To
The Pay & Accounts Officer (Sectt.-II),
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare,
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare,
3rd Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

Subject: Release of First Instalment of funds (SCSP Category) during 2020-21 to the State of Himachal Pradesh for implementation of Per Drop More (PDMC) component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Department’s letter No. 17-4/2020-RFS-III dated 22nd May, 2020 conveying the approval of competent authority for implementation of the Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) and to convey the sanction of the President to the payment of an amount of Rs 300.00 Lakh (Rupees Three Crore only) during 2020-21 as First Instalment (SCSP Category) for implementation of the Scheme in Himachal Pradesh.

2. PMKSY-PDMC focuses on enhancing water use efficiency at farm level through Micro Irrigation technologies viz. Drip and Sprinkler irrigation systems. Besides promoting Micro Irrigation, this component also supports micro level water harvesting, storage, management etc. activities as Other Interventions (OI) to supplement Micro Irrigation.

3. The OI activities should be taken up based on actual requirement. However, the amount for these activities must be restricted upto 40% of the total allocation of the State. The OI activities must be linked with Micro Irrigation to make potential use of the available funds for higher water use efficiency.

4. The fund released should be utilized for implementation of the activities as per the Annual Action Plan (2020-21) approved by the State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) of PMKSY.

5. Demonstration programmes on Micro Irrigation is one of the identified activities under Krishi Kalyan Abhiyan -III in Aspirational Districts identified by NITI Aayog. Activities/interventions to be conducted in these identified districts has been conveyed to States by this Department vide letter No 16-1/2020-RFS-III dated 13.3.2020. Accordingly, the State should submit district wise progress in every month to this Department against the set targets on priority basis.
6. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evem Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM KUSUM) Scheme Guidelines envisages that preference will be given to the farmers for installation of standalone solar Agriculture pumps who are using Micro irrigation systems or covered under Micro irrigation schemes or who opt for micro irrigation system in order to minimize the water usage for irrigation purpose. Accordingly, PMKSY-PDMC scheme should be converged with PM-KUSUM scheme on promotion of micro irrigation systems and solar pumps be combined with Micro Irrigation following the Guidelines of the scheme and in coordination with respective implementing Agencies.

7. Adequate focus should be given to promote micro irrigation technologies in water intensive/consuming crops and extend coverage of field crops under micro irrigation technologies, make potential use of micro irrigation systems for promoting fertigation.

8. The pattern of assistance payable to the beneficiary under the micro irrigation scheme will be 55% for small and marginal farmers and 45% for other farmers which will be met by both Central Government and State Government in the ratio of 60:40 for all states except the North Eastern and Himalayan states. In the case of these states, ratio of sharing is 90:10. For the Union Territories, funding pattern is 100% grant by the Central Government. Accordingly, State should invest proportionate matching State share to the funds released by Government of India while implementing Per Drop More Crop during 2020-21.

9. The subsidy payable to the beneficiary will be limited to an overall ceiling of 5 hectare per beneficiary. The subsidy payment will be limited to the unit costs specified in the scheme guidelines.

10. All other conditions stipulated in the Operational Guidelines of Per Drop More Crop component of PMKSY shall be scrupulously followed without any exception. The State shall be responsible for any deviation from the guidelines.

11. In accordance with the revised procedure, the Reserve Bank of India may be advised for debiting the amount to the account of Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare and passing on the credit to the Central Accounts Section, for transfer to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh.

12. The said Grant-in-aid will be subject to the following conditions and the State Government shall ensure that they are strictly complied with:

   i) The grants shall be utilized and disbursed by the concerned implementing agency in accordance with the Operational Guidelines of Per Drop More Crop component of PMKSY issued by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Annual Action Plan and in accordance with the conditions stipulated in this letter.
ii) The implementing agency shall maintain proper accounts of the expenditure incurred and submit the statement of audited accounts and Utilization Certificates to this Department as soon as possible after the closure of the financial year. The implementing agency shall furnish consolidated monthly progress report regularly with details of physical and financial target and achievements.

iii) The audited records of all aspects (permanent or semi-permanent), acquired wholly or substantially, out of the grant to the implementing agency should be maintained as prescribed in the form GFR 12-C under General Financial Rules-2017. The Consolidated Statement of Utilization Certificate along with statement of accounts shall be furnished to the Government of India annually latest by the end of June, following the financial year to which it relates. The Implementing Agencies will follow other terms and conditions contained in the General Financial Rules 2017, as amended from time to time.

iv) Assets permanent or semi-permanent acquired wholly or substantially, out of the grant by the Government of India shall not, without prior approval of the Government of India, be disposed of, encumbered or utilized for the purpose other than those for which the grant is being sanctioned. The assets created under the scheme need to be Geo-tagged through Bhuvan-PDMC Application.

v) The progress and achievement also to be reported in the MIS of Per Drop More Crop-PMKSY portal for better monitoring purpose.

vi) It shall be ensured that there is no duplicacy/overlapping of efforts and the beneficiary is not benefited for the same intervention from other programmes/schemes of Govt/State.

vii) The accounts of the implementing agency shall be open to Internal Audit of the Principal Accounts Officer, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation as well as Statutory Audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India at his discretion and he shall have the right to demand the production of books, accounts, connected vouchers and other documents and papers in this regard.

viii) Any unspent balance of grant, which is not spent for the purpose for which it is sanctioned during the financial year shall be refunded to the Government of India or adjusted for further utilization at the end of the financial year. The funds shall be transferred electronically through RTGS System/Demand Draft to the Implementing Agencies.

ix) At least 50% of the budget allocations are earmarked for small, marginal farmers of which, at least 30% be women beneficiaries/farmers. The guidelines issued by competent authority in respect of persons with disabilities may also be kept in view for disbursement of subsidy. This may also be intimated to central Govt. in the monthly progress report.

x) All grantee institutions shall submit Utilization Certificate on PFMS.

xi) The further use of Grants in Aid being release by this sanction order, is to be done through Eat Module of PFMS. The Utilization Certificate not supported by the EAT Module data is likely to be rejected and expenditure is not to be treated as regular. The agency would be forced to refund the amount received as the expenditure not appearing in EAT module data is no to be taken as expenditure incurred in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Sanction Order.
13. Implementing Agency should identify SC/ST beneficiaries amongst the total beneficiaries to achieve prescribed targets and book the amount of grant-in-aid released for SCs/STs under the relevant Head of Accounts mentioned in below. The progress under these categories needs to be reported separately. The expenditure shall be debited to demand no.1 Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare. Category wise funds released and Head of Account to which it shall be debited are as under:

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14. This sanction issues with concurrence of Integrated Finance Division, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare vide Note #8, FTS No. 85438, SS&FA dated 10.07.2020.

15. This sanction has been noted at Sl. No 4 / 2020-21 of the Register of Grant as per GFR-234.

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
2. The Secretary (Finance), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Finance Department, Himachal Pradesh.
3. Principal Secretary (Agriculture/Horticulture), Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
4. Joint Secretary (PM-KUSUM), Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), Block-14, CGO complex, New Delhi-3
5. Director (Agriculture/Horticulture), Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
6. Director (Finance), DAC&FW.
7. PPS to AS (AB)/PPS to JS (RFS)
8. Expenditure file/Guard file/ Spare copies/ State Files.