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Government of India  
Ministry of Rural Development  
(NSAP Section)

Room No. 12, Core 5B, 2nd Floor  
India Habitat Centre, New Delhi -110003  
Dated: 23rd February, 2024

To  
The Pay & Accounts Officer,  
Government of India,  
Ministry of Rural Development,  
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

Subject:- Release of IInd tranche of Ist instalment (IInd Quarter July to September 2023) of Central Assistance for the **Schedule Caste** beneficiaries under the scheme of Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) for the financial year 2023-24 to **Himachal Pradesh** State.

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कृषि भवन, नई दिल्ली / Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of President of India to the payment of **Rs. 37.91 Lakh (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh and Ninety One Thousand Only)** to the **Himachal Pradesh** State which includes 3% Administrative Fund of **Rs. 1.10 Lakh** (out of which **Rs. 0.18 Lakh** is earmarked for conducting Social Audit) Central Assistance for the Schedule Caste beneficiaries of Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) Under National Social Assistance Programme during the Current Financial Year 2023-24. No Utilisation Certificate is pending in respect of National Social Assistance Programme for the year 2021-22 in respect of the State.

**2. The State Government must transfer these funds to the concerned SNA's account within a period of 21 days of its receipt. In case of non-transfer within the stipulated 21 days, Central Government may be constrained to stop further releases. The State Government is requested to endorse the copy of the release order to the Central Government addressed:-**

**Umesh Kumar Ram**  
**Joint Director (NSAP)**  
Ministry of Rural Development,  
Room No. 12, Core 5A, 2nd Floor  
India Habitat Centre New Delhi.  
Tel: 011- 24654425

3. The grant is towards the Revenue expenditure and will be utilized for payment of assistance to the beneficiaries covered Under IGNWPS. The funds released Under IGNWPS shall not be utilized for any other schemes Under NSAP. The amount now released is inclusive of the 3% administrative expenditure. Separate Utilisation Certificate for the funds released for IGNWPS shall be furnished. The fund should be utilized for payment of benefit to the Schedule Caste beneficiaries of Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS). No deviation from the provisions of the guidelines is permissible.

4. The Accounts of the grantee institutions will be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the Internal Audit of the Office of the Chief Controller of Account of the Ministry in terms of Rule 236(2) of the General Financial Rules.

5. The expenditure is debitable to the following Heads of Accounts Under Demand No. 87, Department of Rural Development (2023-24).

**3601 - Grants-in-Aid to State Govt. (Major Head)**  
**06.789 – Special Component Plan for Scheduled Caste**  
**66 – National Social Assistance Programme**  
**66.03 - National Widow Pension Scheme**  
**66.03.31 - Grants- in –Aid General**

6. DDO NSAP, New Delhi (208039), Ministry of Rural Development will be the Drawing & Disbursing Officer for the purpose. PAORD is requested to transfer this fund through RBI advice.

7. This issues the powers delegated to this Ministry and in consultation with the Integrated Finance Division vide their **U.O. No. 1093/Finance/2023-24 Dated 22-02-2024.**

8. The Utilization Certificate for the Financial Year should include the interest accrued. Interest accrued should be computed based on the details of ledger accounts maintain for the purpose.

9. The next release of fund to the state will be released only after utilisation of 75% of available fund.

Yours faithfully



**(Umesh Kumar Ram)**  
**Joint Director (NSAP)**  
Date: 23.02.2024  
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Copy to

1. The Principal Secretary, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, State Governments of Himachal Pradesh, Block No. 33, Shimla-171002.
2. Secretary, Finance Department, State Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002.
3. Secretary, Planning Department, State Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002.
4. Accountant General (A & E) State Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002.
5. The Director of Audit, E & S Ministries, IP State, AGCR Building, New Delhi.
6. The Resident Commissioner of State Government Himachal Pradesh, New Delhi for taking necessary action under intimation to this Ministry.
7. The Chief Controller of Accounts, Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
8. Section Officer. (Fin.II) Ministry of Rural Development, New Delhi.
9. SO(NSAP)
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## ANNEXURE-I

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL WIDOW PENSION SCHEME (IGNWPS)  
OF RELEASE OF 2ND QUARTER DURING THE CURRENT YEAR 2023-24.**

Name of State	Total Beneficiaries	Types	Release of 2nd Quarter of 2023-24 of Central Assistance (Rs. in Lakh)	3% Admin Charges (Rs. in Lakh)		Release of 2nd Quarter of 2023-24 of Central Assistance including 3% Admin Charges (Rs. in Lakh)
				Admin Charges other than Social Audit	Funds earmarked for Social Audit	
			(A)	(B)	(C)	D(A+B+C)
Himachal Pradesh	21974	Other than SC and Tribal Plus Sub Plan	139.25	3.48	0.70	143.43
		SC	36.81	0.92	0.18	37.91
		ST	21.71	0.54	0.11	22.36
<b>Total Fund-----&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>			<b>197.77</b>	<b>4.94</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>203.70</b>

Place: New Delhi

Date: 23.04.2024

  
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