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

Subject: Release of funds under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Dr. Ambedkar Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship for DNT Students to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh during 2016-17 reg.

Sir,

In continuation of this Ministry's sanction letter of even number dated 27.09.2016, I am directed to convey the sanction of President for payment of an amount of Rs. 88,77,000/- (Rupees Eighty eight lakh and seventy seven thousand only) as Central Assistance to the Government of Himachal Pradesh for providing Scholarship to DNT students under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of “DR. Ambedkar Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship for DNTs” during 2016-17. Earlier, a sum of Rs 89.58 lakh had been released to the State Government. Thus, the total amount of Rs. 178.35 lakh will be available with the State Government for expenditure under the Scheme during 2016-17.

2. The release of Central Assistance is subject to the condition that the State Government shall provide 25% matching share under their State Plan.

3. This sanction relates to Plan Expenditure and is in accordance with the pattern of assistance prescribed by the then Planning Commission.

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

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<td>No.82-Department of Social Justice and Empowerment 2016-17 (Plan)</td>
<td>Grants in aid to State Govt. 02- Grants for State Plan Schemes 377- Welfare of Backward Classes- Education 01 – Scheme for Educational and Economical Development of De-notified, Nomadic Tribes 01.04.31- Grants- in- aid (General)</td>
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5. The Payee has no Utilization Certificate as due for rendition under the Rules under this scheme of Ministry.

[Signature]

S. KUMAR
Under Secretary
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
6. It is requested that arrangement may kindly be credited to the above amount to the State named above in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Ministry of Finance O.M No. 2(45)/76-Spl. Cell dated 30.08.1976 and modified vide O.M of even number dated 16.9.76, under intimation to this Division.

7. 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 19A up to 2016-17; and
(ii) Furnishing of Financial Progress report of 2016-17 and quarterly physical progress report indicating details of number of beneficiaries, class-wise and gender wise.
(iii) The release of funds is only for DNTs and therefore, expenditure may be incurred exclusively for DNTs and not for SC/ST/OBCs.

8. 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 Rule 209(6)(ix) of GFRs.

9. 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-19 in original duly signed by authorized signatory not below the level of Director of the State Government to this Ministry.

10. 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.

11. 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 such as through cash or cheque shall not be accepted.

12. This sanction is being issued with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division of the Ministry vide their e-office Dy. No.15227, dated 10.11.2016.

Yours faithfully,

(S. S. Kumar)
Under Secretary to the Government of India
Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
2. The Director, SCs, OBCs and Minority Affairs, SDA Complex, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla -9.
3. The Accountant General, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. The Secretary Finance Department, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
5. The Secretary, Planning Department, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
6. The Director of Audit, Central Revenue, I.P. Estate, New Delhi.
7. NITI Ayog, (SJ&E), NITI Bhawan, New Delhi

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