To
The Pay & Accounts Officer
Ministry of Rural Development
Krishi Bhavan. New Delhi.

Subject: Release of 1st instalment of Central share for implementation of National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM)/Aajeevika during 2020-2021 in Himachal Pradesh State.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India for the payment of grant-in-aid amounting to Rs.2,91,65,000/- (Rupees two crore ninety one lakh sixty five thousand only) to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh towards first instalment of Central share under National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) during the year 2020-2021.

2. The State Government must transfer these funds along with the State share to the CEO, Himachal Pradesh State Rural Livelihood Mission (HPSRLM), Central Bank of India, Kasumpti, Shimla-9, A/c No. 3142801305, IFSC Code: CBI N0283625 within 15 days positively from the date of receipt of these funds. The State Government is requested to endorse a copy of the release order within 15 days to the Central Government addressed as under:

Smt. Anita Baghel, Director (RL)
Ministry of Rural Development
7th Floor, NDCC Building II
Jai Singh Road, New Delhi - 110001
Tel. No: 011-23461753

3. The accounts of the SRLM will be open to audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the internal Audit of the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry of Rural Development under Chief Controller of Accounts, in terms of Rule 236 (1) of the General Financial Rules 2017.

4. Institution receiving grants should irrespective of the amount involved, be required to maintain subsidiary accounts of the Govt. grants and furnish to the department a set of audited statement of accounts. These audited statements of accounts should be required to be furnished after utilization of the grants-in-aid or whenever called for by the Programme Division of the Ministry.
5. The amount should be utilised on the Programme as per approved Implementation Framework of NRLM and the Utilisation 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 accounts for the purpose.

6. The above grants-in-aid is released under the Tribal Area Sub Plan and is intended for the benefit of NRLM beneficiaries under ST category.

7. The funding pattern will be 90:10 by the Centre and State.

8. The expenditure is debited to:

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9. Under Secretary (RL) will be the Drawing and Disbursing Officer for this purpose. The Pay and Accounts Officer, Ministry of Rural Development (Tele: 011-23070539) will transfer the amount mentioned in Para I to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh.

10. The UC for the grants earlier released which have become due as per provisions of the NRLM guidelines has been submitted by the SRLM and accepted by the Programme Division/Integrated Finance Division of this Ministry.

11. Assets acquired wholly or substantially out of this grants shall not be disposed of without obtaining the prior approval of this Ministry (Rule 230 (9) of GFR 2017).

12. All expenditure will be subject to the ceiling/ranges of the units and unit cost as communicated by the Ministry from time to time.

13. The SRLM shall utilise the funds for fulfilling the targets specified in the Minutes of the Empowered Committee held on 20th February 2020 which had approved the Annual Action Plan for the year 2020-2021.

14. The accounts of the SRLM shall be open to inspection by the sanctioning authority/Audit whenever the Institution is called upon to do so.

15. The SRLM shall furnish a report about the progress of the activities, implementation of guidelines, expenditure incurred and such other progress statements as may be required by the Government of India.

16. Any further release of fund shall be as per conditions specified in the Implementation Framework of NRLM.
17. SRLM can submit the proposal for second instalment on fulfillment of the following conditions.

- Utilization of at least 60% of the available funds including the opening balance;
- The opening balance of the SRLM should not exceed 10% of the allocation of the previous year (in case, the opening balance exceeds this limit, the Central share would be proportionally reduced);
- Audit Reports, Utilization Certificates for the previous year furnished;

18. Himachal Pradesh has given undertaking giving timeline for implementation of EAT. Copy of the undertaking is enclosed.

19. This issues under the delegated powers of this Ministry and with the concurrence of its Integrated Finance Division vide their U.O. No. 120/Finance/2020-2021 dated 09.04.2020.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Director (RL)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
2. The Principal Secretary, Rural Development Deptt., Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
3. The Mission Director, Himachal Pradesh State Rural Livelihood Mission.
4. Rural Development Division, NitiAayog, New Delhi.
5. Director(AMG-II), office of the Principal Director of Audit, Economic and Service Ministries, AGCR Building, IP Estate New Delhi.
6. Accountant General, Government of Himachal Pradesh
8. B&A/Fin.I Section
9. The Director, Rural Development Deptt., Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.