

F.No.11015/02(15)/2021-Grant

Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Jeevan Tara Building, New Delhi-110115

Dated: 28th March, 2021

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 2021-22 to the State of Meghalaya-(Grant-in-aid-General).

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India for release of an amount of **Rs. 8,19,00,000/- (Rupees Eight Crore and Nineteen Lakh Only)**, to the Government of **Meghalaya** towards Grant-in-aid-General (GGA) for **Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution** for the year 2020-21 to carry out the following activities approved/finalized by PAC in its meeting dated 13.10.2021 and 17.03.2022:

Committed Liability:

(Rs in lakh)

S. No.	Activity	Location	Amount proposed	Amount approved	Remarks
1	Sounds & Lights at Shillong International Centre for Performing Arts	Shillong	445.60	445.60	PAC had observed in the meeting held on 13.10.2021 that this activity was approved as new project during the year 2019-20, at the total cost of Rs. 1285.00 lakh. Details of utilization both physical and financial need to be submitted.

Present status: -As per the information submitted by State, against the approval of RS 1285.0 for the said activity they have received and utilized an amount of ₹ 839.40. State to ensure the estimates is approved by Competent authority as per DFPR and work is executed by Govt. Agency following transparency procedure.

2	Development of Eco & Wellness Resort at Nokrek	Nokrek	431.34	431.34	As per comments below-
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PAC had observed in the meeting held on 13.10.2021 that this activity was approved as new proposal during the year 2019-20 under **SCA to TSS**, at a cost of Rs. 1442.00 and released amount is Rs. 822.66 lakh. Balance was to be approved subsequently and State was to provide concept note detailing therein ownership of the resort, maintenance arrangement, arrangement for bearing recurring cost, land availability certificate, regarding cost estimate as per SoR, environment and other clearances. Etc

Present status: As required by the PAC, the state vide D.O. letter No. PLR.12/2022/182 dated 04.03.2022 has submitted that the resort shall be owned by Directorate of Tourism, Govt of Meghalaya. The estimate is prepared as per State schedule rates and environment and other clearances have been obtained. PAC approved an amount of Rs. 431.34 lakh against the committed liability

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New projects

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S. No.	Activity	Location	Amount proposed	Amount approved	Remarks
3	Construction of Shiitake Mushroom production and Training Unit at Mushroom Development Centre, Upper Shillong.	Upper Shillong	291.00	162.29	As per comments below: -
4	Establishment of Tissue Culture Unit in Meghalaya	Meghalaya	250.00	100.00	
PAC had In-principle approved the project in the meeting held on 13.10.2021 and had asked for certain details. The state has submitted necessary details vide D.O. letter No. PLR.12/2022/182 dated 04.03.2022 along with cost-benefit analysis. State submitted that Proper linkages will be established once it become functional. Also submitted the Physical progress reports that it is expected to produce 405 Mt of shiitake mushroom for 3 years, each block is expected to yield 800-900 grams of fresh shiitake mushroom. etc with around 500 beneficiaries. All the details have been submitted by state. Hence PAC approves the proposal amount to RS 162.29 lakhs.					
5	Establishment of Fish Seed Hatcheries in all the 11 (eleven) districts of Meghalaya	11 (eleven) districts of Meghalaya	136.00	100.00	Approved, subject to the condition that work is executed by State Government Department for livelihood benefits of Tribals.
6	Up-gradation of Tyrsad Sub Centre to Primary Health Centre	Tyrsad	669.80	356.02	PAC observed that this activity was approved as new proposal during the year 2020-21 at the cost of Rs 848.73 lakh but total fund release during the year was RS 492.71 lakhs due to pending UC. PAC approved the balance amount i.e. (848.73-492.71).
			Total	1595.25	

Summary of Release

(Rs. in lakh)

A	Total Amount approved for released during 2021-22	1595.25
B	Amount to be released now under the head of Creation of Capital Assets	776.25
C	Amount being released now under the head of Grant-in-aid-General	819.00


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2. You may please transfer the amount immediately to the Government of **Meghalaya** and advise RBI, CAS, Nagpur for crediting the above-mentioned amount to the accounts of the State Government of **Meghalaya** 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 TSS Division of the Ministry.

3. No UC is due for rendition.

4. The expenditure to the tune of **Rs. 8,19,00,000/- (Rupees Eight Crore and Nineteen Lakh Only)**, is debitabale 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	-	Grant-in-aid General (Voted)
Demand No.	-	99 for 2021-22 of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs

5. The State Government will implement the projects within the amount released by the Ministry during 2021-22 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.

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. 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.

9. 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 the financial year by the State Government.


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10. This sanction issues in exercise of the delegated powers in consultation with Integrated Finance of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs vide their FTS No. 19569/JS&FA/2021 dated 25.03.2022.

11. Certified that this sanction has been noted at S. No. 22 in the register of grants.

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4. Commissioner, Tribal Welfare Deptt., Government of Meghalaya ,Shillong
5. Niti Aayog, Plan Coordination Division, Niti Bhawan, New Delhi
8. The Resident Commissioner, Government of Meghalaya, Meghalaya Bhawan, New Delhi.
9. Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure), PF-I Section, North Block, New Delhi.
10. National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, Lok Nayak, Shawan, 5th Floor, New Delhi.
11. Director of Audit, Central Revenues, AGCR Building, ITO, New Delhi
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