To,

The Principal Accounts Officer,
Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship
Shram Shakti Bhawan,
New Delhi -110001.


I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India for the release of financial assistance amounting to Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh only) [@Rs.10 lakh each for the Districts as mentioned under] to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh under PforR component of SANKALP Project for Mainstreaming Aspirational Districts through Skill Development program for the year 2018-2019.

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<th>S.No</th>
<th>Name of the Aspirational District</th>
<th>Financial assistance</th>
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2. Under the SANKALP Project, the States/ UTs are expected to develop District Skill Development Plans. To identify skill challenges of Aspirational Districts, this Ministry has initiated the Aspirational Skilling Abhiyan. The following activities are to be undertaken in Aspirational Districts alongwith State and District officials:

a) To assess the current skill profile of the district;

b) To constitute a District Skill Development Committee headed by District Magistrate/ Collector for monitoring institutions like ITIs, PMKK, PMKVY and DDUGKY centres and provide a direction to skill related activities;

c) To develop District Skill Development Plan by conducting skill gap studies or other measures and support the implementation of the identified measures;

d) To implement action plans based on District Skill Development Plans;

e) Any other skill development related activity as may be required by the District.

3. The expenditure involved is debitable from Demand number 88 (MSDE) for FY 2018-19 under heads as under:

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<td>3601.06.101-36.03.31-Grants-in-aid-General</td>
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<td>3601.06.796.18.03.31-Grants-in-aid-General (Tribal Areas)</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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The State Government is requested to release the financial assistance as above to the District Collectors of the aforementioned Aspirational Districts immediately on its receipt.
along with 40% of the State’s share (10% in case of NE States and other Special Category States) based on the release of funds by the Govt. of India, to enable the District to utilize the grant for the purpose for which it is sanctioned by ensuring registration in the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) portal of the Ministry of Finance (http://pfms.nic.in).

5. The State Government is also requested to open a new dedicated account for receiving funds under the SANKALP Project, if not already opened, and maintain a separate ledger account for recording and tracking receipts and payments under SANKALP. As soon as a separate Bank account for SANKALP is opened, the balance of funds from the amount being released as above should be transferred to the separate Bank account.

6. The Grant shall follow the terms and conditions contained in GFR-2017 and the instructions issued by the Govt. of India, as amended from time to time. The State Government shall not make any changes in the allocations or re-appropriations without the approval of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Govt. of India.

7. The State Government shall utilize the financial assistance as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship for Mainstreaming Aspirational Districts through Skill Development program and submit the Utilization Certificate of the grant within twelve months of the closure of the financial year in the prescribed GFR, 2017 format along with the audited statement of accounts, expenditure statement, achievement-cum-performance report. Unspent balance, if any, may be surrendered to the Government without any delay. State Government will be under obligation to update progress status to this Ministry periodically.

8. The accounts of the grantee States shall be open to inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit both by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the internal audit of the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry, whenever the institution or organization is called upon to do so.

9. The amount of grant-in-aid is finally adjustable in the books of Principal Accounts Officer, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, New Delhi. 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 Office may forward a copy of the advice to the Accountant General and Finance Department of the State Government along with a copy to the undersigned in the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship. State Government shall send intimation regarding receipt of Grant-in-aid to Principal Accounts Officer, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, New Delhi.

10. This is the first release and no UC is pending against the State.

11. This issues with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division (MSDE) vide AS&FA Dy.No.475 dated 26.10.2018.

Yours faithfully,

(Lendup Sherpa)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
Phone no. 011-23380042

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh.
2. Secretary, Planning Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh.
4. District Magistrate/ Collectors of Aspirational Districts of the State Government concerned.
5. Joint Secretary (SDV Wing), Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship.
7. Chief Accounts Officer, Government of Himachal Pradesh.
10. Budget Section (MSDE).
11. DGACR, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi.
12. DDO (Cash Section), Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, New Delhi.
13. Nodal Officer(s) of Aspirational Districts of the State Government concerned.

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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