No. 11014/3/2019-SCD-II
Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
(Department of Social Justice and Empowerment)

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.
Dated 14.05.2019

To

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

Subject: Release of 1st installment of grant-in-aid under the scheme of Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCA to SCSP) to Government of Himachal Pradesh during 2019-2020.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the approval of the President to the sanction of Rs.07,48,37,000/- and simultaneous release of an amount of Rs. 07,48,37,000/- (Rupees Seven Crore Forty Eight Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand only) grant-in-aid to Government of Himachal Pradesh under the scheme of Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCA to SCSP) during 2019-20 for the Income Generating/Skill Development Programmes with the following provisions of Model Code of Conduct issued by the Election Commission and same may be strictly followed:-

1. There shall be no publicity in this regard in electronic, print, radio, internet or any other media, in any form whatsoever.
2. No political functionary shall make any reference in this regard during any public speech or communication to the press or public.
3. These restrictions on publicity will be applicable to the Central Government as well as the State Government concerned.
4. No new work shall be taken up afresh during MCC period.

2. The amount sanctioned above is debitable to the Major head-3601-Grants in aid to State Governments; 06-Centrally Sponsored schemes; 789- Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes; 34- Umbrella Scheme for Development of Scheduled Castes; 06 - Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub Component; 31- Grants-in-aid General under Demand No. 89 of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for 2019-2020 (Plan).

3. Arrangements may please be made to credit this amount to State Government in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Ministry of Finance O.M. No. 2(45)/76 Special Cell, dated 30.8.1976, as modified vide O.M. of even number dated 16.9.76 under intimation to us.

4. Special Central Assistance being additive to the Scheduled Castes Sub Plan of the States/UTs should be used only for specific sector-wise schemes covering SC Population mentioned at Para 1 as per latest guidelines on the subject.

5. The State Government shall furnish quarterly progress reports in respect of utilization of Special Central Assistance to the Government of India, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment within 15 days after the end of each quarter, in the prescribed Proforma sent vide this Ministry’s letter No. 11014/18/97-SCD-II dated 11.5.2001.

6. As per instructions contained in Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Economic Affairs Circular No. F.2(23)-13 (CDN)/95 dated 10.2.1995 any unspent balance amount of previous year(s) cannot be carried forward for expenditure during the next financial year but will be adjusted against the amount of grant-in-aid released to State Governments/UT Administrations for the current year, at the time of release of succeeding instalment.
for the current year. The States/UTs have to ensure the full utilization of funds for the purpose for which it is given to them.

7. The names and details of the assisted beneficiaries under the scheme may be displayed on the website of State Government/Department dealing with the development of Scheduled Castes.

8. As per the instructions contained in Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure's Circular No. 7 (1) E. Coord/2008 dated 5.6.2008 no amount shall be released to any State which has defaulted in furnishing Utilizations Certificates for grants-in-aid released by the Central Government in the past.

9. It is certified that no UC which is required prior to this release is pending against the Government of Himachal Pradesh.

10. The organization will maintain separate accounts in respect of the grants-in-aid received for this project. The accounts will remain open for inspection by the representatives or the officers from the Office of Comptroller and Auditor General of India/Government of India/concerned State Government at any time. The organization will have the accounts of the grant-in-aid audited either by the Govt. Auditor or Chartered Accountant and shall furnish the Utilization Certificate on the prescribed format i.e. GFR-12C in original duly signed by Competent Authority.

11. The accounts will 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 or Department whenever the Institution or Organization is called upon to do so.

12. This issues with the concurrence of the Integrated Finance Division of this Ministry vide their Dy. No. 28193/JS&FA/2019 dated 6.2.2019.

Yours faithfully,
(Sanjay Kumar)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. Director, SC, OBCs, Minorities & SA, Directorate of Empowerment, Office of SC, OBCs, Minorities & SA, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
3. The Secretary, Deptt. of Planning, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. The Secretary, Deptt. of Finance, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
5. The Secretary, Deptt. of Social Welfare, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
6. Director (IFD), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi
7. Guard File.

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