To

The Pay & Accounts Officer,
Ministry of Tribal Affairs,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi-110001.

Subject: Release of Additional Grants under Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana (VKY) during 2015-16 to the State of West Bengal as General Grant.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India for release of an additional amount of **Rs. 13,05,00,000/-** (Rupee Thirteen Crore Five Lakh only) to the Government of West Bengal for General Grant under Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana (VKY) for the year 2015-16 to carry out the activities finalized with reference to decisions taken in the meeting held on 20.01.2016 through VC:-

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<td>1.</td>
<td><strong>Education:</strong></td>
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<td>• Setting up of new Vocational Training Centres.</td>
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<td>• Computer education in Ashram Hostels.</td>
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<td>• Special Coaching in Maths, Sci, Eng, Vernacular.</td>
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<td>• Incentivise the parents for ensuring 100% enrollment in elementary education for Lodhas, Birhores.</td>
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<td>• Outdoor games, Yoga, chess in Ashram Hostels and EMRS, PRMS.</td>
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2. **Health:**
   - Malaria, Leprosy, TB control programmes in Tea garden areas of Alipurduar, Jalpaiguri, Paschim Medinipur & Purulia Districts.
   - Development of health workers from among the Tribal communities – Tie up arrangement with Health centres.
   - Strengthening of health centres.
   - 217.50

3. **Drinking Water:**
   - Estimated 15000 sources are to be created or serviced to cover the tribal habitations with safe drinking water facility.
   - Supply of Tap water through deep-Tube well & Overhead reservoir in Alipurduar, Jalpaiguri, Bankura, Purulia and Paschim Medinipur Districts.
   - 145.00

4. **Livelihood:**
   - Dairy Development
   - Fisheries
   - Cultivation of vegetables in poly-house will be considered.
   - Horticulture & Floriculture.
   - Skill Development.
   - Growth centres in traditional art & craft through advanced training and market linkage will be explored.
   - 290.00

5. **Infrastructure:**
   - Core infrastructure development like linking of Tribal hamlets, electricity connection, solar light, small bridges, culverts,
   - Development of community centres, day care centres are proposed to be taken up.
   - This apart infrastructure for promotion of eco-tourism in north Bengal districts and Purulia will also be taken up.
   - 145.00

6. **Games and Sports:**
   - Development of sports centre, one in Jhargram, Paschim Medinipur and another in Jalpaiguri.
   - EMRS, PMRS, Ashram Hostels will be linked with the Sports centre. Athletics, Archery, Outdoor games with support from SAI and locally available coaches will be promoted.
   - Development of Tribal Museum at Jhargaram and Jalpaiguri is also proposed.
   - 72.50

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A  Total additional amount approved by the PAC to be released against above approved activities.  1450.00
B  General/Recurring Grant  1305.00
2. The sanction of Rs. 13,05,00,000/- (Rupee Thirteen Crore Five Lakh only) as additional grant against above mentioned activities should be carried out while keeping in mind the observations of PAC as recorded in the minutes of the PAC meeting dated 21.01.2016.

3. 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.

4. No Fund was released during 2014-15.

5. The State Government is required to take action to transfer the funds received to respective ITDPs/ agencies. Progress Reports of the activities to be undertaken under VKY should be furnished to the Ministry on quarterly basis. Provisional utilization certificate in r/o General Grants may be furnished immediately after the end of the financial year 2015-16. 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.

6. The State Government has to ensure that grant-in-aid is used for the purpose for which it is sanctioned after following due procedure and norms in vogue in a transparent manner and after obtaining all necessary clearances as required under the various Central/ State Acts, Rules, regulations, etc.

7. The sanction is subject to adherence of above stipulations and other provisions to be issued in this regards from time to time. The sanction is also subject to final adjustment on the basis of audited figures of expenditure.

8. The expenditure to the tune of Rs. 13,05,00,000/- (Rupee Thirteen Crore Five Lakh only) is debitable to the:

   Major Head ‘3601’ - Grants-in-aid to State Governments
   Sub-major Head 03 - Grants for Central Plan Schemes
   Minor Head 796 - Tribal Area Sub-Plan
   08 - Welfare of Scheduled Tribes.
   07 - Van Bandhu Kalyan Yojana
   08.07.31 - Grants-in-aid-General (Charged)
   Demand No. - 98 for 2015-16 of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs

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

Yours faithfully,

(Nadeem Ahmad)
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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. Director of Audit, Central Revenues, AGCR Building, ITO, New Delhi.
2. The Accountant General, West Bengal, Kolkata.
3. The Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata.
4. The Principal Secretary, Finance Deptt, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata.
5. The Principal Secretary, Planning Department Government of West Bengal, Kolkata.
6. The Resident Commissioner, Government of West Bengal, West Bengal Bhawan, New Delhi.
7. NITI Aayog, Plan Coordination, NITI Bhavan, ND.
8. NITI Aayog, BC Division, NITI Bhavan, ND.
9. NITI Aayog, SP Division, NITI 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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