

No. 20-6/2021-IS.1(Gen)
Government of India
Ministry of Education
(Department of School Education & Literacy)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,
Dated: 26th March, 2021

To

The Accounts Officer,
Principal Accounts Office,
Ministry of Education,
Department of School Education & Literacy,
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Subject: Release of 1st installment for implementation of the STRENGTHENING TEACHING-LEARNING AND RESULTS FOR STATES (STARS) Project (Recurring expenses) during the year 2020-2021 to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India for release the amount of **Rs. 465.43000 lakh [Rupees Four Crore Sixty five Lakh Forty Three Thousand Only]** to the **Government of HIMACHAL PRADESH** as 1st Installment of GoI share under General Head for General Component For implementation of STARS Project for year 2020-21.

2. The sanction has been accorded subject to the terms and conditions contained in the Financial & Procurement Manual for Samagra Shiksha formulated/issued by this Ministry and to the adherence of procedures stipulated therein and the provisions of General Financial Rules 2017. Further, the State/UT must have already taken the necessary action for opening up of joint signatory savings bank accounts for Scheduled Castes Component, Scheduled Tribes Component and General Component separately for General Head and Capital Head at the State/district/block level.
3. The STARS Project is to be implemented through State Implementation Society of Samagra Shiksha at the State level. Under the new Scheme, it has been approved that the central share would be released to a single State Implementing Society (SIS). 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 the bank account of the designated State Implementation Society of Samagra Shiksha, in compliance of the para 2 above immediately but not later than 15 days.
4. **These grants shall be further subject to the following conditions:-**
 - (i) It shall be drawn during the current financial year before 31st March 2021.
 - (ii) The State/UTs Government shall release their corresponding share (10%) as per the existing fund sharing pattern against the Central releases to the designated State Implementation Society of Samagra Shiksha within one month of receipt of central share.
 - (iii) The SIS of HIMACHAL PRADESH shall disburse the amount to the districts/implementing agencies immediately on receipt of the grant from Central and State government in the accounts opened in compliance of the Para-3 above to ensure smooth implementation of the programme.
 - (iv) The State has to make arrangements for creating a separate budget head (Externally Aided Project(EAP) for receipt of the additional funds for STARS from GOI and making sufficient provision for matching state share in state budget.
 - (v) The grantee will 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 months from closure of the financial year.
 - (vii) The accounts and other records of the Project Officer and Implementation Institutions shall be open to inspection by an Officer of the Ministry of Education 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 STARS funds. Project positions for implementation of STARS would be temporary, up to the duration of the project only.

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- (x) From FY 2020-21 onwards, States will be funded based on the score of the State calculated on the basis of SIG Manual, as per the results achieved by the States.
- (xi) The grantee shall not entrust the implementation of the approved project to another organization/programme 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 mentioned in the Scheme of STARS. 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 Education 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) The Scheduled Castes Component, Scheduled Tribes Component and General Component-wise details need to be incorporated in the utilization certificate separately for General Head and Capital Head.
5. **The expenditure of Rs. 465.43000 lakh [Rupees Four Crore Sixty five Lakh Forty Three Thousand Only] will be debited to Demand No. 58-Department of School Education and Literacy, 3601 (Grant-in-aid to State Govts.-Major Head); 06 (Centrally Sponsored Schemes-Sub Head); 101 (Central Assistance/Share-Minor Head); 79 (Strengthening Teaching Learning And Results for States-STARS-Sub Head 79); 79.00 (Detailed Head 00); 79.00.31(Grant-in-aid General); 3601.06.101.79.00.31**
6. The amount of grant-in-aid is finally adjustable in the books of Principal Accounts Officer, Ministry of Education, 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), 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 Education, Department of School Education and Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
7. This sanction issues in exercise of the delegated powers in consultation with Integrated Finance Division vide their Dy. No. 587/Integrated Finance Division/School Education & Literacy/2021, dated 23/03/2021 and the availability of funds have been certified by IF.II section vide their Dy.No.662/21-IF.II Dated: 24.03.2021.
8. The grantee is located in the HIMACHAL PRADESH Circle of Accounts.

Yours faithfully,



(Avinash Chandra Sharma)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Copy forwarded to:

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of HIMACHAL PRADESH.
2. The Principal Secretary (SE), Government of HIMACHAL PRADESH.
3. The Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of HIMACHAL PRADESH. **It is requested that the funds released through this sanction letter may be transferred to the Education Department immediately.**
4. State Project Director HIMACHAL PRADESH.
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

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