To,
The Pay & Accounts Officer,
Ministry of Rural Development,
Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi-110001.


Sir,

1.1. I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to the payment of Grants-in-aid amounting to Rs. 125,49,50,000/- (Rupees One Hundred Twenty Five Crore, Forty Nine Lakh and Fifty Thousand only) to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh as Central Assistance under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) for the financial year 2018-19.

1.2. The amount of Rs. 125.495 crore is adjusted towards balance payment of programme fund under World Bank-RRP-II as per the details given below:

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<th>Date of clearance</th>
<th>Clearance Batch-1, 2018-19 under World Bank RRP-II</th>
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<td>Amount cleared (MoRD share)</td>
<td>731.38</td>
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<td>Fund released till date</td>
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<td>Funds proposed to be released</td>
<td>125.495</td>
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<td>Balance that would be left after this release</td>
<td>605.885</td>
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1.3. The State Government must transfer these funds to Himachal Pradesh Gram Sadak Development Agency (HPGSDA) within 3 working days positively from the date of receipt of these funds. In case of non-transfer beyond this period, Central Government may be constrained to stop further releases. The State Government is required to endorse a copy of the release order to the Government of India at the following address:

Dr. Surabhi Rai, Deputy Secretary (RC), Ministry of Rural Development, Room No. 361-B, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001, Tel. No. - 23073702

1.4. Himachal Pradesh Gram Sadak Development Agency (HPGSDA) has nominated Shri R.P. Verma Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla as the Empowered Officer.

1.5. The funds transferred by the State Government to HPGSDA shall be kept in a separate Saving Bank Account No. 3383000100123798 in Punjab National Bank, Near Comberemere Hotel, Shimla (Branch Code No.010211406 IPC Code No. PUNB0338300). It shall be ensured by Himachal Pradesh Gram Sadak Development Agency (HPGSDA) that the Programme Implementation Units (PIUs) in the districts have ready access to the funds and the funds held in the specified account are allowed to be
utilised only by the Executing Agency/Agencies only for the purpose of approved works under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana. The Empowered Officer of the Himachal Pradesh Gram Sadak Development Agency (HPGSDA) shall communicate to the Bank, the names of the Authorised Signatories, who will be issuing cheques on the Agency’s Bank account for the purpose of this sanction.

1.6. The Empowered officer shall issue standing instructions to the Bank regarding the names of Authorised Payees and their designated account details and the amounts admissible to each payee. He will also specify limits on monthly payment as per the agreed work programme for the respective package.

1.7. No Utilisation Certificate is pending from Himachal Pradesh Gram Sadak Development Agency (HPGSDA).

1.8. The Accounts of the grantee institution 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 211 (1) of the General Financial Rules.

1.9. The expenditure is debitable to the following Head of Account under Demand No. 82 of the Department of Rural Development during the current financial year 2018-19:-

- 3601 - Grants-in-aid to State Government (Major Head).
- 06 - Centrally Sponsored Schemes
- 102 - Externally Aided Projects-grants for Centrally Sponsored Schemes.
- 30 - Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.
- 30.02 - Programme Component-PMGSY (World Bank)
- 30.02.35 - Grants for creation of Capital assets

1.10. The Pay & Accounts Officer, Ministry of Rural Development will be the Drawing and Disbursing Officer for this purpose. The amount mentioned in Para-1.1 above will be transferred to State Government of Himachal Pradesh.

1.11. This issues under the powers delegated to this Ministry and in consultation with the Integrated Finance Division vide their U.O. No. 918/Finance/2018-19 dated 28/12/2018.

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Secretary (RC)

Copy to:

1. Addl. Chief Secretary, Public Works Department, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Nirman Bhawan, Shimla-171002.
3. The Manager, Punjab National Bank, Near Combermere Hotel, Shimla-171001.
5. The Director of Audit, Economic and Service Ministries, AGCR Building, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110002.
6. The Principal Director General, Media & Communication, Press Information Bureau, Room No. 101, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
8. Finance Division-I.
9. Sanction Register/All Directors NRIDA.

Dr. Surabhi Rai
Deputy Secretary (RC)