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 (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. 4,05,30,000/- (Rupees Four Crore Five Lakh Thirty Thousand Only), as 1st installment to the Government of Sikkim towards Grant-in-aid-General for Grants under Article 275(1) of Constitution for the year 2017-18 for the purpose mentioned below:

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<th>S. No.</th>
<th>Activity</th>
<th>No. of EMRSs</th>
<th>Tentative No. of Students</th>
<th>Funds approved (Rs. in lakh)</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>Recurring cost for existing EMRS (@ Rs. 42,000/- per student per annum)</td>
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2. The payment of Rs. 4,05,30,000/- (Rupees Four Crore Five Lakh Thirty Thousand 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. 4,05,30,000/- (Rupees Four Crore Five Lakh Thirty Thousand Only), to the Pay & Accounts Officer, Ministry of Tribal Affairs to enable him to issue the Draft.

3. No UC is due for rendition.

4. The expenditure to the tune of Rs 4,05,30,000/- (Rupees Four Crore Five Lakh Thirty Thousand Only), is debitable to the:

- Major Head ‘3601’ - Grants-in-aid to State Governments
- Sub-major Head 08 - Other Transfer/Grants to States
- Minor Head 796 - Tribal Area Sub-Plan
- 05 - Welfare of Scheduled Tribes – Grants under Proviso to Article 275 (1) of the Constitution.
- 01 - Grants under Proviso to Article 275(1) of the Constitution (Charged)
- 05.01.31 - Grants-in-aid -General (Charged)
- Demand No. - 96 for 2017-18 of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs

[Signature]

F.No.11015/05(21)/2017-Grant
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110115
Dated: 11.05.2017
5. The State Government will utilize the funds 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.

6. The State Government shall release the funds to concerned EMRS immediately. Further, the State Government shall ensure that funds are utilized for imparting quality education to the tribal students in EMRSs as stipulated in the EMRS Guidelines, 2010 after following due procedure in a transparent manner.

7. 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 immediately after closure of current financial year by the State Government.

8. This sanction issues in exercise of the delegated powers in consultation with Integrated Finance of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs vide their FTS No. 7607/JS&FA/2017 dated 04.05.2017.

9. Certified that this sanction has been noted at S. No. 18 in the register of grants.

Yours faithfully,

(Nadeem Ahmad)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
Tel: 23073708
Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1) Director of Audit, Central Revenues, AGCR Building, ITO, New Delhi.
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.
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.
13) JS(PPP)/DS (IFD)/Hindi Section / Sanction Folder/ NIC.

Yours faithfully,

(Nadeem Ahmad)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India