To
The Pay and Accounts Officer,
Ministry of Tribal Affairs,
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.


Sir,

I am directed to refer to Letter No. SW/GIA/GOI/3/2013 dated 01.01.2014 from the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, Social Welfare Department and to convey the sanction of the President of India for Grants-in-aid of Rs.40,35,911/- (Rupees Forty Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eleven only) towards full & final installment for the year 2012-13 and 2013-14 on reimbursement basis during the current financial year 2014-15 after adjusting unspent balance of Rs. Nil to Himalayan Buddhist Cultural Society, Gulabgarh, Paddar, Jammu & Kashmir for maintenance & running of ongoing project of Residential School for 140 ST Students. The details of expenditure are enclosed as Annexure-I. No utilisation certificate is due for rendition.

2. Since the grant has been sanctioned by way of reimbursement of expenditure already incurred on the basis of duly audited accounts, no UC is required in respect of sanctioned amount in terms of Note I of Rule No. 212(1) of GFR.

3. The accounts of all grantee Institutions/organisations shall be open to inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India under the provision of CAG (DPC) Act 1971 and internal audit by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry or Department, whenever the Institution or organization is called to do so.

4. The members of the executive committee of the grantee organisation should execute bonds in a prescribed format that they themselves jointly and severally:

   i) abide by the conditions of the grants-in-aid by the target dates, if any, specified therein; and
   
   ii) utilize the grants for the purpose for which it has been sanctioned and not divert the grants or entrust execution of the project to any other Institution(s) or Organisation(s); and

   iii) abide by any other conditions specified in the agreement governing the grants-in-aid.
In the event of the grantee organization failing to comply with the conditions or committing breach of the conditions of the bond, the signatories to the bond shall be jointly and severally liable to refund to the President of India, the whole or a part amount of the grant with interest at ten percent per annum thereon or the sum specified under the bond.

5. The grantee institutions/organizations shall observe the reservations for Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Class persons in posts and services under its control on the lines indicated by the Government of India.

6. Institutions/organizations receiving grants should, irrespective of the amount involved, be required to maintain subsidiary accounts of the Government grant and furnish to the Accounts Officer a set of audited statement of accounts. These audited statements of accounts should be required to be furnished after utilization of the grants-in-aid or whenever called for.

7. The accounts of the organisation shall be audited from Chartered Accountants of its own choice.

8. The grantee organisation has submitted utilisation certificate of the earlier grant and no utilisation certificate is pending against the grantee organisation under the scheme.

9. Utilisation certificate in the prescribed form under GFR-19A duly signed by the competent authority relating to previous grants is enclosed herewith.

10. **Refund of Unspent Balance:** The Unspent balance, if any, will be surrendered to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

11. **Recurring Grant:** The Unspent Balance from this grant/installment will be adjusted from the subsequent grant.

12. **Salary of Staff:** Salary/honorarium of staff involved in implementation of the project is to be paid through cheque/bank only.

13. Other payments with regard to implementation of the project of Rs.10,000/- and above, is to be made through cheques by the implementing agency.

14. The grants-in-aid sanctioned under the scheme is subject fulfillment of following conditions, and the terms & conditions laid down under the scheme, by the Voluntary Organisation(VO)/Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO):

   (a) That the organisation which intends to receive the Grant-in-aid under the Scheme, will fulfill the eligibility criteria as specified in para 2 of the scheme.

   (b) The grants can not be claimed as a matter of right, it depends on sole discretion of Government of India depending on the merit of the project.

   (c) An amount of at least 10% of the total approved expenditure shall be contributed by the Organization from its own resources (if applicable), as soon as the grant from this Ministry is received in their bank account.

   (d) That the organisation will confirm in writing to the effect at the beginning of each financial year that the conditions contained in this document and as revised from time to time for the implementation of this scheme are acceptable to it.
That the Organization will also execute a bond on Non-judicial Stamp Paper of Rs.20/- in favour of the President of India to the effect that it will abide by terms and conditions attached to the grant and as revised from time to time and that in case of its failure to abide by the same, it will refund to the Government the total Grant-in-aid sanctioned to it for the purpose with interest accrued thereon and shall be liable for criminal action as per law.

That the organisation will make reservations for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, etc. in the posts/services under their control on the lines of the instructions issued by the Government of India and as amended from time to time.

That the Ministry shall not be liable for any kind of payment to the temporary/regular employees appointed by the organisation for running the project.

That the organization shall maintain a separate account in a nationalized/scheduled Bank in respect of this grant. All receipts and payments involving Rs.10,000/- and above of the grantee institution must be through cheques only. The grantee institutions are required to submit, at the time of seeking grant for continuation of the project, a copy of bank pass book indicating all transactions made in connection with the running of the sanctioned project. The accounts will remain open for inspection by representatives/officers from the office of Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Government of India, or concerned State Government at any time. The organization shall have the accounts of the grant-in-aid audited either by Govt. Auditor or Chartered Accountant and supply a copy of the following audited accounts, together with Utilisation Certificate, to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs latest by first week of July month every year:-

i. the receipt and payment account of grant-in-aid in question for the year.
ii. the income and expenditure accounts of grant-in-aid in question for the year.
iii. the balance sheet, indicating assets and liabilities from the grant-in-aid in question.
iv. the utilisation certificate in prescribed format as per General Financial Rules along with the item-wise break-up.
v. the audited accounts of the organisation as a whole for the year.

The organisation shall submit performance-cum-achievement report(s) every six months on the project for which it received Grants-in-aid in the prescribed format.

That the facilities to be extended with the help of the Grant-in-aid will be available for the welfare of all STs irrespective of creed, religion, colour etc.

