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

Subject: Release of ad-hoc installment of grants under SSA for the year 2016-17 to SSA, Himachal Pradesh.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President to release of ₹ 9,66,35,000/- (₹ Nine Crore Sixty Six Lakh Thirty Five Thousand only) under General Head for Scheduled Caste Component as ad-hoc installment of grants for implementation of SSA in Himachal Pradesh during the year 2016-17 to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh. Out of the total fund being released as ad-hoc installment during 2016-17, the State Implementing Society (SIS) is requested to give priority to the component “School Grant” at the rate of Rs. 5000 for each Primary School and Rs. 7000 for each Upper Primary School, as per norms.

2. 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.

3. The amount sanctioned will be released to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh, who will disburse the entire funds through electronic transfer in the – (RTGS/CBS/NEFT) Savings Bank Account No. 1964101004288, (MICR Code No. 171015001) (SSA) IFSC Code CNRB0001964, Canara Bank, Shimla-171001, Himachal Pradesh, in the name of State Project Director, Himachal Pradesh School Education Society, Himachal Pradesh immediately but not later than 15 days.

4. The grant shall be subject to the following conditions:

(i) It shall be drawn during the current financial year before March 31, 2017.
(ii) It shall be utilized 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 2016-17.
(iii) The State Implementation Society (SIS) shall keep the amounts sanctioned for SSA/KBGV under a separate Bank Account and maintain separate account for its disbursement and expenditure as per rules.
(iv) The State Government shall release their corresponding share (10%) against the approved AWP&B 2016-17 to SSA, Himachal Pradesh in the bank account maintained para 3 above with the month of receipt of central share.
(v) SSA, Himachal Pradesh shall disburse the amount to the districts immediately on receipt of the grant from Central and State Government to ensure smooth implementation of the programme.
(vi) 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 close of the financial year.
(vii) 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 months from close of the financial year.
(viii) 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 person deputed by the Ministry for the purpose.

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

(x) 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 implementation would be temporary, upto the duration of the project only.

(xiv) The next installment, if due, would only be 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.

(xv) 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.

(xvi) 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 Principle Accounts Office of the Ministry of Department, 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.

(xvii) In case of non-recurring grant the Utilization Certificate should be submitted within 9 months of the closure of the financial year.

(xviii) 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.

5. The expenditure will be debitable to Demand No. 51 - Department of School Education & Literacy; 3601 - Grants in Aid to State Governments (Major Head); 02 - Grants for State Plan Schemes (Sub Major Head); 789 - Special Component Plan for Scheduled Caste (Minor Head); 65 - Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (Sub Head); 01 - Amount to be met from GBS (Detailed Head); 31 - Grant-in-aid General (Object Head) 2016-17 (Plan); 3601.02.789.65.01.31-GBS.

6. The amount of grant-in-aid is finally adjustable in the books of Principal Accounts Officer, Ministry of HRD, Department of School Education & Literacy, D-Wing, Ground Floor, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi − 110 115. On receipt of the sanction letter, the Principal Accounts Officer may issue an advice to the Reserve Bank of India (Central Accounts Sanction), Nagpur for affording credit to the balance of the State Government. The Principal Accounts Officer may forward a copy of the advice to the Accountant General and Finance Department of the State Government along with a copy 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 & Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi − 110 115.


8. The Grantee is located in the Himachal Pradesh Circle of Accounts.

Yours faithfully,

(Jyoti Pantwai)
Under Secretary to the Government of India
Copy forwarded to:

1. State Project Director, Himachal Pradesh.
2. The Chief Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh.
3. The Secretary (Primary & Secondary Education), Government of Himachal Pradesh.
4. The Drawing and disbursing Officer (Grants), Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of School Education & Literacy in duplicate for drawal and disbursement electronically.
5. Office of the Director General of Audit-I Central Revenue OAD-II Section, AGCR Building I.P. Estate, New Delhi 110002.
6. The Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh.
7. The Accountant General (A&E), Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
8. IF-2 Section/E.C. Unit/IFD/EE-3 Section.
9. Guard File.

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