

F.No.SAG/16/2023-SAG
Government of India
Ministry of Women and Child Development

Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi, 17th October, 2023

To,

The Pay & Accounts Office cum
Principal Accounts Office,
Ministry of Women & Child Development
New Delhi- 110001

Subject: Release of Grants-in-aid to the State Governments for Nutrition Provision under the Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG) for the year 2023-24 (ST component)-reg.

Madam/Sir

I am directed to convey the sanction of President to the payment of **Rs.21,85,000 (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Eighty Five Thousand only)** as grants-in-aid for SAG the year 2023-24 towards Govt's share (50%) for Nutrition Provision under Scheme for Adolescent Girls to the following State Governments for the **1st quarter of 2023-24:-**

Sl.No.	State	Amount
1	Himachal Pradesh	21,85,000
	Total	21,85,000

2. The Scheme for Adolescent Girls is Centrally Sponsored Scheme in which the Centre and States both have contributions. The above funds are being released to the State on the basis of cost sharing ratio (50:50) and is subject to the following conditions:

- The amount of grants will have to be utilized for nutrition component under the Scheme as per the schematic guidelines;
- The States shall also be required to contribute adequate amount for implementation of the Scheme for Adolescent Girls.

3. The Scheme for Adolescent Girls has been revised from the financial year 2022-23 onwards and has been subsumed under Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0. The Scheme has been revised to cover Adolescent Girls in the age group of 14-18 years and aims at providing nutritional support for improving their health and nutritional status under the nutrition component and providing them IFA supplementation, Health check-up and Referral Service, Nutrition & Health Education and Skilling etc. under non-nutrition component of the Scheme.

4. This grant-in-aid is towards the expenditure on nutrition component for the Scheme for Adolescent Girls. The payment is provisional and is subject to final

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adjustment in the light of the audited figures of actual expenditure for the year as a whole.

5. States are required to take following action:
 - i. Authentication of all beneficiaries using Aadhaar as primary identifier and updation on Poshan Tracker accordingly;
 - ii. Follow exception handling mechanism for beneficiaries not having Aadhaar;
6. **The expenditure is debitable to the Major Head '3601'-Grants-in-aid to State Governments; 06-Centrally Sponsored Schemes (Sub Major Head); 06.796-Tribal Area Sub-Plan; 73-Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN II (Anganwadi Services-Poshan Abhiyaan- Scheme for Adolescent Girls); 04-General Component; 73.04.31-Grants-in-aid General under Demand No.101 of the Ministry of Women & Child Development for the year 2023-24 (Plan).**
7. The State Government will maintain separate records of expenditure incurred for implementation of Scheme for Adolescent Girls and furnish separate Statement of Expenditure and Utilization Certificate along with Physical Progress Report every quarter. The information on expenditure on Nutrition Component from 1st April to 30th June must be furnished by 15th July, for the period from 1st July to 30th September by 15th October, from the period 1st October to 31st December by 15th January and from 1st January to 31st March by 15th April to enable the Ministry to work out the entitlement of Central Assistance of each State Government.
8. As per rule 236(1), the accounts of all Grantee Institutions or Organisations 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 or Department, whenever the Institution or Organisation is called upon to do so and a provision to this effect should invariably be incorporated in all orders sanctioning Grants-in-aid.
9. The grant-in-aid is subject to the condition that when the Scheme is closed or abandoned, the proceeds from the disposal of assets built out of the whole or a portion of the grant sanctioned will be shared between the Central and State Governments in proportion with their respective shares in the capital cost to assets.
10. The amount of grant-in-aid is finally adjustable in the books of the Principal Pay and Accounts Office, Ministry of Women & Child Development, D-Wing, Ground Floor, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. The payment of the State would be arranged through the Reserve Bank of India, Nagpur. The State Accountant Generals will send intimation regarding receipt of grant-in-aid to the Principal Pay & Accounts Office, Ministry of Women & Child Development, Shastri Bhawan, D-Wing, Ground Floor, New Delhi.
11. The pattern of grants has been approved by the Ministry of Finance. This sanction is being issued in conformity with the rules and principles of the scheme approved by the Competent Authority.

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12. Rule 232(V) of GFR 2017 have been adhered to: the release of funds to State Governments and monitoring further utilisation should be undertaken through PFMS. The Ministries or Departments should establish a mechanism to ensure that the funds earlier released have been effectively utilised and that the data and facts reported by the State Governments or Union Territories relating to physical and financial performance are correct. Before releasing further funds, it should also be ensured that the State Governments or Union Territories have the capacity to actually spend the balance from the previous years and the releases during the current year.

13. This sanction issues with the concurrence of IFD vide their Dy. No.SAG/16/2023-SAG/AS&FA dated 16.10.2023.

Yours faithfully,

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