To
The Pay & Accounts Officer,
Ministry of Tribal Affairs,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi-110001.

Subject: Grants under Proviso to Article 275(1) of Constitution during 2019-20 to the State Government of West Bengal (Creation of Capital Assets Non-Recurring).

Sir,

In continuation of this Ministry’s letter dated 25.09.2019, I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India for release of an amount of Rs. 15,21,92,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Crore Twenty-One Lakh Ninety-Two Thousand Only), to the Government of West Bengal towards Creation of Capital Assets (CCA) for Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution for the year 2019-20 to carry out the following activities approved in the PAC meeting held on 04.09.2019:

1. 1 Additional proposal und Grants under Article 275(1) for the year 2019-20:

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<th>Sl. No.</th>
<th>Activity</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Creation of Minor irrigation infrastructure; solar &amp; electric power interchangeable operated submersible pump to irrigate 10 to 15 acres of contiguous agri-land belonging to ST Small and marginal farmers. They will form water user group. The facility will be provided to such places having no irrigation facility and underground water extraction is permissible. Unit cost – Rs. 7.00 lakh X 350 units = Rs. 2450.00 lakh as per Minor Irrigation Department norms.</td>
<td>Alipurduar, Jalpaigui, DakshinDinajpur, Malda, PaschimMedinipur and Jhargram</td>
<td>2450.00</td>
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<td>At this point of time PAC approved 72 units @ Rs. 7.00 lakhs per unit amounting to total cost of 504.00 Lakh.</td>
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<td>2.1</td>
<td>Repair and Maintenance of existing building like Academic bldg., Hostel,</td>
<td>Jalpaiguri, Burdwan,</td>
<td>200.00</td>
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<td>The projects may be taken up as upgrading of EMRS.</td>
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<td>2.2</td>
<td>Construction of Addl. Classroom in 5 EMRSs (Requirement assessed as per CBSE guidelines) and for increasing capacity from 420 to 480 students per EMRS (all established before 2010).</td>
<td>Bankura, Purulia and Jhargram</td>
<td>400.00</td>
<td>400.00</td>
<td>For this year, cost of 1017.92 lakhs approved. The SG will ensure that the works should be aimed at getting CBSE affiliation for the schools</td>
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<td>2.3</td>
<td>Vertical extension of Hostel Buildings, both boys and girls, (Requirement assessed as per CBSE guidelines) for increasing capacity from 420 to 480 students per EMRS</td>
<td>1170.00</td>
<td>650.00</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Critical infrastructure development – last mile connectivity with Tribal Hamlets, Cause way, Culvert, Guard wall</td>
<td>Alipurduar, Jalpaiguri, Bankura, Purulia, Paschim Medinipur, Jhargram</td>
<td>500.00</td>
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<td>Approved in-principle.</td>
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<td>Administrative Cost</td>
<td>150.00</td>
<td>150.00</td>
<td>Approved in-principle.</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>4870.00</strong></td>
<td><strong>4350.00</strong></td>
<td>Approved an amount of Rs. <strong>1521.92 Lakh.</strong></td>
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**Summary of Release**

(Rs. in lakh)

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<td>A</td>
<td>Total Amount approved by PAC on 04.09.2019 for 2019-20</td>
<td>1521.92</td>
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<td>B</td>
<td>Amount concurred in by IFD for release at this stage</td>
<td>1521.92</td>
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<td>Amount being released under the head of Creation of Capital Assets (CCA)</td>
<td>1521.92</td>
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2. **No UC is due for rendition.**

3. **You may please transfer the amount immediately to the Government of West Bengal and advise RBI, CAS, Nagpur for crediting the above-mentioned amount to the accounts of the State Government of West Bengal 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. **The expenditure to the tune of Rs. 15,21,92,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Crore Twenty-One Lakh Ninety-Two 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
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. State Government shall ensure immediate transfer of funds to respective implementing agencies for implementation of activities to be approved by MoTA PAC / Competent Authority. Progress Reports of Grants under Article 275(1) of Constitution of India may be furnished in the format prescribed by MoTA. A Certificate of actual utilization of the grants received for the purpose, for which it has been sanctioned, is to be furnished to the Ministry as per provisions of General Financial Rules (GFR), 2017 amended from time to time.

7. 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.

8. Article 275(1) Grants shall be utilized primarily for activities of non-recurring nature (including infrastructure and equipment with at least three years life time). 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.
12. 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.


14. Certified that this sanction has been noted at S. No.35 in the register of grants.

Yours faithfully,

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

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2. Accountant General, West Bengal.
3. The Principal Secretary, ST/ SC Welfare Department, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata.
4. The Secretary, Finance Department, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata.
5. The Secretary, Planning Department, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata.
6. The Resident Commissioner, Government of West Bengal, West Bengal Bhawan, New Delhi.
7. The Commissioner, ST Welfare Department, Government of West Bengal Kolakata.
8. Niti Aayog, Plan Coordination, Niti Aayog, New Delhi.
10. Niti Aayog, SP Division, Niti Aayog., New Delhi.
11. Director, PF-I Section, Ministry of Finance (Deptt. of Expenditure), North Block, New Delhi.
12. The Secretary, National Commission for STs, Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi.
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