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

Subject: Special Central Assistance for Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA to TSP) for 2013-14 to the State of Assam - sanction of 1st installment. (Capital Grant-Non-Recurring)

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to the grant of Rs. 1,322.50 lakh to the Government of Assam towards Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub plan (SCA to TSP) for the year 2013-14 and to the release of an amount of Rs. 9,91,87,500 (Rupees nine crore ninety one lakh eighty seven thousand five hundred only) for undertaking activities mentioned in para 4 below, as 1st installment of grants for creation of capital assets for 2013-14.

2. You may please transfer the amount immediately to the Government of Assam and advise RBI, CAS, Nagpur for crediting the above mentioned amount to the accounts of the State Government of Assam 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.

3. Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA to TSP) is an additive to the Tribal Sub-Plan of the State. SCA to TSP is meant for filling up of the critical gaps to cover employment-cum-income generation activities and the infrastructure incidental thereto of family based and these of the Self-Help Groups/community and thus, raise the socio-economic level of the Schedule Tribes. The funds are to be expended in accordance with the revised guidelines issued by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs vide No. 14020/5/2003-SG&C dated 02.05.2003 alongwith amendment dated 15.04.2005.
4. Para III (x) of the guidelines provides that before sanctioning the SCA to TSP, it is pre-requisite to formulate specific schemes/programmes that have a direct bearing on the economic development of Schedule Tribes as suitable to their social, economic and ecological situation. This provision has since been further modified in a limited way, vide DO letter No. 14020/2/08-SG-I dated 30-01-2008. The proposals formulated by the State Government and submitted to this Ministry which conform to this requirement shall be taken up for implementation. The State Government has submitted proposals vide its letter No. TAD/BC/209/2013/51, dated 19.07.2013 and the details of the activities approved for funding under this sanction, along with amount approved for release is as 1st Installment as follows:

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<th>Sl. No</th>
<th>Activities (Non-Recurring)</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Providing modern Agri implements &amp; accessories to large Group of ST(P) SHGs (at least 20 members)</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Providing modern Agri implements &amp; accessories to small Group of ST(P) farmers &amp; SHGs (at least 5 members)</td>
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1st installment for 2013-14=Rs. 991.875 lakh

5. No UC is due for rendition for the funds released up to 2011-12.

6. The State Government is required to take action to transfer the funds received to respective ITDPs/agencies. The amount meant for the programmes of MADA, Clusters, Dispersed tribals and Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) are to be spent in proportion to the ST population under each programme as provided in part III of the guidelines of SCA to TSP. No part of the SCA should be released directly to any Department at the State level. However, transfer of funds to implementing departments/agencies, if required, should be done through the ITDPs.

7. State Government is to ensure release of funds to ITDPs/implementing agencies within one month of receipt of funds. Progress Reports of the SCA to TSP may be furnished to the Ministry in the prescribed format already circulated along with the guidelines. 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 within 12 months as per provisions of the GFR.

8. The State Government has to ensure that the 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.