F.No.11015/08/2016-TSP  
Government of India  
Ministry of Tribal Affairs  

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110115  
Dated: 27.06.2016

To

The Pay & Accounts Officer,  
Ministry of Tribal Affairs,  
Shastri Bhawan,  
New Delhi-110115.

Subject: Special Central Assistance for Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA to TSP) during 2016-17 to the State of Sikkim on ad-hoc basis- 1st installment (General-Recurring).

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India for release of an amount of **Rs. 1,00,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore only)** as 1st installment on ad-hoc basis to the Government of Sikkim towards General Grants under Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA to TSP) for the year 2016-17 against the allocation stipulated in Annexure 3 of revised Guidelines issued by Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) vide letter No. F. No. 11015 / 06 / 2016 – SG – II dated 17.06.2016.

2. The payment of **Rs. 1,00,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore only)** to the Government of Sikkim will be made by a Draft in favour of Secretary, Department of Finance, Gangtok. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs will present a bill for **Rs. 1,00,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore only)** to the Pay & Accounts Officer, Ministry of Tribal Affairs to enable him to issue the Draft.

3. Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA to TSP) is an additive to State Plan funds and efforts for Tribal Development. Funds under SCA to TSP must be utilized for raising socio-economic level of Schedule Tribes commensurate with objectives enshrined in para 1.2 read with para 2.3 of revised guidelines dated 17.06.2016.

4. Primarily activities of non-recurring nature (including infrastructure and equipment with at least three years life time) shall be supported under SCA to TSP. Fund for recurring component of such programmes / schemes shall be borne by State funds / TSP allocation. Priority shall be accorded in accordance with the provisions contained in para 5 of revised guidelines dated 17.06.2016. Major infrastructure sector, like road connectivity, electricity, drinking water, major irrigation projects, housing would not be funded under SCA, as substantive part of State Plan funds go into these programmes.

5. Fund allocation for the programmes of ITDPs / ITDAs / MADA Pockets / Clusters / Dispersed tribals and Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) shall be
done in accordance with provisions contained in para 4 of revised Guidelines dated 17.06.2016.

6. It is pre-requisite to formulate specific schemes / programmes that have direct bearing on development of Schedule Tribes as suitable to their social, economic and ecological situation. para 5.4.2 of revised guidelines especially provides for methodologies to be adopted for plan formulation, plan documentation and SCA requirement for Critical Deficit Areas. The proposals formulated by the State Government and submitted to this Ministry which conform requirements under revised Guidelines shall be taken up for appraisal and approval by MoTA Project Appraisal Committee (PAC).

7. State Government is required to take immediate action to put in place robust institutional arrangements as stipulated in para 5.4.2 (iv) to ensure timely plan formulation and effective implementation of programmes under SCA to TSP.

8. State Government shall ensure immediate transfer of funds to respective implementing agencies for implementation of activities approved by MoTA PAC. Progress Reports of SCA to TSP 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 within 12 months as per provisions of General Financial Rules (GFR), 2005 amended from time to time.

09. 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.

10. 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. State Government shall also ensure that meetings of Gram Sabha are conducted on regular interval as per norms in such areas.

11. The amount of funds being released to the State would be spent by the State as per Annual Plan to be approved by MoTA Project Appraisal Committee (PAC).

12. No UC is due for rendition.

13. The expenditure to the tune of Rs. 1,00,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore only) is debitable to the :

   Major Head ‘3601’ - Grants-in-aid to State Governments
   Sub-major Head 02 - Grants for State Plan Schemes
   Minor Head 796 - Tribal Area Sub-Plan
   02 - Welfare of Scheduled Tribes – Grants under Proviso
to Article 275 (1) of the Constitution.
   01 - Scheme under Tribal Sub-Plan (Charged)
   02.01.31 - Grants-in-aid-General (Charged)
   Demand No. - 89 for 2016-17 of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs

[Signature]
14. This sanction issues in exercise of the delegated powers in consultation with Integrated Finance Division vide Diary No. 7605/JS & FA/2016 Dated 24.06.2016

15. Certified that this sanction has been noted at Sl.No. in the Register of Grant.

Yours faithfully,

(Nadeem Ahmad)
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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1) Director of Audit, Central Revenues, AGCR Building, ITO, New Delhi.
2) Accountant General, Sikkim, Gangtok.
3) Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
4) Secretary, Planning Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
5) Principal Secretary, Department of Social Justice, Empowerment & Welfare, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
7) Niti Aayog, Plan Coordination Division, Niti Bhawan, New Delhi.
8) Niti Aayog, BC Division, Niti Bhawan, New Delhi.
9) Niti Aayog, State Plan Division, Niti Bhawan, New Delhi.
10) The Principal Resident Commissioner, Government of Sikkim, Sikkim Bhawan, New Delhi.
11) Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure), PF-I Section, North Block, New Delhi.
12) National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, Lok Nayak, Bhawan, 5th Floor, New Delhi.
13) DS(IFD)/Hindi Section/Sanction folder.

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