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Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
(Department of Rural Development)

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Jai Singh Road, New Delhi
Dated: 30th December 2020

To

The Pay and Accounts Officer
Ministry of Rural Development
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

Subject: Release of 1st tranche of 1st installment of central share in respect of Annual Action Plan (AAP) under SVEP for baseline survey, market potential study and preparation of DPR for promotion of enterprise- based livelihoods in Mandi Sadar Block (Mandi District) of Himachal Pradesh during 2020-21

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India for the payment of grant –in-aid amounting to **Rs 27,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs only)** to the **State Government of Himachal Pradesh** towards payment of 1st tranche of 1st installment of Central share under Start up Village Entrepreneurship Program (SVEP) for promotion of enterprise based livelihoods in Mandi Sadar Block (Mandi District) of Himachal Pradesh for conducting baseline and market potential study during the year 2020-21.

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: CBIN0283625** 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:

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3. This sanction is subject to the following conditions:

- i. SVEP Guidelines and master circular will be followed in the implementation of the projects under the programme.

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- ii. The projects under the programme will be implemented by Himachal Pradesh SRLM in partnership with Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII NRO) (which is the National Resource Organization (NRO) for National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM)) in Mandi Sadar block of Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh.
- iii. SRLM shall conduct a baseline and market potential study of the approved block where the project is being implemented.
- iv. SRLM will sign a MoU with Project Implementing Agency (PIA) before release of funds to the PIA
- v. SRLM will follow the transaction-based MIS whenever developed by this Ministry.
- vi. While identifying the target group, priority should be given to poorest of the poor and most vulnerable women such as SC/ST, minorities, landless and the Primitive Tribal Groups.
- vii. Purchase of Vehicles is not admissible in the projects.
- viii. No grant will be given to individual beneficiaries.
- ix. At the end of the project period, the ownership and management rights of the infrastructure and assets created, if any, under the grant funds of this project, shall remain with the participating women groups/community-based organizations including the Block Resource Centre.
- x. The completion report of the project should be made available by SRLM to this Ministry within three months from the date of project completion along with final utilization certificate and audit reports and funds that remained unspent, if any.
- xi. Financial audit will be carried out by the Chartered Accountant of the SRLM or any other auditor appointed by the State Government. The audit report (if due) together with action taken on the auditor's observations and physical progress under the project shall be furnished at the time of release of 2nd instalment of the Central Funds and subsequent releases.
- xii. Audit reports of the project should reflect the total Government Grant (Central and State share and interest thereon) and cash contribution if any from other sources with reference to cost estimates and components in the project report. In case of contribution in kind, the auditor will provide a separate certificate indicating the valuation of cost components.


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- xiii. The Ministry of Rural Development shall carry out internal audit of funds and financial implications of the project, if deemed necessary.
- xiv. SRLM will furnish a certificate to the effect that the beneficiaries under SVEP have not been assisted/proposed for assistance under any other Government Programme for exactly similar activities. However additional benefits received by the beneficiaries under convergence or different trainings received at any point of time are not disallowed under this programme, rather are encouraged.
- xv. The interest amount accrued on Government releases, if any, shall be adjusted against the Government share of the project cost at the time of release of the final instalment. SRLM should also exhibit and account for the interest earned and accrued and utilize such interest for the project only subject to overall sanctioned project cost.
- xvi. For monitoring and periodic review of the sanctioned project, SRLM will constitute a Committee at the State level, headed by Chief Executive Officer (CEO)/State Mission Director (SMD) of SRLM. The State Committee shall have participation from other departments relevant for the scheme. The Committee shall undertake quarterly reviews with the PIAs and members of the consortia as the case may be. The representatives from Rural Livelihoods Division, Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India will be invited to attend the Quarterly Review Meeting. The SRLM may also constitute a State Level Technical Project Support Group to assist the PIA in the implementation of the Projects. The minutes of these meetings shall be circulated to all the stakeholders including this ministry.
- xvii. The project shall follow the Group Approach for delivery of financial support and the Community based organizations should be given key role in the management, decision making and handling of the Community Investment Fund (CIF) under the Project.
- xviii. The baseline report, market potential reports and Detailed Project Report (DPR) should be submitted within 6 months from the date of release of this sanction order. These reports along with project cost details will be placed before the chairman, EC for consideration. Balance amount of 1st instalment and subsequent instalments of central share will be released subject to the approval of Chairman, EC. The sanctioned amount shall be utilised for the purpose for which it has been sanctioned and shall not be diverted for any other purpose.
- xix. The project period would be 48 months from the date of issue of sanction order for the release of balance amount of 1st installment of central share for the project.


