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Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Department of Social Justice and Empowerment
(PM-AJAY Cell)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: 09.09.2024

To

The Pay & Accounts Officer,
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment,
New Delhi.

Subject: - Release of Central Assistance under the Adarsh Gram Component under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of PM AJAY to the Govt. of Punjab for the year 2024-25 -reg

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India for release of an amount of **Rs.39,98,31,000/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Crore Ninety Eight Lakh Thirty One Thousand only)** as 1st installment to the Government of Punjab as Central Assistance under the Adarsh Gram component of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PMAJAY) for implementation of scheme for the year 2024-25.

2 . The amount is debitible to the Major Head "3601"; Grants-in-aid to State Governments (Major Head); 06-Centrally Sponsored Schemes (Sub Major Head); 789 – Special Component Plan For Scheduled Castes (Minor Head); 34.12-Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana(PM AJAY); 34.12.31- Grants-in-aid-General; Demand No.93 of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for 2024-25 (Plan), a component of Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY) under the scheme of Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PMAJAY).

3. Arrangements may please be made to credit this amount to State Government in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Ministry of Finance O.M. No. 2(45)/76 Special Cell, dated 30.8.1976, as modified vide O.M. of even number dated 16.09.1976 under intimation to us.

4. The sanction of the above Central Assistance amounting to **Rs.39,98,31,000/-** under the scheme is for undertaking the 'gap-filling' activities as well as incurring administrative expenses during the course of implementation of scheme as per the scheme guidelines.

5. The Central Assistance shall be utilized within a period of two years from the date of this sanction order and on the activities contained in the guidelines of the scheme.

6. The State Government would update the relative progress in respect of

implementation of the scheme and utilization of the Central Assistance through the online MIS portal developed for the purpose.

7. As per the instructions contained in Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure's Circular No. 7 (1) E. Coord/2008 dated 5.6.2008, no amount shall be released to any State which has defaulted in furnishing Utilization Certificates for grants-in aid release by the Central Government in the past. It is certified that no UC is pending under this scheme against the above State Government.

8. The State Government would ensure that the guidelines as issued by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance with regard to revised procedure for flow of funds under Centrally Sponsored Schemes by adopting SNA and subsequent instructions are followed.

9. **The State Government would ensure utilization of funds lying with it and if it is not able to utilize funds, funds may be returned to Consolidated Fund of India. It may be noted that further release of funds may be considered only after compliance of the same.**

10. This issues with the concurrence of the Integrated Finance Division of this Ministry vide their **JS&FA E-office Dy. No. 25797 dated 06.09.2024.**

Yours faithfully,

(Sewak Paul)

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2. The Secretary, Dept. of Welfare of SCs and BCs, Govt. of Punjab
3. The Secretary, Department of Finance, Govt. of Punjab
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