To

The Pay & Accounts Officer,
Ministry of Tribal Affairs,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi -110 001

Subject: Release of Rs.1,60,00,000/- (Rupees One crore and Sixty lakh only) as Grant-in-aid to the Gujarat State Forest Development Corporation Ltd. through G/o Gujarat, for the year 2012-13 under the scheme ‘G-i-A to STDCCs for MFP Operations’.

Sir,

Sanction of the President of India is hereby conveyed to the release of Rs.1,60,00,000/- (Rupees One crore and Sixty lakh only) as Grants-in-Aid (Revenue; Plan; Non-Recurring) to the Government of Gujarat for releasing the said Grants to the Gujarat State Forest Development Corporation Ltd. under the Central Sector Plan Scheme “Grants-in-Aid, to State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations (STDCCs) etc. for Minor Forest Produce (MFP) Operations” for the financial year 2012-13 for the use of the said Corporation/Federation for MFP Operations.

2. The Grants-in-aid will be regulated in accordance with the provisions contained in the Scheme ‘Grants-in-Aid to State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations (STDCCs) etc. for Minor Forest Produce (MFP) Operations’ as circulated vide Ministry of Welfare letter No. 20012/10/92-TDB dated 25.11.1992 (copy enclosed). However, the Grants shall not be used for (i) strengthening the Share Capital base of the said Corporation/Federation or (ii) giving consumption loans to tribals.

3. The Grants-in-aid is also subject to the Chapter 9 of the General Financial Rules, 2005 (GFRs), as amended from time to time, read with the Government of India’s decisions incorporated there-under, and any other guidelines which may be issued in this regard, and in particular to the following conditions:-

i) All relevant information and documents/certificates as required under GFR-209 have been received.

ii) Certified that the pattern of assistance of rules governing such grants-in-aid have received the approval of the Ministry of Finance, as required under Govt. of India Decision No.(1) under DFPR-Rule 20.
iii) The terms and conditions of the service of the employees employed in the Gujarat State Forest Development Corporation Ltd. are by and large not higher than those applicable to similar categories of employees of Central Government and any exceptional case relaxation of Ministry of Finance have been obtained as required under GFR 209 (6) (iv) (a).

iv) Assets acquired wholly or substantially out of Government Grants shall not be disposed off without obtaining the prior approval of the sanctioning authority of Grant-in-aid.

v) The Gujarat State Forest Development Corporation Ltd. agrees to make reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes or OBC in the posts or services under its control on the lines indicated by Govt. of India.

vi) The accounts of the Gujarat State Forest Development Corporation Ltd. shall be audited by the Comptroller & Auditor-General of India (C&AG) or by any person authorized by him on his behalf in accordance with the provisions laid down in Section 14 of the C&AG (Duties, Powers & Conditions of Service) Act, 1971 as amended from time to time.

vii) The accounts of the Gujarat State Forest Development Corporation Ltd. shall be open for inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India under the provisions of C&AG (DPC) Act, 1971 and Internal Audit by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry or Department whenever it is called upon to do so.

viii) The Gujarat State Forest Development Corporation Ltd. should furnish their Performance-cum-Achievement Report on or before 30.9.2013 to the sanctioning Authority.

ix) The Gujarat State Forest Development Corporation Ltd. will spend the Grants-in-aid exclusively in pursuance of the objectives envisaged in its rules/memorandum and for the purpose it is being sanctioned.

x) Grants-in-aid to the Gujarat State Forest Development Corporation Ltd. is subject to the economy instructions issued from time to time by the Ministry of Finance or by the Competent Authority.

xi) The Gujarat State Forest Development Corporation Ltd. has no utilization certificates as due for rendition under the rules.

xii) In the event of the Gujarat State Forest Development Corporation Ltd. failing to comply with the conditions, the State Government shall be liable to refund to the sanctioning authority the whole of the amount of the grant with interest at 10% per annum thereon.

xiii) The Gujarat State Forest Development Corporation Ltd. will maintain and will present their annual accounts in the standard format as required under GFR-209 (xiii)
xiv) The Gujarat State Forest Development Corporation Ltd. will maintain subsidiary accounts of the Govt. grant as required under GFR-210.

4. The Gujarat State Forest Development Corporation Ltd. should submit the utilization certificate within 12 months from the closure of financial year, i.e. by 31.3.2014 at the latest, duly certified by a Chartered Accountant, along with progress report and audited statement of accounts.

5. The Expenditure involved will be met from within the Sanctioned Budget Grant of Ministry of Tribal Affairs as under:

| Major Head | 3601 - Grants-in-aid to State Governments |
| Sub Major Head | 03 - Grants for Central Plan Schemes |
| Minor Head | 796 - Scheduled Tribe Sub Plans |
| 08 - Welfare of Scheduled Tribes - Education |
| 01-Grants-in-aid to State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations for Minor Forest Produce |
| 08.01.31 - Grants-in-aid General (charged) |

under the Demand No. 95, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, for the financial year 2012-13.

6. P&AO may kindly advise RBI, CAS, Nagpur for crediting the aforesaid amount to the account of the Government of Gujarat in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Ministry of Finance O.M. No. 2(45)/SPL dated 30.8.1976 as modified by O.M. of even number dated 16.9.1976, under intimation to Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

7. This sanction issues with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division of Ministry of Tribal Affairs vide their Dy. No. Dy. No.393/JS&FA/12 dated 14.9.2012.

8. Certified that this sanction has been noted at Sl. No. 9 in the Register of Grants.

Yours faithfully,

(S. Das)
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India
Telfax 2618 2814

Endt. No. 2/9/2012-CP&R

Dated 20.9.2012

Copies to:

(1) The Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar.

(2) The Secretary, Finance, Deptt. Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar. - with a request to release the funds immediately to Gujarat State Forest Development Corporation Ltd.- through the Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar.

(4) The Managing Director, TRIFED, 2nd Floor, NCUJ Building, 3, Sira Institutional Area, August Kranti Marg, New Delhi-110 016

(5) The Chairperson & MD, NSTFDC, NBCC Tower, Bhikaii Cama Place, New Delhi.

(6) The Secretary, Planning Department, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar.

(7) The Comptroller & Auditor General of India, New Delhi


(9) The Director of Audit, Central Revenue, AGCR Building, New Delhi

(10) The Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, North Block, New Delhi

(11) The Planning Commission (BC Division), Plan Coordination, Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi

(12) CCA, Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

(13) The Drawing & Disbursing Officer, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi.

(14) PS to JS & FA (TA)/DS (Fin)/DS(CP&R)

(15) Sanction order folder

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