Subject: Special Central Assistance for Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA to TSP) during 2014-15 to the State of West Bengal - sanction of 1st installment (General-Recurring).

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India for release of an amount of Rs.10,24,24,000/- (Rupees Ten Crore Twenty Four Lakh Twenty Four Thousand only), as 1st installment to the Government of West Bengal towards General-Recurring grants under Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub plan (SCA to TSP) for the year 2014-15 against the allocation conveyed vide this Ministry's letter NO.11015/02/2014-SG-II dated 25.04.2014.

2. You may please transfer the amount immediately to the Government of West Bengal and advise RBI, CAS, Nagpur for crediting the above mentioned amount to the accounts of the State Government of West Bengal in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Ministry of Finance's OM No. 2(45)/ 76-Spl. dated 30.8.1976 as modified by OM of even number dated 16.9.1976 under intimation to Programme Division of the Ministry.

3. Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA to TSP) is an additive to the Tribal Sub-Plan of the State. SCA to TSP is meant for filling up of the critical gaps to cover employment-cum-income generation activities and the infrastructure incidental thereto of family based and these of the Self-Help Groups/community and thus, raise the socio-economic level of the Schedule Tribes. The funds are to be expended in accordance with the revised guidelines issued by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs vide No.14020/5/2003-SG&C dated 02.05.2003 alongwith amendment dated 15.04.2005.
4. Para III (x) of the guidelines provides that before sanctioning the SCA to TSP, it is pre-requisite to formulate specific schemes/programmes that have a direct bearing on the economic development of Schedule Tribes as suitable to their social, economic and ecological situation. This provision has been further modified vide DO letter No. 14020/2/08-SG-I dated 30-01-2008. The proposals formulated by the State Government and submitted to this Ministry which conform to this requirement shall only be taken up for implementation.

5. No UC is due for rendition.

6. The State Government is required to take action to transfer the funds received to respective ITDPs/ agencies. The amount meant for the programmes of MADA, Clusters, Dispersed tribes and Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) one to be spent in proportion to the ST population under each programme as provided in part III of the guidelines of SCA to TSP. No part of the SCA should be released directly to any Department at the State level. However, transfer of funds to implementing departments/agencies, if required, should be done through the ITDPs.

7. State Government is to ensure release of funds to ITDPs/implementing agencies within one month of receipt of funds. Progress Reports of the SCA to TSP may be furnished to the Ministry in the prescribed format already circulated along with the guidelines. A Certificate of actual utilization of the grants received for the purpose, for which it has been sanctioned, is to be furnished to the Ministry within 12 months as per provisions of GFR.

8. The State Government has to ensure that grant-in-aid is used for the purpose for which it is sanctioned after following due procedure in a transparent manner and after obtaining all necessary clearances as required under the various Central/State Acts, Rules, regulations, etc. In case of construction of infrastructure facilities, norms and Schedule of Rates (SOR) fixed by the State Government should be followed.

9. The sanction is subject to final adjustment on the basis of audited figures of expenditure.

10. The expenditure is debitable to the:

Major Head ‘3601’ - Grants-in-aid to State Governments
Sub-major Head 02 - Grants for State Plan Schemes
Minor Head 796 - Tribal Area Sub-Plan
  02 - Welfare of Scheduled Tribes – Grants under Proviso to Article 275 (1) of the Constitution.
  01 - Scheme under Tribal Sub-Plan (Charged)
  02.01.31 - Grants in-aid - General (Charged)
Demand No. - 97 for 2014-15 of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs
11. This sanction issues in exercise of the delegated powers in consultation with Integrated Finance Division vide their Diary No.3034/JS&FA/14 dated 06.06.2014.

12. Certified that this sanction has been noted at Sl.No. ... in the Register of Grant.

Yours faithfully,

(Nadeem Ahmad)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Tel: 2307 3708

No. 11015/02/2014-SG-II
New Delhi, dated the 19.06.2014

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. Director of Audit, Central Revenues, AGCR Building, ITO, ND.
2. Accountant General, West Bengal, Kolkata.
3. The Principal Secretary, Tribal & Social Welfare Department, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata.
4. The Principal Secretary, Finance Deptt, Govt of West Bengal,
5. The Principal Secretary, Planning Deptt, Govt of West Bengal, Kolkata.
6. The Principal Resident Commissioner, Government of West Bengal, A/2 State Emporia Buildings Baba Kharak Singh Marg New Delhi 110001
7. Planning Commission, Plan Coordination, Yojana Bhavan, ND.
8. Planning Commission, BC Division, Yojana Bhavan, ND.
9. Planning Commission, SP Division, Yojana Bhavan, ND.
10. Ministry of Finance (Deptt of Expenditure), PF-I Section, North Block, New Delhi.
11. Secretary, National Commission for STs, Lok Nayak Bhawan, ND.
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