

(General Component)

F. No. 14-4/2020.AE-2
Government of India
Ministry of Education (Shiksha Mantralaya)
Dept. of School Education and Literacy
(Adult Education Bureau)

New Delhi, Dated 9th December, 2020

To

The Pay & Accounts Officer,
Pay & Accounts Office,
Department of School Education & Literacy,
Ministry of Education,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi- 110115.

Subject: Release of Grant-in-Aid to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh for implementation of Padhna Likhna Abhiyan (PLA), a scheme of Adult Education during the FY 2020-21 – General Component regarding.


Sir,

I am directed to say that the new scheme of Adult Education i.e. Padhna Likhna Abhiyan (PLA) was approved by the Competent Authority for implementation in 36 States/UTs in the country during the FY 2020-21. The meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) was held for consideration of the proposals (Physical and Financial) of 36 States/UTs on 21.10.2020 at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi through video conferencing.

2. The PAB in its meeting held on 21.10.2020 had approved the coverage of **1.00 lakh learners with a budget of Rs.2.51 crore (Central share: Rs.2.2590 crore and State share: Rs.0.2510 crore) for Himachal Pradesh during the FY 2020-21.** The Govt. of Himachal Pradesh submitted the final proposal for implementation of PLA in 6 districts of Himachal Pradesh covering 1.00 lakh learners (Male: 0.25 lakh and Female: 0.75 lakh) with a budget outlay of Rs.2.51 crore (Central Share: Rs.2.2590 crore and State Share: Rs.0.2510 crore) (vide its letter No.EDN-(Ele.)H(17)I/2020-PLA, dated 6th December, 2020). The component-wise details of financial ceiling, requirement of the funds projected by Himachal Pradesh in its proposal dated 06.11.2020 and the funds proposed to be released by this Ministry for covering 1.00 lakh learners (Male: 0.25 lakh and Female: 0.75 lakh) are as under:

Amount in Rs.

Sl.No	Component	Financial Ceiling	Requirement of funds projected by Himachal Pradesh	Funds proposed to be released by the Ministry
1	2	3	4	5
At District Level				
1	Basic Literacy	Rs.300 per learner		
	i) Survey and database	Rs.15 per learner	15,00,000	15,00,000
	ii) Material such as Primer set, copy, pencil, slate, roller board and other teaching aids	Rs.155 per learner	1,15,00,000	1,15,00,000
	iii) Training of the Literacy Educators	Rs.100 per learner	60,00,000	60,00,000
	iv) Assessment & Certification as per NIOS procedure	Rs.30 per learner	30,00,000	30,00,000
2	Mobilization & Environment Building campaign	Rs.10 per learner	10,00,000	10,00,000
3	Innovative Activities	Rs.30 per learner	10,00,000	10,00,000
4	Sub Total		2,30,00,000	2,30,00,000


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5	Monitoring, Management & Evaluation	4% of Sub Total	4,60,000	4,60,000
At State Level				
6	Basic Infrastructure Support	Rs.5 lakh per state/UT	2,00,000	2,00,000
7	State Project Monitoring Unit	Rs.10 lakh per SLMA	5,00,000	5,00,000
8	State Centre for Literacy	Rs.30 lakh per SLMA	9,40,000	9,40,000
9	Grand Total		2,51,00,000	2,51,00,000
10	Central Share		2,25,90,000	2,25,90,000
11	State Share		25,10,000	25,10,000

3. The grant may be utilized for implementation of Padhna Likhna Abhiyan as per the approved annual action plan/proposal.


4. Accordingly, I am directed to convey the sanction of the President for release of an amount of **Rs.1,56,54,870/- (Rupees one crore fifty-six lakh fifty-four thousand eight hundred seventy only)(For General Component)**, [69.3% of the total installment (Central Share) of Rs.2,25,90,000/-] as the central share to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh for onward release of the same along with the matching state share immediately to the implementing agency of PLA or the State Literacy Mission Authority(SLMA), Himachal Pradesh, (C/o The Director, Elementary Education, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001) for implementation of PLA in 6 districts of Himachal Pradesh during the FY 2020-21.

5. The amount will be debatable to Demand No.58, Department of School Education & Literacy, Major Head "3601"- Grants-in aid to State Govts., 06 – Centrally Sponsored Schemes, 101- Central Assistance/Share, 66- Padhna Likhana Abhiyan 00.31 - Grants-in-aid General (FY 2020-21).

6. The amount of grant-in-aid is finally adjustable in the books of the Principal Accounts Officer, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education and Literacy, D-Wing, Ground Floor, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110115. On receipt of the 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/UT Government. The Principal Accounts Officer may forward a copy to the undersigned in the Department of School Education & Literacy. The State Government of Himachal Pradesh shall send intimation regarding the receipt of the grant-in-aid to the Principal Accounts Officer, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education and Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110115.

