To
The Accounts Officer,
Principal Accounts Office,
Ministry of Human Resource Development,
Department of School Education & Literacy,
Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.

Subject: - Release of Ad-hoc Instalment of GOI share under SSA for the year 2017-18 to Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President for release of Rs. 5,39,000/- (Rupees five lakh thirty nine thousand only) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh as Ad-hoc Instalment of GOI share under Capital head for Schedule Tribes Component for the year 2017-18 for implementation of SSA scheme in State of Himachal Pradesh. It shall be utilized by the grantee only for undertaking activities approved by the Project Approval Board of Department of School Education and Literacy, Govt. of India as per the Annual Work Plan for the year 2017-18 in its 241st meeting held on 02.02.2017.

2. Out of total fund being released as ad-hoc installment during 2017-18, the State Implementing Society (SIS) is advised to expend atleast 30% on components mentioned at Category-I & Category-II as contained in the PAB minutes as per the programmatic and financial norms of SSA Framework.

3. The sanction has been accorded subject to the terms and conditions contained in the Framework of implementation of the SSA and the Financial & Procurement Manual for SSA issued by this Ministry and to the adherence of financial, administrative and policy norms stipulated therein.

4. As communicated by this Department’s D.O. letter No. F.13-I/2017-EE.15 dated 21st February, 2017 (copy enclosed), State and UTs have been requested to take necessary action for opening up of joint signatory savings bank accounts from the financial year 2017-18 onwards for Scheduled Castes Component, Scheduled Tribes Component and General Component separately for General Head and Capital Head at the State/district/block level. It has also been requested to incorporate Scheduled Castes Component, Scheduled Tribes Component and General Component-wise details in the utilization certificate separately for General Head and Capital Head from 2017-18.

5. The amount sanctioned will be released to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh, who will disburse the funds preferably through PFMS mode or electronic transfer (NEFT/RTGS) to Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Himachal Pradesh School Education Society, Savings Bank Account Numbers, as opened by the SIS in compliance with the Para-4 above immediately but not later than 15 days.

[Signature]

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,
Dated: 25th April, 2017
6. These grants shall be subject to the following conditions:

(i) It shall be drawn during the current financial year before 31st March 2018.

(ii) The State Implementation Society (SIS) shall keep the amounts sanctioned for SSA and KGBV under separate bank accounts and maintain separate accounts for its disbursement and expenditure under each, as per rules.

(iii) The State Government shall release their corresponding share 10% against the approved AWP&B 2017-18 to SSA, Himachal Pradesh in the bank accounts mentioned in para 3 above within one month of receipt of central share.

(iv) SSA, Himachal Pradesh shall disburse the amount to the districts immediately on receipt of the grant from Central and State government in the accounts opened in compliance of the Para-4 above to ensure smooth implementation of the programme.

(v) The grantee (SIS) shall furnish this Department with item wise statement of expenditure on a quarterly basis and other reports on physical and financial progress in approved formats. The grantee will also submit annual progress report of the project within one month from the closure of the financial year.

(vi) An annual statement of accounts along with a certificate of utilization of the grant for the approved programme duly signed by a chartered accountant and the authorized signatory of the Project-in-charge in the State will be submitted within nine month from closure of the financial year.

(vii) The accounts and other records of the SSA Project Officer and Implementation Institutions shall be open to inspection by an Officer of the Ministry of Human Resource Development or any other person deputed by the Ministry for this purpose.

(viii) The grantee shall follow strictly all instructions issued by the Government of India from time to time with regard to implementation of the Scheme.

(ix) No permanent posts shall be created under the SSA funds. Teacher Posts shall be created by the State Government even where such posts are supported by SSA funding. Project positions for SSA implantation would be temporary, up to the duration of the project only.

(x) The next installment, if due, would only released after the previous installment of State share, if due has been transferred to the SSA, Himachal Pradesh and substantial progress has been made in expenditure against central & state funds available with the SIS.

(xi) The grantee shall not entrust the implementation of the approved project to another organization and shall not divert the grant to the latter organization. The grant shall also not be utilized for purposes other than the one for which it is approved. Failure to do so will render the grantee liable to refund to the President of India, the sanctioned grant in full with interest @ 10% per annum thereon.

(xii) The accounts of all 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 the Ministry of Human Resource Development or Department of School Education & Literacy, whenever the Institution or Organization is called upon to do so and a provision to this effect should invariably be incorporated in all orders sanctioning grant-in-aid.

(xiii) In case of non-recurring grant the Utilization Certificate should be submitted within 9 months of the closure of the financial year.
The unspent balance of Central assistance released to state during the previous years will be adjusted while releasing the balance amount of first installment due to the State.

7. The expenditure of Rs. 5,39,000/- (Rupees five lakh thirty nine thousand only) will be debitable to Demand No. 57 - Department of School Education & Literacy; 3601 - Grants-in-aid to State Govts., (Major-Head; 06 - Grants for State Plan Schemes (Sub Major-Head 06); 796 - Elementary Education-Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (Minor-Head 796) Special Component Plan for Scheduled Tribes; 07- National Education Mission-Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (Sub-Head); 07.01 Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)-(Amount met from Gross Budgetary Support) (GBS)(Detailed-Head 01); 07.01.35 - Grant-in-aid-Capital, 2017-18 Plan; 3601.06.796.07.01.35.

8. The amount of grant-in-aid is finally adjustable in the books of Principal Accounts Officer, Ministry of HRD, Department of School Education and Literacy, D-Wing, Ground Floor, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110 115. On receipt of 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 Government. The Principal Accounts Officer may forward a copy of the advice to undersigned in the Department of School Education & Literacy. State Government shall send intimation regarding receipt of grant-in-aid to Principal Accounts Officer, Ministry of HRD, Department of School Education and Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110 115.

9. This sanction issues in exercise of the delegated powers in consultation with Integrated Finance Division vide their Dy. No. 1482 dated 10.04.2017 and the availability of funds have been certified by IF.II section vide their Dy. No 36 IF-II dated 24.04.2017

10. The grantee is located in the Himachal Pradesh Circle of Accounts.

11. U.C. up to 2014-15 has been issued and 2015-16 U.C. is pending in respect of the grantee Society.

Yours faithfully,

(Anil Gairola)
Under Secretary to the Govt of India

Copy forwarded to:
1. State Project Director, Himachal Pradesh.
2. The Chief Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh.
3. The Principal Secretary (School Education), Government of Himachal Pradesh.
4. Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh. It is requested that funds released through this sanction letter may be transferred to the Department of School Education immediately.
5. Office of the Director General of Audit-I, Central Revenues, OAD-II Section, AGCR Building, I.P. Estate, New Delhi - 110 002.
6. AGCR (Special Cell), New Delhi.
7. Principal Accountant General (A&E), Himachal Pradesh.
8. Accountant General, Himachal Pradesh
9. IF-II Section, IFD
10. Guard file