To

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

Sub: Release of balance of 1st installment for implementation of the Samagra Shiksha (Elementary Education-EE & Teacher Education-TE) recurring expenses for Samagra Shiksha interventions during the year 2019-2020 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. 13073.00 Lakh [Rupees One Hundred Thirty Crore and Seventy Three lakh Only] to the Government of Himachal Pradesh as balance of 1st Installment of Govt share under General Head for General Component for implementation of interventions approved / estimated by the Project Approval Board (PAB), by the Department of School Education & Literacy, Government of India under Elementary Education as per the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) for 2019-20. Out of Rs. 13073.00 lakh, the amount sanctioned for Elementary Education is Rs. 12816.80 lakh and Teacher Education is Rs. 256.20 lakh.

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 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. 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 2020.

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

(v) 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.

(vi) The accounts and other records of the 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.

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

(viii) No permanent posts shall be created under the Samagra Shiksha funds. Project positions for implementation of Samagra Shiksha would be temporary, up to the duration of the project only.

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

(x) 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 Samagra Shiksha. 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.
(xi) 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.

(xii) The unspent balance of Central assistance released to the state during the previous years under Samagra Shiksha will be adjusted while releasing the balance amount of first installment due to the State/UTs.

(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 from 2017-18 and onward.

5. The expenditure of Rs. 13073.00 Lakh [Rupees One Hundred Thirty Crore and Seventy Three lakh Only] for Elementary Education will be debited to Demand No. 57 - Department of School Education and Literacy, Major Head - 3601 Grants-in-aid to State Govt. - 06 - Centrally Sponsored Schemes (Sub Major Head), 101 -Central Assistance / Share (Minor Head), 67 -Samagra Shiksha-Elementary Education-Amount to be met from PSK, 67.02.31 Grants-in-aid-General 2019-2020 ; 3601.06.101.67.02.31.

6. 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-110001.

7. This sanction issues in exercise of the delegated powers in consultation with Integrated Finance Division vide their Dy.No. 2261/IFD/2019 Dated 29/08/2019 and the availability of funds have been certified by IF.II section vide their Dy. No. 288/2019-IF.II Dated 09/09/2019.

8. The grantee is located in the Himachal Pradesh Circle of Accounts.
9. U.C. up to 2017-18 has been issued and hence no U.C. is pending in respect of the grantee Society.

Yours faithfully,

(Ashok Giri)
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 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

Yours faithfully,

(Ashok Giri)
Under Secretary to the Government of India