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

Sub: Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students studying in Classes IX & X - Release of Central Assistance to Govt. of Sikkim towards Arrear Grant for 2016-17 during the current financial year 2017-18.

Sir,

Sanction of the President of India is hereby convey to release an amount of Rs.20,59,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand only) to Govt. of Sikkim as towards Arrear Grant for 2016-17 under the Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students studying in Classes IX&X during current financial year 2017-18.

2. This sanction relates to Plan Expenditure and is in accordance with the pattern of assistance prescribed by Government of India and subject to the provision of General Financial Rules, 2017 as amended from time to time and any other instructions issued in this regard.

3. The expenditure is debitable to the Major Head Grant sub-head as indicated below and shall be met from Plan Budget for the year 2017-18:

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<td>No. 96</td>
<td>Ministry of Tribal Affairs</td>
<td>Major Head: 3601-Grants-in-aid to State Governments (Major Head), 06-Grants for Centrally Sponsored Schemes (Sub-Major Head), 796-Tribal Areas Sub Plan (Minor Head), 36-Umbrella Programme for Development of Scheduled Tribes: Tribal Education, 01-Pre-Matric Scholarship 36.01.31-Grant-in-aid General (Charged) under Demand No. 96, Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the year 2017-18.</td>
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4. It is requested that arrangements may kindly be made to credit this amount to the State Government 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.

5. Scholarships are payable to the ST according to the Guidelines of the Scheme. The State Government shall ensure that the Scholarship funds received
from the Government of India/Ministry of Tribal Affairs are released directly to the beneficiaries electronically as laid down in Union Ministry of Finance's Office Memorandum No. I-11011/58/2013-DBT dated 27/08/2015. A copy of the release order should be sent by email on edu-tribal@nic.in.

6. No UC is due for rendition.

7. The amount will be drawn by the Govt. of Sikkim in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure) O.M. No.1(9)/7/86-CA/1099 dated 30-01-1976 and as modified vide OM of even number dated 16-09-1976 under intimation to this Ministry.

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

9. Certified that this sanction has been noted at Sl. No. 05 in the register of grants-in-aid.

10. This sanction is being issued with the concurrence of Integrated Finance of this Ministry vide their Dy. No.3836/JS&FA/2017 dated 23/06/2017.

Yours faithfully,

(♦M.K.Jha♦)
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5. The Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok.
6. The Secretary, Planning Department, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok.
7. The Secretary, National Commission for STs, Lok Nayak Bhawan, N. Delhi.
8. Director of Audit, Central Revenues, I.P. Estate, New Delhi.
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