The organization will not obtain grant for the same purpose/project from any other source, including Government sources. In case, it receives grant for the same project from other sources also, the same will be intimated to Ministry of Tribal Affairs immediately after receipt with proper reference.

The organization will utilize the grants for the purpose it has been sanctioned, and not divert Grant-in-aid or entrust the execution of the project for which grant-in-aid is sanctioned, to another organization or institution.

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(m) That if the Government is not satisfied with the progress of the project or considers that the guidelines of the scheme, terms & conditions of the sanction, etc. are being violated, it reserves the right to terminate the Grant-in-aid with immediate effect and also take such other actions as it deems fit with or without prior notice.

(n) At the time of renewal of the project any unspent balance out of this grant shall be adjusted by the Ministry in the subsequent admissible grants due.

(o) No asset acquired wholly or substantially out of this Grant-in-aid will be disposed off or encumbered and or otherwise utilized for any purpose other than that for which sanctioned.

(p) The organization shall maintain a register as per GFR 19 of permanent and semi-permanent assets acquired wholly or in part out of this grant-in-aid. This register shall remain open for inspection to officials from the office of Controller and Auditor General of India, Government of India/State Government/Union Territories. The register shall be maintained separately in respect of this grant and a copy thereof furnished to the Ministry, along with the audited accounts.

(q) The release of the last instalment of the annual grants will be conditional upon the grantee institutions to provide reasonable evidence or proper utilization of instalment released earlier during the year.

(r) The Voluntary Organisation should liaise with District Administration for convergence of other existing services for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes. It should also maintain contact and seek cooperation of local Panchayati Raj Institutions. It should also have institutional arrangements for seeking community participation.

(s) In respect of Voluntary Organizations assisted for running educational institutions like residential schools, non-residential schools etc., the organisation shall make efforts for recognition of school/courses by State Governments.

(t) Provisions of General Financial Rule 150(2)(a) would be applicable where the voluntary organization are being provided assistance for the prescribed amount.

(u) The organization shall appropriately display the boards that should be erected at the project site indicating that the organization is running under the aegis of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.

(v) The organisation shall ensure annual inspection of the project within the first quarter of the financial year in the prescribed format from the District Collector/district authorities.

(w) The purchase of non-recurring items i.e. furniture etc. should be made only from authorized dealers at competitive prices and subject to vouchers being produced for inspection.
(x) That the organisation shall ensure the quarterly check on the quality of food being provided (if applicable) by the State Health Department/Food Department.

(y) That the organisation shall not charge any fees from the beneficiaries.

(z) In case of new projects, the organisation shall intimate this Ministry and the State Tribal Welfare Department about the date of commencement of project and that should be within 15 days from the receipt of funds by the organisation in their bank account.

(aa) The organisation shall not profess or promote any religious/communal/fundamentalist/divisive beliefs or doctrines with these grants.

(bb) In the event of a Court Case, the organisation shall not be entitled to any grant-in-aid till the matter is pending in the Court of Law; the Ministry shall not be responsible for any legal/intellectual/contractual disputes between VO/NGO and a third party. By accepting the grant, the recipient accepts this condition.

(cc) For all disputes involving Ministry of Tribal Affairs with regard to release of grants, the jurisdiction of the Courts will be Delhi.

(dd) The organisation shall abide by all the aforesaid terms & conditions, guidelines of the scheme, provisions of GFRs, and any subsequent revision/changes therein.

15. The Drawing and Disbursing officer of this Ministry is authorized to draw an amount of Rs.40,35,911/- (Rupees Forty Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eleven only) for disbursement to the grantee institution towards full & final instalment of sanctioned grant-in-aid for the year 2012-13 and 2013-14 as reimbursement of expenditure during the financial year 2014-15 through electronic mode of transfer to Himalayan Buddhist Cultural Society Gulabgarh Paddar in Account No. 015404010000185 in the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited Paddar, RTGS Code JAKAOPADDAR.

The expenditure is debitable to the Demand No. 97 Ministry of Tribal Affairs Major Head “2225” Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes and Minorities: 02-Welfare of Scheduled Tribes (Sub-Major Head), 796- Tribal Area Sub Plans (Minor Head), 09 – Welfare of Scheduled Tribes- Other Expenditure, 05-Grant-in-aid to NGOs for STs including Coaching and Allied Scheme and Award for exemplary service: 09.05.31 Grants-in-Aid General (Plan) for the year 2014-2015.

16. The sanction is issued with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division communicated vide their Dy.No. 3687/JS&FA/2014 dated 29/08/2014. The pattern of assistance of rule governing grant-in-aid has received the approval of the Ministry of Finance.

17. Certified that this sanction has been noted at SL.No. 47 in the register of grant.

Yours faithfully,

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Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Govt. of India, New Delhi
Copy for information and necessary action:

1. The Secretary, Himalayan Buddhist Cultural Society, Gulabgarh, Paddar, Jammu & Kashmir
2. The Director of Audit, Central Revenues, I.P. Estate, New Delhi.
3. The Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir (with the request to inspect the organization and submit the Inspection Report with 6 months)
4. The Director, Tribal Research Institute, Government of J&K.
5. The Deputy Commissioner, District Doda, J&K
6. The District Tribal Welfare Officer, District Doda, J&K
8. Bill Copy/Sanction Folder.
10. Director Tribal Research Institute, Govt, of Jammu & Kashmir.
11. The Director, NIC, Ministry of Tribal Affairs with request to post this sanction letter on the website of the Ministry for at least three months.
12. PPS to Secretary (TA)
13. Auditor General, Accountant General Office, Govt. of J&K, Jammu

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