No. 20015/20/2012-Education
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
[Education Section]
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
Dated the 18th November, 2016

To

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

Sub: Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students studying in Classes IX & X - release of Central Assistance to State Government of Kerala towards arrears for current five-year plan period (2012-13 onwards) during the year 2016-17.

Sir,

Sanction of the President of India is hereby conveyed to release an amount of ₹4,88,25,000.00 (Rupees Four Crore Eighty Eight Lakh Twenty Five Thousand only) to the State Government of Kerala towards arrears for current five-year plan period (2012-13 onwards) during the year 2016-17 under the Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students studying in Classes IX & X. The details of expenditure are given below:

Year | Total Expenditure | State Share | Amount due from GoI | G.o.I. Funds release | Cumulative Balance due (in Rs. lakhs)
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2012-13 | 245.00 | 0.00 | 245.00 | 57.00 | 188.00
2013-14 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 188.00
2014-15 | 395.56 | 98.89 | 296.67 | 0.00 | 484.67
2015-16 | 404.78 | 101.19 | 303.58 | 300.00 | 488.25

* From 2014-15 with introduction of "Umbrella Scheme for Education of STs", state share is to be 25% of Annual liability/expenditure.

2. This sanction relates to Plan Expenditure and is in accordance with the pattern of assistance prescribed by the Planning Commission and subject to the provision of General Financial Rules, 2005 as amended from time to time and any other instructions issued in this regard.
3. The expenditure is debitable to the Major Head Grant, sub-head as indicated below and shall be met from Plan Budget for the year 2016-17:

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<td>3601-Grants-in-aid to State Governments (Major Head), 02-Grants for State Plan Schemes (Sub-Major Head), 796-Tribal Areas Sub-Plan, 65-Umbrella Scheme for Development of STs: Tribal Education, 01-Umbrella Scheme for Education of ST Children, 65.01.31-Grants-in-aid General (Charged) for the year 2016-17.</td>
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4. It is requested that arrangements may kindly be made to credit this amount to the State Governments in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Ministry of Finance OM No. 2(45)76-Spl.Cell dated 30-8-1976 and as modified vide OM of even number dated 16-09-1976 under intimation to this Ministry.

5. The grants-in-aid are subject to following further conditions to be compiled with by the State Government:

(i) The State Government will ensure that the arrear is being paid to beneficiaries as per the eligibility under the scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship.

(ii) The disbursement of arrear grant will be done with in the period of 3 months i.e. till 31st December, 2016 and separate utilization certificate in prescribed format will be submitted by State Government by March, 2017.

(iii) The State Government will release this amount to the disbursing agencies in the State within one month of release by the Government of India and a copy of the State Govt. sanction should be endorsed to Ministry of Tribal Affairs without fail.

(iv) The District Tribal Welfare Officer or any other Officer with a different designation, who is in-charge of disbursement of scholarship, will ensure that the scholarships are disbursed by the schools/colleges/institutions as soon as possible.

(v) In so far as the beneficiaries of DBT districts are concerned, scholarship amount payable to them should be credited directly into their bank accounts. If the bank accounts are Aadhaar seeded this may be done through the Aadhaar Payment (APB), otherwise through NEFT etc. (when payment is not through DBT, disbursement should be made to eligible students through cheque.)

(vi) Any unspent amount shall not be carried forward for expenditure and it should be surrendered to the Central Government as per instructions contained in the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance O.M. No. G-26305/1/77-MFCGA dated 4th June 1977.

6. You are requested to advise RBI, CAS, Nagpur for crediting the above mentioned amount to the account of the Government of Kerala in accordance with procedure laid down in the Ministry of Finance’s OM No. 2(45)/76-Spl Cell dated 30.8.1976 as modified by OM of even number dated 16.9.1976.

(Signature)

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Government of India, New Delhi
7. Diversion of funds and deviation from the norms of the scheme shall not be allowed.

8. The conditions of eligibility, including inter-alia the condition of maximum prescribed income ceiling of parents must be followed.

9. The State Government may please acknowledge the receipt of this letter and report the expenditure incurred every Quarter.

10. As arrear grants for current five-year plan period (2012-13 onwards) during the year 2016-17 to the State Govt. of Kerala is being released now, disbursement of this instalment of scholarship should be done at the earliest and a separate Utilization Certificate shall be submitted to this Ministry immediately after the disbursement of scholarship.

11. Certified that this sanction has been noted at Sl. No.29 in the register of Grants-in-aid.

12. This sanction is being issued with the concurrence of Integrated Finance of this Ministry vide their Dy. No. 2370/JSS&FA/16 dated 17/11/2016.

Yours faithfully,

B. Sasmal
Director (Education)

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. The Accountant General, Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
2. Commissioner-cum-Secretary, ST & SC Development Department, Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
3. Secretary, Education Department, Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
4. The Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
5. The Secretary, Planning Department, Govt. of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
6. The Secretary, National Commission for STs, Lok Nayak Bhawan, N. Delhi.
7. Director of Audit, Central Revenues, I.P. Estate, New Delhi.
10. PPS to Secy.(TA), PS to JS(SR), Dir.(Education), US (IFD), Education Section’s Guard File, Spare copy (2).
11. Dir (NIC) – requesting for uploading on this Ministry’s website.

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(B. Sasmal)
Director (Education)