

F. No. K-15016/123(1)/2015-SC-I  
Government of India  
Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

To,  
The Pay and Accounts Officer (Secretariat),  
Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs,  
Nirman Bhawan,  
New Delhi.

Subject: - Release of Rs. 2,50,00,000/- (Rupees two Crore and fifty lakhs only) as balance amount of 4<sup>th</sup> instalment of A&OE funds to **State Government of Himachal Pradesh** for development of **Dharamshala** as Smart City under the Smart Cities Mission (SCM).

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the Competent Authority for the release of Rs. 2,50,00,000/- (Rupees two Crore and fifty lakhs only) as balance amount of 4<sup>th</sup> instalment of A&OE funds to **State Government of Himachal Pradesh** for development of **Dharmashala** as Smart City in terms of Para 12 of SCM Guidelines.

2. The aforesaid sanction is subject to the following conditions:

- i) The sanction shall be regulated in accordance with the provisions of GFR, 2017 **read with Department of Expenditure, GoI Order No. 6/18/2019-PPD dated 23.07.2020** regarding registration of bidder from a country which shares a land border with India and SCM guidelines.
- ii) This amount will be used as a tied grant and kept by the City level SPV (Dharamshala Smart City Limited) in a separate Grant Fund account created exclusively for Smart Cities Mission.
- iii) This amount should be transferred electronically to the Bank A/c of the SPV (Dharamshala Smart City Limited) along with the equal amount on matching basis contributed by the State/ULB within 7 days of receipt.
- iv) The money will be utilized strictly in accordance with the Mission Guidelines and for the purpose for which it has been sanctioned.
- v) The Fund will not be utilized/ used for purchase of vehicles and equipments, construction and maintenance of buildings, creation of posts and any other expenditure of Capital nature etc.
- vi) The SPV through ULB/State Government will furnish utilization certificate in respect of total funds of Rs. 2.50 crore at an early date in the prescribed Performa as provided in the SCM Guidelines.

3. No Utilization Certificate is pending for any previous release.

4. As per Rule 230(8) of GFR, Interests or other earnings against Grants in aid or advances (other than reimbursement) should not be allowed to be adjusted against future releases and should be mandatorily remitted to the consolidated Fund of India immediately after finalisation of the accounts. A report in this regard should also be submitted.

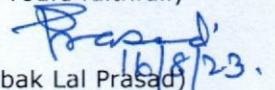
5. The expenditure involved will be debited to the Major Head 3601-Grant-in-aid to State Govts., 06-Centrally Sponsored Schemes, 101-Central Assistance/Share., 23-Mission for 100 Smart Cities, 23.00.31- Grants-in-aid General under Demand No. 60-Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs of the year 2023-24.

6. The amount of Rs. 2,50,00,000/- (Rupees two Crore and fifty lakhs only) may be transferred to **State Government of Himachal Pradesh** through Reserve Bank of India as per procedure laid down by Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure vide OM No. F-II (45/76/SC) dated 22.02.1977.

7. This issues with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide their E-office Computer No. 3124197 dated 13.08.2023.

8. The Sanction has been registered at **Sl. No. 42** of the Sanction register (A&OE fund) of Smart Cities Division (SC-1) for the year 2023-24.

Yours faithfully

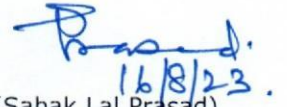
  
(Sabak Lal Prasad)

Under Secretary to the Government of India  
Tel: 23062908

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- i) Chief Secretary of State Government of Himachal Pradesh. This amount be utilized for the purpose for which it has been sanctioned.
- ii) Principal Secretary (UD), State Government of Himachal Pradesh.
- iii) CEO, Dharamshala Smart City Limited.
- iv) Municipal Commissioner, Dharamshala Municipal Corporation.
- v) Accountant General of State Government of Himachal Pradesh.
- vi) The Principal Director of Audit, Economic & Service Ministries, AGCR Building, I.P. Estate, New Delhi -110002
- vii) DDO, M/o Housing and Urban Affairs/Section Officer (Admn. II) Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
- viii) Finance Division, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
- ix) Budget Section, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
- x) Guard File/Sanction Folder
- xi) SC-III Division to place this Sanction on the website of the Smart Cities Mission

  
16/8/23.

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