F.No 8-28/2024-IS.19 (GEN-SC)
Government of India
Ministry of Education
(Department of School Education & Literacy)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi, Dated: 24.03.2025

To

The Accounts Officer,
Principal Accounts Office,
Ministry of Education,
Department of School Education & Literacy,
New Delhi

Sub: Release of 3rd installment for implementation of the PM SHRI – Recurring (SC) Expenses during the year 2024-25 to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India for release the amount of Rs. 399.15 lakh (Rupees Three Crore Ninety Nine Lakh Fifteen Thousand Only) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh as 3rd Installment of GoI share for General Head for Scheduled Caste for creation of General assets through PM SHRI during the year 2024-25 for the State of Himachal Pradesh. It shall be utilized by grantee only for undertaking the intervention approved / estimated by the Project Approval Board (PAB), by the Department of School Education & Literacy, Government of India as per the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) for 2024-25.

- 2. The sanction has been accorded subject the provisions of General Financial Rules 2017. Further, the State must have taken the necessary action for opening up of joint signatory savings bank accounts for Scheduled Castes Component, Scheduled Tribes Component and General Component separately for General Head and Capital Head at the State/district/block level.
- 3. Under the new Scheme, it has been approved that the central share would be released to a single State Implementing Society (SIS). The amount sanctioned will be released to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh, who will disburse the funds preferably through PFMS mode or electronic transfer (NEFT/RTGS) to the bank account of the designated State Implementation Society of PM SHRI, in compliance of the para 2 above immediately but not later than 15 days.
- 4. These grants shall be further subject to the following conditions:-
 - (i) It shall be drawn during the current financial year before 31st March 2025.

The State/UTs Government shall release their corresponding share as per the existing fund sharing pattern against the Central releases to the designated State Implementation Society of PM SHRI within one month of receipt of central share.

(iii) The SIS of **Himachal Pradesh** shall disburse the amount to the districts/implementing agencies immediately on receipt of the grant from Central and State government in the accounts opened in compliance of the Para-3 above to ensure smooth implementation of the programme.

(iii)

- (iv) The grantee (SIS) shall furnish this item wise statement of expenditure and other reports on physical and financial progress to this Department on a monthly basis on the Project Monitoring System (PMS) for the Scheme in approved formats. The grantee will also submit annual progress report of the project within one month from the closure of the financial year.
- (v) An annual statement of accounts along with a certificate of utilization of the grant for the approved programme duly signed by a chartered accountant and the authorized signatory of the Project-In-charge in the State will be submitted within nine months from closure of the financial year.
- (vi) The accounts and other records of the Project Officer and Implementation Institutions shall be open to inspection by an Officer of the Ministry of Education or any other person deputed by the Ministry for this purpose.
- (vii) The grantee shall follow strictly all instructions issued by the Government of India from time to time with regard to implementation of the Scheme.
- (viii) No permanent posts shall be created under the PM SHRI funds. Project positions for implementation of PM SHRI would be temporary, up to the duration of the project only.
- (ix) The next installment, if due, would only be released after the previous installment of State share, if due has been transferred to the designated SIS and substantial progress has been made in expenditure against central & state funds available with the SIS.
- (x) The grantee shall not entrust the implementation of the approved project to another organization/programme and shall not divert the grant to the later organization. The grant shall also not be utilized for purposes other than the one for which it is mentioned in the Scheme of PM SHRI. Failure to do so will render the grantee liable to refund to the President of India, the sanctioned grant in full with interest @ 10% per annum thereon.
- (xi) The accounts of all grantee Institutions or Organizations shall be open to inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the Controller and Auditor General of India under the provision of CAG (DPC) Act 1971 and Internal Audit by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry of Education or Department of School Education & Literacy, whenever the Institution or Organization is called upon to do so and a provision to this effect should invariably be incorporated in all orders sanctioning grant-in-aid.

The unspent balance of Central assistance released to the State/UTs during the previous years under PM SHRI will be adjusted while releasing the balance amount of first installment due to the State/UTs.

- (xiii) The Scheduled Castes Component, Scheduled Tribes Component and General Component-wise details need to be incorporated in the utilization certificate separately for General Head and Capital Head from 2024-25 and onward.
- 5. The expenditure of Rs. 399.15 lakh (Rupees Three Crore Ninety Nine Lakh Fifteen Thousand Only) will be debited to Demand No. 25-Department of School Education and Literacy, Major Head 3601 Grants-in-aid to State Govt. 06 Centrally Sponsored Schemes (Sub Major Head), 789 Central Assistance / Share (Minor Head), 72–PM SHRI (Sub Head), 72.00.31 Grants-in-aid-General 2024-25; 3601.06.789.72.00.31.

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- 6. The amount of grant-in-aid is finally adjustable in the books of Principal Accounts Officer, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education and Literacy, D-Wing, Ground Floor, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001. On receipt of sanction letter, the Principal Accounts Officer may issue an advice to the Reserve Bank of India (Central Accounts Section), Nagpur for affording credit to the balance of the State Government. The Principal Accounts Officer may forward a copy of the advice to undersigned in the Department of School Education & Literacy. State Government shall send intimation regarding receipt of grant-in-aid to Principal Accounts Officer, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education and Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
- 7. This sanction issues in exercise of the delegated powers in consultation with Integrated Finance Division vide their Dy. No. 543/2025 Dated 21.03.2025 and the availability of funds have been certified by IF.II section vide their Dy. No. 632/2025-IF-II Dated 21.03.2025.
- 8. The grantee is located in the Himachal Pradesh Circle of Accounts.
- 9. No grant was released in FY 2022-23 under PM SHRI scheme. Hence no Utilization Certificate is pending.

Yours faithfully,

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- 1. The Chief Secretary, Government of HIMACHAL PRADESH.
- 2. The Secretary (School Education), Government of HIMACHAL PRADESH.
- 3. The Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of HIMACHAL PRADESH. It is requested that funds released through this sanction letter may be transferred to the Education Department immediately.
- 4. State Project Director Himachal Pradesh.
- 5. Office of the Director General of Audit-I, Central Revenues, OAD-II Section, AGCR Building, I.P. Estate, New Delhi- 110 002.
- 6. AGCR (Special Cell), New Delhi
- 7. IF-II Section, IFD,
- 8. Guard file

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