

No.20014/23/2012-Education
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
[Education Section]

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001
Dated the 19th July, 2016.

To

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

Sub: Post-Matric Scholarship to ST students - Release of Central Assistance to **State Government of Sikkim** towards **arrears** for current five-year plan period (2012-13 onwards) during the year 2016-17.

Sir,

Sanction of the President of India is hereby conveyed to release an amount of **₹94,16,000/- (Rupees ninety-four lakh sixteen thousand only)** to the **State Government of Sikkim** towards **arrears** for current five-year plan period (2012-13 onwards) under the Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship to the students belonging to STs during the year 2016-17.

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 debitible to the Major Head Grant, sub-head as indicated below and shall be met from Plan Budget for the year 2016-17: -

Demand No.	Major Head, Sub Head	Amount in `
No. 89 Ministry of Tribal Affairs	Major Head: 3601-Grants-in-aid to State Governments (Major Head), 02-Grants for State Plan Schemes (Sub-Major Head), 796-Tribal Areas Sub-Plan, 65 – Umbrella Scheme for Development of STs: Tribal Education, 01-Umbrella Scheme for Education of ST Children, 65.01.31-Grants-in-aid General (Charged) for the year 2016-17.	₹94,16,000/- (Rupees ninety-four lakh sixteen thousand only)

4. Above arrears have been worked out as under:-

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(₹ in Lakh)

Year	Actual Expenditure (as per UCs)	State Share	Amount due from Gol	Gol Funds release	Cumulative Balance due
1	2	3	4	5	6
2012-13	525.47	0.00	525.47	435.83	89.64
2013-14	533.36	0.00	533.36 + 89.64	845.49	-200.81
2014-15	726.13	72.61	653.52	726.13	-72.61
2015-16 ² (Estimated)	629.75	62.98	566.77	472.61	94.16

UC for 2015-16 is yet to come.


Note 1: From 2014-15 with introduction of "Umbrella Scheme for Education of STs", state share is to be 10% of Annual liability/expenditure.

Note 2: Wherever wide variation in estimate is projected (State projection is Rs.1000.00 lakhs), average of last 2 years (UC) has been taken. This is subject to receipt of UC for 2015-16.

Note 3: Against col. 6-
(-) indicates funds already available with State Government out of GOI released earlier.
(+) indicates additional amount due from Government of India as on corresponding 1st April (taken from col. 6 of last year)

5. It is requested that arrangements may kindly be made to credit this amount to the State Governments in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Ministry of Finance OM No. 2(45)76-Spl.Cell dated 30-8-1976 and as modified vide OM of even number dated 16-09-1976 under intimation to this Ministry.

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6. The grants-in-aid are subject to following further conditions to be compiled with by the State Government: -

- (i) Release of funds will be on ad-hoc basis which is subject to adjustment towards future releases.
- (ii) The State Government will ensure that the arrear will be paid to beneficiaries who were not provided full scholarship as per the eligibility under the scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship.
- (iii) State Government will send Utilization Certificate for 2015-16 at the earliest to ascertain the actual expenditure incurred during 2015-16.
- (iv) The disbursement of arrear grant will be done with in the period of 3 months i.e. till 30th September, 2016 and separate utilization certificate in prescribed format will be submitted by State Government by 31st October, 2016, otherwise the arrear grant released will be adjusted towards further release for 2016-17.
- (v) 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.
- (vi) 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 as soon as possible (positively by 30/09/2016)
- (vii) In case further DBT is not possible, the arrear grant to the students may be disbursed at the earliest on the same pattern as the disbursement of the earlier grants 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.
- (viii) In so far as the beneficiaries of DBT districts are concerned, scholarship amount payable to them should be credited directly into their bank accounts. If the bank accounts are Aadhaar seeded this may be done through the Aadhaar Payment (APB), otherwise through NEFT etc. (when payment is not through DBT, disbursement should be made to eligible students through cheque.)
- (ix) 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.

7. You are requested to advise RBI, CAS, Nagpur for crediting the above mentioned amount to the account of the Government of Sikkim in accordance with procedure laid down in the Ministry of Finance's OM No. 2(45)/76-Spl Cell dated 30.8.1976 as modified by OM of even number dated 16.9.1976.

8. Diversion of funds and deviation from the norms of the scheme shall not be allowed.

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

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