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Government of India
Ministry of Education
(Department of School Education & Literacy)

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi,
Dated: 27th February, 2023

To

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

Subject: Release of 1st installment (Recurring expenses) for implementation of the STARS Project during the year 2022-23 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. 5904.10000 lakh [Rupees Fifty Nine Crore Four Lakh Ten Thousand Only]** to the Government of Himachal Pradesh as **1st Installment of GoI share under General Head for General Component** for implementation of interventions approved/estimated by the Project Approval Board (PAB), by the DoSE&L, Government of India as per Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) of STARS Project for year 2022-23.

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 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 through PFMS mode to the bank account of the designated Single Nodal Agency (SNA) of STARS Project, 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) **State should ensure that release of fund is only routed through SNA to IAs opened under the guidelines of MoF dated 23.03.2021.**
- (ii) It shall be drawn during the current financial year before 31st March 2023.
- (iii) The State/UTs Government shall release their corresponding share (10%) as per the existing fund sharing pattern against the Central releases to the designated SNA of STARS within one month of receipt of central share.
- (iv) 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.
- (v) States have 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.
- (vi) The grantee will submit annual progress report of the project within one month from the closure 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 closure of the financial year.
- (viii) 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.
- (ix) The grantee shall follow strictly all instructions issued by the Government of India from time to time with regard to implementation of the Scheme.
- (x) 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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