

F.No.11015/4(21)/2016-Grant
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110115
Dated: 26.09.2016

To

The Pay & Accounts Officer,
Ministry of Tribal Affairs,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi-110115.

Subject: Grants under Proviso to Article 275(1) of Constitution during 2016-17 to the State of Sikkim on ad-hoc basis- 2nd installment (Grants-in-aid-General-Recurring).

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India for release of an amount of **Rs. 50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh only)**, as 2nd installment on ad-hoc basis to the Government of **Sikkim** towards Grant-in-aid-General for **Grants under Article 275(1) of Constitution** for the year 2016-17 against the allocation conveyed vide this Ministry's letter No.11015/01/2016-SG-I dated 20.06.2016.

2. The payment of **Rs. 50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh only)**, to the Government of Sikkim will be made by a draft in favour of Secretary, Department of Finance, Gangtok. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs will present a bill for **Rs. 50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh only)**, to the Pay & Accounts Officer, Ministry of Tribal Affairs to enable him to issue the Draft.

3. You may please transfer the amount immediately to the Government of **Sikkim** and advise RBI, CAS, Nagpur for crediting the above mentioned amount to the accounts of the State Government of **Sikkim** 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 UC is due for rendition.

5. The actual expenditure is to be incurred only after the Annual Plan of the concerned State is approved by the Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) in Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

6. The expenditure to the tune of **Rs. 50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh only)** is debitable to the :



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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.
02	-	Scheme under Proviso to Article 275(1) of the Constitution (Charged)
02.02.31	-	Grants-in-aid -General (Charged)
Demand No.	-	89 for 2016-17 of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs

7. The State Government will implement the projects within the amount released by the Ministry during 2016-17 and keeping in view the spirit of the provisions contained under Operational Guidelines for Inter-State allocation of funds and implementation of Programmes / Activities under Proviso to Article 275(1) of Constitution of India, issued by Ministry of Tribal Affairs vide this Ministry's letter NO. 11015/01/2016-SG-I dated 20.6.2016 and other relevant instructions issued from time to time.

8. Article 275(1) Grants is an additive to State Plan funds and efforts for Tribal Development. Funds under Article 275(1) Grants must be utilized for raising socio-economic level of Schedule Tribes commensurate with objectives enshrined in para 2.2 read with para 3.2 of revised guidelines dated 20.06.2016.

9. Article 275(1) Grants shall be utilized in primarily activities of non-recurring nature (including infrastructure and equipment with at least three years life time) shall be supported under Article 275(1) Grants. Fund for recurring component of such programmes / Schemes shall be borne by State funds / TSP allocation. Priority shall be accorded in accordance with the provision contained in para 6 of revised guidelines dated 20.06.2016. Major infrastructure sector, like road connectivity, electricity, drinking water, major irrigation projects, housing would not be funded under Article 275(1) Grants, as substantive part of State Plan funds go into these programmes.

10. Fund allocation for the programmes of ITDPs / ITDAs / MADA packets / Clusters / Dispersed tribals and Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) shall be done in accordance with provisions contained in para 5 of revised guidelines dated 20.06.2016.

11. It is pre-requisite to formulate specific schemes / programmes that have direct bearing on development of Schedule Tribes as suitable to their social, economic and ecological situation. Para 7, 8, 9 and 10 of revised guidelines especially provides for methodologies to be adopted for plan formulation, plan documentation and requirement for Critical deficit Areas. The proposals formulated by the State Government and submitted to this Ministry which conform requirements under revised Guidelines shall be taken up for appraisal and approval by MoTA Project Appraisal Committee (PAC).



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12. The State Government shall ensure that concerned Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) should be duly informed about the projects / Programmes relating to Tribal Development to be implemented in the area of jurisdiction.

13. 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.

14. The progress reports of every quarter should be furnished indicating the physical and financial progress as per prescribed format already circulated and revised from time to time. A Certificate of actual utilization of the grants received for the purpose for which it was received, may be furnished to the Ministry within 12 months of the closure of the financial year by the State Government.

15. This sanction issues in exercise of the delegated powers in consultation with Integrated Finance of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs vide their FTS No. No. **7607/JS&FA/2016 dated 26.09.2016.**

16. Certified that this sanction has been noted at S. No. ²⁵..... in the register of grants.

Yours faithfully,



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- 2) Accountant General, Sikkim, Gangtok.
- 3) Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok .
- 4) Secretary, Planning Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
- 5) Principal Secretary, Department of Social Justice, Empowerment & Welfare, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
- 6) Commissioner, Department of Social Justice, Empowerment & Welfare, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
- 7) Niti Aayog, Plan Coordination Division, Niti Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 8) Niti Aayog, BC Division, Niti Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 9) Niti Aayog, State Plan Division, Niti Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 10) The Principal Resident Commissioner, Government of Sikkim, Sikkim Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 11) Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure), PF-I Section, North Block, New Delhi.
- 12) National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, Lok Nayak, Bhawan, 5th Floor, New Delhi.
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