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- xx. No cost escalation will be permitted for the project. Escalations, if any, would be borne by the State Government /Implementing Agency.
- xxi. SRLM should submit the project inception report within 30 days of the date of issue of sanction order for the release of balance amount of 1st instalment of central share from this ministry.
- xxii. All financial documents (UC, Audit report etc.) and the project report submitted by the PIA should be scrutinized and authenticated by the SRLM before they are forwarded to the Ministry of Rural Development. The State Government is required to release its corresponding matching share within a month of receipt of the respective instalment of the central share. The release of 2nd and subsequent installments of central share will be subject to release of state share against the central release already made. The UC must comply with the specification of the GFR 2017.
- xxiii. The funds shall be disbursed to the Field Implementing agency in lump sum to the extent possible within a fortnight after completing the pre-requisite formalities and conditions.
4. 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.
5. 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 call for.
6. The amount should be utilised on the Programme as per approved SVEP guidelines. And 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 accounts for the purpose.
7. The funding pattern will be 90:10 by the Centre and State.
8. The state shall contribute the prescribed state share of 10% with respect to this release and earlier releases (if pending). SRLM is requested to submit the details of the state share received against this release to the Ministry of Rural Development before the next fund request.


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9. The expenditure is to be debited to:-

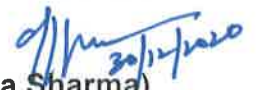
Demand No.85	Department of Rural Development
3601	Grant –in-aid-to State Governments (Major Head)
06	Centrally Sponsored Schemes
101	Central Assistant /Share
27.08	Village Entrepreneurship 'Start Up' Programme
27.08.31	Grants-in-aid-General-2020-21 (Plan)

10. 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.
11. The UC for the grants earlier released which have become due as per provisions of the SVEP guidelines has been submitted by the SRLM and accepted by the Programme Division/Integrated Finance Division of this Ministry.
12. Assets acquired wholly or substantially out of this grant shall not be disposed of without obtaining the prior approval of this Ministry (Rule 230 (9) of GFR 2017).
13. All expenditure will be subject to the ceiling/ranges of the units and unit cost as communicated by the Ministry from time to time.
14. SRLM shall utilise the funds for fulfilling the targets specified in the Minutes of the Empowered Committee held on 21st December, 2020 which had approved the SVEP-AAP.
15. The accounts of the SRLM shall be open to inspection by the sanctioning authority/Audit whenever the Institution is called upon to do so.
16. 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.
17. SRLM can submit the proposal for 2nd tranche of 1st instalment on fulfillment of the following conditions.
- a. Submission of DPR, baseline and the market potential study for the selected blocks. Based on the outcome of this baseline and market potential study, the final number of enterprises/entrepreneurs that can be supported in the block shall be estimated. Based on this estimate of the number of enterprises, the final budget per block shall be arrived at and approved by the Chairman of the EC. The estimate of the funds per block shall be done using the fixed and variable cost formula of costs per block, except for very small blocks.


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- b. Funds release for the 2nd tranche of 1st instalment, as well as the physical targets shall be based on this estimated number of entrepreneurs/enterprises that can be supported as approved by the Chairman of the EC as above. Funds released in the 1st tranche of 1st instalment, shall be adjusted while releasing the 2nd instalment.
- c. All financial documents (UC, Audit report etc.) and the project report submitted by the Project Implementation Agencies should be scrutinized and authenticated by the SRLM before they are forwarded to the Ministry of Rural Development.
18. Any further release of fund shall be as per conditions specified in the SVEP guidelines.
19. It is certified that no utilization certificate which has become due is pending from the SRLM under SVEP.
20. Implementation of REAT module of PFMS at Himachal Pradesh SRLM is under process. They shall implement REAT module from this release onwards.
21. This issue under the delegated powers of this Ministry and with the concurrence of its Integrated Finance vide their U.O. Number 1155/Finance/2020-21, Dated 30/12/2020.

Yours faithfully,


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1. Principal Secretary, Rural Development Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh
2. Chief Executive Officer-cum-State Mission Director, Himachal Pradesh State Rural Livelihoods Mission.
3. The Accountant General, Government of Himachal Pradesh.
4. The Director of Audit Economic and Services Ministries of AGCR Building, I.P. Estate, New Delhi.
5. B&A/Fin.-II, RL Section, RL Division, DoRD, MoRD for Records and Guard file.

Sd/-

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