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Government of India
Ministry of Cooperation
CTP Division

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Dated: 05.07.2024

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To

The Pay & Accounts Officer,
Pay and Accounts Office,
Ministry of Cooperation,
Jeevan Tara Building, New Delhi - 110001

06-101-1

Sub: Release of first instalment of the Central share under the Centrally Sponsored Project for "Computerization of ARDBs" to the Government of Himachal Pradesh for FY 2024-25 - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to inform that the Centrally Sponsored Project for "Strengthening of Cooperatives through IT interventions", got the approval, subsequent to a meeting of Standing Finance Committee (SFC) held on 06.10.2023 with total budget outlay of ₹ 225.09 crore. The following are 2 sub-components of the Project: -

- (i) Computerization of Agriculture & Rural Development Banks (ARDBs)
- (ii) Computerization of the offices of Registrar of Cooperative Societies of all the States and UTs

2. The component "Computerization of Agriculture & Rural Development Banks (ARDBs)" entails computerization of 1,851 Units of ARDBs with a total budgetary outlay of Rs. 119.40 crore. NABARD shall be the implementing agency for the computerization of ARDBs, over a period of three years, including handholding and support for the two years from the "Go-Live". Customized version of National Software for PACS may be utilized for the Computerization of ARDBs.

3. Approval of the Competent authority for release of 1st installment of Central Share under Centrally Sponsored Project for "Computerization of ARDBs" has been obtained after IFD concurrence of the recommendation of NABARD for the same in respect of State of Himachal Pradesh.

4. It may also be mentioned here that as per Department of Expenditure's OM dated 23.3.2021, every State Government will designate a Single Nodal Agency (SNA) for implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme/Project. The State Government will open SNA for the project at the State level in a Scheduled Commercial Bank authorized to conduct government business by the State Government and it should be interest bearing account only.

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5. I am, therefore, directed to convey the sanction of the President, Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India, of Rs. 56,10,032/- (Rupees Fifty Six Lac Ten Thousand Thirty Two Only).

6. Government of Himachal Pradesh as first instalment of Central share towards Hardware Procurement, Digitization and Support System under the Centrally Sponsored Project for "Computerization of Agriculture & Rural Development by ARDBs", for the financial year 2024-25.

7. It may also be stated that 25% of the total expenditure on the procurement of hardware, digitization and establishing support system will be shared by the ARDBs in each State/UT and it will be captured as local body share as per SOP dated 09.02.2024 issued by PFMS O/o CGA, Ministry of Finance (Copy enclosed). The State/UT will be responsible for obtaining the share of each unit of the ARDBs in their State/UT.

8. The State Government shall transfer the Central share received in its account in the RBI to the concerned State Nodal Account (SNA) within a period of 21 days of its receipt and the corresponding State share within a period of 40 days of the release of Central share. The State Government is requested to endorse a copy of the release order to the Central Government, addressed as under:

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9. The interest earned from the funds released should be mandatorily remitted to the respective Consolidated Funds on a pro-rata basis in terms of Rule 230(8) of GFR, 2017.

10. The Government of Himachal Pradesh shall share the list of ARDBs to be taken up for computerization within 30 days of issue of this sanction order.

11. Further, the following conditions shall be fulfilled in utilization of these funds:

- i. The hardware to be procured for the project by the State preferably through GeM, shall be as per the scheme guidelines/ specifications provided by NABARD;
- ii. Scheme Guidelines issued by Ministry of Cooperation vide letter dated 16.11.2023 and as modified from time to time, for the Centrally Sponsored Project for Computerization of ARDBs, to be strictly adhered to by the State/UT;
- iii. The State Government will designate a Single Nodal Agency (SNA) for implementing the Centrally Sponsored Project for Computerization of PACS. The SNA will open a Single Nodal Account for the project at the State level in a Scheduled Commercial Bank authorized to conduct government business by the State Government and it should be interest bearing account only.
- iv. The State Government will register the SNA and Implementing Agencies (IAs) on PFMS and use the unique PFMS ID assigned to the SNA and IAs for all payments to them. Bank accounts of the SNAs, IAs, vendors and other organizations receiving funds shall also be mapped in PFMS;

- v. The State Government will transfer the Central share received in its account in the RBI to the concerned SNA's account within a period of 21 days of its receipt. The Central share shall not be diverted to the Personal Deposit account or any other account by the State Government. Corresponding State share to be released as early as possible and not later than 40 days of the release of Central share;
- vi. SNAs and Implementing Agencies (IAs) will mandatorily use the Expenditure Advance & Transfer (EAT) module of PFMS or integrate their systems with the PFMS.
- vii. This grant is towards expenditure on hardware procurement, digitization and setting up of support system, and shall be utilized for the same
- viii. The State Government will have to report on utilization of funds released and submit the physical and financial performance reports as well as utilization certificates in the prescribed proforma at the end of the financial year 2024-25;
- ix. The next instalment of Central share will be released upon transfer of the stipulated State share to the Single Nodal Account and utilization of at least 75% of the funds released earlier (both Central and State share);
- x. The procedure specified under D/o Expenditure's OM dated 23.06.2021, 30.7.2021 & 23.3.2022 and subsequent OMs in this regard shall be followed by States/UTs.

11. The expenditure is debitable under Demand No. 16 – Ministry of Cooperation for the year 2024-25 and may be debited to the following head of Account:-

For States: -

Major Head - 3601 -	Grants-in-aid to State Government
Sub Major Head-06 -	Centrally Sponsored Scheme
Minor Head -101 -	Central Assistance/Share
99 -	Scheme for Cooperatives
02 -	Strengthening of Cooperative through IT Interventions Computerization of Agriculture and rural Development Banks (ARDBs)
990231 -	Grants-in-aid – General

12. The SNA Bank Account of the State of Himachal Pradesh are given below:-

Beneficiary Name/ Agency Name	Bank Name	Branch/ Address	IFSC Code	Account no.
ARDB	SBI	SBI Kusumpati, Shimla-09	SBIN0014639	42603888409

The above account is an interest-bearing account.

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13. The accounts of the State grantee Institution 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, whenever the State/Institution is called upon to do so.

14. This sanction issues in exercise of the delegated powers in concurrence with the Integrated Finance Division Note No.16 of FNo. L-12012/9/2023-CTP (FTS - 120677) dated 04.07.2024. It is noted at Sl.No. 1 in the Grant-in-aid Register.

Yours faithfully,

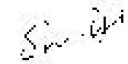

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1. The Secretary (Cooperation), State of Himachal Pradesh
2. The Registrar of Cooperative Societies, State of Himachal Pradesh
3. Under Secretary, IFD/Budget Section, Ministry of Cooperation
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