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Government of India  
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment  
(Department of Social Justice & Empowerment)  
(BC-I Section)  
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Room No. 253A, A-Wing,  
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-11000  
Dated. 10 March 2021

To  
The Pay & Accounts Officer,  
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment,  
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

Sub: **Release of Central Assistance to State Government of Himachal Pradesh under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship to OBC Students for the Year 2020-21.**

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of President for release of **Rs.1,36,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty six lakh only)** as Central Assistance to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship to OBC Students for the year 2020-21. Thus, the total amount of Rs.136.00 lakh will be available with the State Govt. for expenditure under the scheme during 2020-21.

2. The expenditure is debit able to the Major Head/Grant Sub-Head etc. as indicated below:

Demand	Major Head 3601	Amount
No. 92-Department of Social Justice and Empowerment 2020-21	Grants in aid to State Govt. 06.101-Central Assistance/share (Minor Head) 40.02-Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC students 40.02.31- Grants- in- aid General	<b>Rs.1,36,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty six lakh only)</b>

3. The Payee has no Utilization Certificate as due for rendition under the Rules under this scheme of Ministry.

4. It is requested that necessary arrangement may kindly be made to credit the above amount to the State named above in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Ministry of Finance's O.M No. 2(45)/76-Spl. Cell dated 30.08.1976 and as modified vide O.M of even number dated 16.09.1976, under an intimation to this Ministry.

5. Central Assistance being released is adjustable against the final due Central Assistance for the current financial year. The release of fund is subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Furnishing of Audited Statement of accounts and the Utilization Certificate as per the GFR 12-C in respect of the grants released during 2019-20, duly signed by authorized signatory of the State Government and countersigned by the administrative Secretary of the Division regulating the Scheme/Finance Secretary, as per Rule 239 of GFR, 2017.

  
**दयानन्द कुमार / DAYANAND KUMAR**  
अवर सचिव / Under Secretary  
सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय  
M/o. Social Justice & Empowerment  
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- (ii) Furnishing of details of District-wise number of beneficiaries, class-wise, gender-wise (boys & girls) and institution-wise covered under the Scheme during the last year as well as for the year 2020-21 separately.

6. In the event of failure on the part of the State Government to utilize the grant-in-aid for the purpose for which it has been sanctioned or failure to comply with the conditions of this sanction, the State Government shall be liable to refund, the whole or part amount, as the case may be, in terms of provisions contained in GFR, 2017.

7. The State Government will maintain separate accounts in respect of the Central Assistance received for this Scheme. The State Government will have the accounts of the central assistance audited either by the Government Auditor and shall furnish the Utilization certificate on the prescribed format i.e GFR-12-C in original duly signed by authorized signatory of the State Government and **countersigned by the administrative Secretary of the Division regulating the Scheme/Finance Secretary, as per Rule 239 of GFR, 2017** to this Ministry.

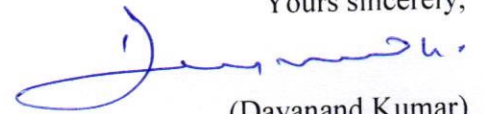
8. The accounts will be open to inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India under the provision of CAG (DPC) Act 1971 and internal audit by the Principal Accounts office of the Ministry/Department, whenever the Institution or Central Government is called upon to do so.

9. Further, as per the decision of the Government of India, the scholarship amount due to the selected beneficiaries (students) shall be **disbursed through DBT mode only. Other mode of disbursement such as through cash or cheque shall be unacceptable.**

10. **The scholarship will be disbursed as per Gazette Notification dated 16.02.2017 issued under the provision of Section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016.**

11. This sanction is being issued with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division of the Ministry vide their e-office Dy. No.33926 dated 01.03.2021.

Yours sincerely,



(Dayanand Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

दयानन्द कुमार / DAYANAND KUMAR

अवर सचिव / Under Secretary

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to;

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2. The Director of Higher Education, Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla 171001
3. The Accountant General, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. Director of Audit, Central Revenue, I.P. Estate, New Delhi.
5. NITI Ayog, SJE Division, NITI Bhawan, New Delhi