7. This **Non-recurring grant-in-aid** is subject to the further conditions indicated below:-

- (i) The Programme will be implemented in accordance with the Scheme Guidelines and such other instructions issued or which may be issued, by the National Literacy Mission Authority from time to time;
- (ii) The State/UT share together with the Central share must be released immediately by the State/UT Government/Administration to their implementing agencies (IAs);
- (iii) All necessary actions are taken by States/UTs expeditiously and the Central share together with the corresponding State share are utilized by them or their agencies, exactly as per the norms and financial parameters approved for the scheme, without delay to achieve the intended output and outcome of the Scheme envisaged for the current FY (2020-21);


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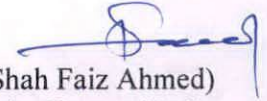

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- (v) All the Committees at State/District/Block/village levels, as prescribed in the scheme, are set up by States/UTs for proper implementation of the scheme;
- (vi) All monitoring mechanism at Centre/State/Distt/Block/village levels as envisaged in the scheme for its proper implementation are put in place expeditiously;
- (vii) All infrastructures already set up in the previous scheme of 'Saakshar Bharat' particularly at block/village level like 'Adult Education Centre (AEC)' need to be utilized for this scheme. The benefit of convergence of the scheme with other ongoing Central schemes like MGNREGA, Skill Development, IEC etc. as envisaged in the scheme needs to be availed of;
- (viii) All States/UTs, where funds are being released, are required to obtain Utilization Certificates & Audited Statement of Accounts from their implementing agencies, on completion of FY 2020-21, and submit the same, after verification & authentication, to this Department;
- (ix) The implementing agencies may be asked to open and maintain a dedicated bank account for the funds (Central Share) being released under the scheme;
- (x) Efforts need to be made by States/UTs and their IAs to board on the PFMS mode of financial transactions;
- (xi) The Implementing Agency may be asked by State Governments to indicate if there is any unspent balance of the central share available with them out of the previous scheme of 'Saakshar Bharat' so as to either refund or adjust the same from future releases under the existing scheme;
- (xii) The SLMA should closely monitor the programme and interact with the nodal officer in the NLMA on a regular basis for sending QPRs and MPRs in the such format and at such intervals as prescribed by the NLMA;
- (xiii) SLMA is also required to submit the physical and financial progress on line on MIS formats;
- (xiv) The funds earmarked for particular component would be used for that specified component only. Diversion of funds earmarked for one component to another, is not permissible;
- (xv) The SLMA will facilitate physical inspection by NLMA or its authorized agencies;
- (xvi) NLMA will have the right to recall the unutilized amount at any point of time; and
- (xvii) The accounts of grantee institutions or organizations shall be open to inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India under the provision of CAG (DPC) Act 1971 and Internal Audit by the Principal Accounts Office of this Ministry whenever the institution or organization is called upon to do so.


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8. The pattern of assistance has been approved by the Ministry of Finance. This sanction is being issued in conformity with the rules and principles of the scheme as approved by the Government of India.
9. The implementing agency of PLA / the State Literacy Mission Authority (SLMA), Himachal Pradesh shall fully implement the official language policy of the Union Government, i.e. the organisation shall fully comply with the Official Language Act 1963 and official languages use for official purposes of the Union Rules, 1978, etc.
10. This issues in exercise of the delegated powers in consultation with the Integrated Finance Division vide their Dy. No.264, dated 12/11/2020. The funds have been booked by IF.II vide their Dy. No. 344/2020-IF-II, dated 08/12/2020.
11. The grantee is located in the Himachal Pradesh Circle of Accounts.
12. This is the first installment of the scheme and hence no Utilization Certificate is pending in this regard.

Yours faithfully,



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1. The Member Secretary of State Literacy Mission Authority of Himachal Pradesh (C/o The Director, Elementary Education, Himachal Pradesh, Near ISBT, Lal Pani, Shimla-171001).
2. The Chief Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001.
3. Principal Secretary (School Education), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001.
4. Secretary, Adult/Elementary Education, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Near ISBT, Lal Pani, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.
5. Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001. *It is requested that the funds released through this sanction letter along with the matching State share may be transferred to the implementing agency of PLA / the State Literacy Mission Authority (SLMA), Himachal Pradesh immediately.*
6. Office of the Director General of Audit-I, Central Revenues, OAD-II Section, AGCR Building, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110002.
7. AGCR (Special Cell), New Delhi.
8. The Director, Directorate of Adult Education (DEA), Govt. of India, 10 Jamnagar House Hutment's, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi-11.
9. Principal Accountant General (A & E), Himachal Pradesh Circle, Shimla -171001.
10. The Accountant General (A & E), Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001.
11. NIC / C-DAC / Chief Consultant (Monitoring), TSG-NLMA.
12. U.C. Unit/IF.II / IFD /Sanction Guard File.



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