

No.20014/02/2012-Education
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
[Education Section]

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
Dated 25th June, 2012.

To

The Pay & Accounts Officer,
Ministry of Tribal Affairs,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi.

Sub: Grants-in-aid release to the State Government of Sikkim under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarships to the students belonging to Scheduled Tribes for the year **2012-13 as 1st instalment.**

Sir,

Sanction of the President of India is hereby conveyed to release an amount of **Rs. 1,00,00,000/- [Rupees one Crore only]** to the **State Government of Sikkim** as 1st instalment of recurring grant-in-aid under the Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship to the students belonging to STs for the year 2012-13.

2. This sanction relates to Plan Expenditure and is in accordance with the pattern of assistance prescribed by the Planning Commission and subject to the provision of General Financial Rules, 2005 as amended from time to time and any other instructions issued in this regard.

3. The expenditure is debitable to the Major Head Grant, sub-head as indicated below and shall be met from Plan Budget for the year 2012-13:-

Demand No.	Major Head, Sub Head	Amount Rs.
No. 95 Ministry of Tribal Affairs	Major Head: 3601-Grants-in-aid to State Government, 04-Grants for Centrally Sponsored Plan Schemes (Sub-Major Head), 796-Scheduled Tribe Sub Plan (Minor Head), 27-Welfare of Scheduled Tribes -Education, 03-Scheme of PMS, Book Bank and Upgradation of Merit, 27.03.31-Grants-in-aid General (Charged) (Plan) under the Demand No. 95, Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the year 2012-13.	Rs. 1,00,00,000/- [Rupees one Crore only]

4. DDO is authorised to draw this amount by Demand Draft in favour of Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok, drawn on the State Bank of India.

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5. The conditions for the State Government are:-

- (i) Once an eligible Scheduled Tribe (ST) student joins a college/institution, his/her name should be immediately entered in a register along with a photograph by the college/institution authorities.
- (ii) A photocopy of this register should also be made available to the District Tribal Welfare Officer who is responsible for disbursement of the scholarships.
- (iii) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has decided to release the above mentioned amount under the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme as first instalment (on-account basis) in the first quarter of the financial year itself.
- (iv) **The State Government will release this amount to the disbursing agencies in the State within one month of release by the Government of India and a copy of the State Govt. sanction should be endorsed to Ministry of Tribal Affairs without fail.**
- (v) In order to distribute funds to everyone in a week fixed for every year, two "Scholarship distribution camps" should be organized in your State every year at predetermined time. These camps should simultaneously be organized in the entire State at a fixed date and time every year. **The District Tribal Welfare Officer or any other Officer with a different designation, who is in-charge of disbursement of scholarship, will ensure that the scholarships are disbursed by the schools/colleges/institutions in the first camp between 7-15 September as first instalment for five months.**
- (vi) The disbursement should be done in the presence of a responsible faculty member (s) of the institution/college so nominated by the Principal and officer at the district level of the State nominated by the District Collector.
- (vii) Such district officers should certify in the register maintained by the Colleges/Institutions that the "entire disbursement process has taken place under the personal supervision to the genuine and eligible Scheduled Tribe Students only".
- (viii) The district officers should also compile the actual disbursements made in the previous year and submit the detailed proposal to the State Government who will complete it further and submit the proposal to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs by November of the financial year. The institution and category-wise number of studies in each category should be indicated in a proforma. The district-wise and State-wise total may accordingly be arrived at and proposal of the state government may be based on the same. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs will thereafter disburse the second instalment by December of the year.
- (ix) Just like the disbursement of the first instalment by **September of the year**, the second instalment to the students for the remaining five months of the year may be disbursed between **20-28 February of the next year** on the same pattern as the disbursement of the first instalment and submit a report to the State Government that the scholarships to the genuine and eligible students have been disbursed in their presence indicating category wise distribution of the scholarships as per the format.
- (x) The State Government will also ensure that the disbursement is made to the eligible students through account payee cheques drawn on banks or post offices. In case, there is any difficulty in opening banks accounts due to reluctance of the banks, the district officer should report the matter to the concerned District Collectors who would prevail upon the bank branches to open bank accounts in the names of the eligible Scheduled Tribe students for this purpose. The State Government's Finance Department or department dealing with institutional finance should also render necessary assistance in this regard.

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- (xi) The events of disbursement of the scholarships in two instalments as specified above should be given wide publicity throughout the State through local newspapers so that every one concerned is aware of these events and avails of it in time. The basic idea behind two annual camps at fixed timing is that students, staff, teachers & every one concerned gradually becomes used to these dates and disbursement by different States at different times in different years is avoided.
- (xii) The details of the students category-wise, out station-wise etc. have to be furnished to this Ministry before release of 2nd instalment.

6. **Diversion of funds and deviation from the norms of the scheme is not allowed.**

7. The conditions of eligibility, including inter-alia the condition of maximum prescribed income ceiling of parents must be followed.

8. The State Government may please acknowledge the receipt of this letter and report the expenditure incurred every Quarter.

9. **This is 1st instalment grant-in-aid for the year 2012-13. The final grant will be released on receipt of the formal proposal for the year 2012-13 and this instalment will be adjusted against the proposal for the current financial year. The instalment is being released to avoid the delay in disbursement of Post Matric Scholarships to ST students. The State Governments should send the proposal for the current financial year urgently so that the final grants-in-aid under the Scheme may be released.**

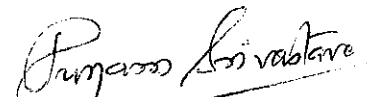
10. **Any unspent amount shall not be carried forward for expenditure and it should be surrendered to the Central Government as per instructions contained in the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance O.M. No. G-26305/1/77-MFCGA dated 4th June 1977.**

11. State Govt. is requested that before submitting requisition for the second instalment of scholarships, utilisation of funds of the previous years and the disbursement of the 1st instalment of scholarship for the current year released now have to be furnished to this Ministry without fail.

12. As the first instalment is being released now, disbursement of this instalment of scholarship should be done **by September of this year.**

13. This sanction is being issued with the concurrence of Integrated Finance of this Ministry vide their Dy. No. 155/JS&FA/2012 dated 18-06-2012.

Yours faithfully,



(Dr. Punam Srivastava)

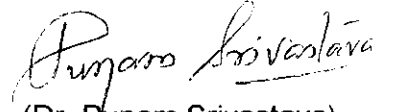
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2. The Secretary, Social Justice Empowerment & Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, ~~Ministry~~ Gangtok.
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4. The Secretary, Education Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
5. The Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok.
6. The Secretary, Planning Department, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok.
7. The Secretary, National Commission for STs, Lok Nayak Bhavan, New Delhi.
8. Director of Audit, Central Revenues, I.P. Estate, New Delhi.
9. Planning Commission, BC Division, New Delhi.
10. The Resident Commissioner, Govt. of Sikkim, Sikkim Bhawan, New Delhi.
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