds and the corresponding State share, from the State Treasury would be released by the States to the concerned State Nodal Account (SNA)/ Programme Implementing Agency (PIA) account within a maximum period of 15 days from the receipt of Central funds in the State Treasury. The State Government is requested to endorse the copy of the release order to the Central Government addressed as under;

Shri Ashish Gupta, Deputy Secretary (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA)
Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan,
New Delhi, 110001

3. The pending liability of FY 2023-24 should be cleared first. The status of clearance of old pending liabilities will be reviewed by the Ministry from time to time.
4. Accounting for Admin contingency should be maintained separately for assessing the matching State share towards material component from the angle of central releases and to maintain the limit of 6% for expenditure on Admin contingency
5. Refund of the interest receipts to the Consolidated Fund of India in terms of Rule 230(8) of the GFR, 2017 .
6. Further the following conditions shall be fulfilled in utilisation of these funds:
 - a) Adherence to the time line indicated in the LB minutes of FY 2024-25 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.

7. No Utilization Certificate is pending against the Recipient Organization under the Scheme.
8. Funds towards admin contingency must be used against admin expenses (Salary etc.)
9. 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.
10. The expenditure is debit to the following Head of Accounts under Demand No. 87, Department of Rural Development (2024-25).

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-Mahatma Gandhi NREGA
28.01.35 Grants for creation of Capital Assets.

11. The DDO, Mahatma Gandhi NREGA (207172), M/O Rural Development will be the Drawing & Disbursing Officer for the purpose. The amount mentioned in Para -1 above will be transferred to the State Employment Gurarantee fund of Government of Himachal Pradesh in the following accounts:

(i) Material component

Sl. No.	Amount to be transferred for material component	Particulars	
1	Rs. 214,70,33,000/-	Name of Account	Vice Chairman of the H P Rural Development and Employment Guarantee Society
2		Account no.	4193000100031015
3		Bank name	Punjab National Bank
4		Bank code	419300
5		IFSC code	PUNB0419300

(ii) Admin. Contingency


Sl. No.	Amount to be transferred for Admin. contingency	Particulars	
1	Rs. 23,95,36,000/-	Name of Account	Commissioner MGNREGA Admin
2		Account no.	4193000100087500
3		Bank name	Punjab National Bank
4		Bank code	419300
5		IFSC code	PUNB0419300

12. Keeping in view the imposition of model code of conduct in the light of General Election of 2024, the sanction is subject to following condition:

- i. Absolutely no publicity in this regard shall be made in electronic, print, radio and internet or any other media, in any from whatsoever.
- ii. No political functionary shall make any reference in this regard during any public speech or communication to the press or public.
- iii. These restrictions on publicity will be applicable on both i.e. Central Government as well as the State Government.
- iv. The relevant provisions of Model Code of Conduct issued by the Election Commission shall be strictly followed

12. This issues under the powers delegated to this Ministry and in consultation with the Integrated Finance Division vide their U.O. No. 40/Finance/2024-25, dated 19.4.2024.

Yours faithfully,


(Ashish Gupta)
Deputy Secretary (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA)
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Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
2. The Secretary/Commissioner, Rural Development, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
3. Assistant Director (RE-V),
4. Director (Fin-I),

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