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 State Government of Sikkim towards 1st instalment for the year 2017-18 (ad hoc grant) during the year 2017-18.

Sir,

Sanction of the President of India is hereby conveyed to release an amount of Rs.5,13,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Thirteen Thousand only) to the State Government of Sikkim as 1st installment for the year 2017-18 (ad hoc grant) under the Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students studying in Classes IX & X during the year 2017-18.

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, 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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<th>Demand No.</th>
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<td>No. 96</td>
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<td>Major Head: 3601-Grants-in-aid to State Government (Major Head), 06-Grants for Centrally Sponsored Schemes (Sub-Major Head), 796-Tribal Areas Sub-Plan, 36 - Umbrella Programme for Development of Scheduled Tribes, Tribal Education, 01-Pre Matric Scholarship 36.01.31-Grants-in-aid General (Charged) under Demand No. 96, Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the year 2017-18.</td>
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4. 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 O.M. 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.

(MANJU KUMAR JHA)
Joint Secretary
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
5. The payment of Rs.5,13,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Thirteen Thousand only) to the Government of Sikkim will be made by a Bank Draft in favour of Secretary, Department of Finance, Gangtok. The Drawing & Disbursing Officer of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs will present a bill of Rs.5,13,000/- to the Pay & Accounts Officer, Ministry of Tribal Affairs to enable him to issue a Draft.

6. The amount will be drawn by the Government of Sikkim 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.

7. No utilization certificate is due for rendition.

8. Diversion of funds and deviation from the norms of the scheme shall not be allowed. State Government has no authority to divert the funds for other purpose.

9. Certified that this sanction has been noted at S. No. _____ in Register of grants.

10. This sanction is being issued with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division of this Ministry vide their Dy. No.3836/JS&FA/2018 dated 12.02.2018.

Yours faithfully,

(M. K. Jha)
Under Secretary to the Government of India
Tele # 011-23383726

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. The Accountant General, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok
2. The Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok
3. Secretary, Education Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok
4. Director, Tribal Welfare, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok
5. The Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok
6. The Secretary, Planning Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok
7. The Secretary, National Commission for STs, Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi
8. Director of Audit, Central Revenues, I.P. Estate, New Delhi
9. NITI Aayog, BC Division, New Delhi
10. Resident Commissioner, Government of Sikkim, Sikkim Bhawan, New Delhi
11. PS to JS(A), DS (Scholarship), US (IFD), Education Section’s Guard File, Spare copy
12. Director (NIC)—with a request to upload the sanction on Ministry’s website