

The Pay & Accounts Officer,
Government of India,
Ministry of Rural Development,
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

Subject – Release of Grants-in-aid to State Government of West Bengal towards 3rd installment of Programme Fund for the year 2018-19.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President to the payment of Grants-in-aid amounting to **Rs.400,00,00,000/- (Rupees Four Hundred crore only)** to the State Government of West Bengal under Programme Fund as Central Assistance under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) for the Financial Year 2018-19.

1.2 The amount of **Rs.400.00 cr.** under **Regular PMGSY (Batch-I, 2017-18)** as per the details given below:

(Rs. in crore)				
Phase & Year	Value of Project (VoP) cleared (Central)	Fund already released	Balance left	Present release
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
PMGSY (Batch-I, 2017-18) Vide Clearance letter dated 17.5.2017	447.13	*8.9907	438.1393	400.00

*released vide S.O dated 2.1.2019

2. The State Government must transfer these funds to State Rural Road Development Agency within 3 days positively from the date of receipt of these funds. In case of non transfer beyond this period, Central Government may be considered to stop further releases. The State Government is requested to endorse the copy of the release order to the Central Government addressed as under;

**Dr. Surabhi Rai, Dy. Secretary (Rural Connectivity),
Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001.**

3. The West Bengal State Rural Road Development Agency (WBSRDA) has nominated **Shri Dipanjan Bhattacharya, Joint Secretary & Joint Chief Executive Officer** as the **Empowered Officer** of WBSRDA.

4. The funds released by the State Government shall be kept in a separate savings **Bank Account No. 011143673802 (IFSC Code No. SBIN0014524 & Branch Code No.14524), State Bank of India, Specialised Institutional Banking Branch, Samriddhi Bhawan, 4th Floor, 1, Strand Road, Kolkata-700001.** It shall be ensured by the West Bengal State Rural Road Development Agency that the Programme Implementing Units (PIUs) in the districts have access to the funds and the funds held in the specified account are allowed to be utilized only by the Executing Agency/Agencies for the purpose of approved works under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana. The Empowered Officer of West Bengal State Rural Road Development Agency (WBSRDA) shall communicate to the bank the names of the Authorised Signatories, who will be issuing cheques on the Agency's bank account for the purpose of this sanction.

5. The Empowered Officer shall issue standing instructions to the bank regarding the names of authorized payees and their designated account details and the amounts admissible to each payee. He will also specify limits on monthly payments as per the agreed work programme for the respective package.

6. No Utilization Certificate is pending from West Bengal State Rural Road Development Agency (WBSRDA).

7. Utilisation Certificate should be submitted within 12(twelve) months of the closure of the financial year which shall include interest accrued. Interest accrued should be computed based on the details of the ledger accounts for the purpose.
8. The accounts of the grantee institutions will be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the Internal Audit of the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry in terms of Rule 211 (1) of the General Financial Rules.
9. The expenditure is debitable to the following Head of Accounts under **Demand No.82** Department of Rural Development (2018-19):-

3601	-	Grants-in-aid to State Government (Major Head).
06	-	Centrally Sponsored Schemes
101	-	Central Assistance/Share
30	-	Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
30.01	-	Programme Component - PMGSY
30.01.35	-	Grants for creation of Capital assets

10. Secretariat of the Election Commission of India, New Delhi has stated that release of funds under PMGSY would be subject to the following conditions:-

- There shall be no publicity in this regard in electronic, print, radio, internet or any other media, in any form whatsoever.
- No political functionary shall make any reference in this regard during any public speech or communication to the press or public.
- These restrictions on publicity will be applicable to the Central Government as well as State Governments concerned.
- The relevant provisions of Model Code of Conduct (MCC) issued by the Commission shall be strictly followed.
- No new work shall be taken up afresh during MCC period.

11. The Pay & Accounts Officer, Ministry of Rural Development will be the Drawing & Disbursing Officer for the purpose. The amount mentioned in Para-1 above will be transferred to State Government of West Bengal.

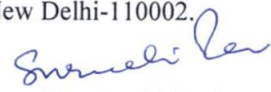
12. This issues under the powers delegated to this Ministry and in consultation with the Integrated Finance Division vide their **U.O. No.1380/Finance/2018-19 dated 19.3.2019.**

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Surabhi Rai)
Deputy Secretary (RC)
Tel No.011- 23383006.

Copy to:-

- The Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal.
- Shri Dipanjan Bhattacharya, Joint Secretary & Joint Chief Executive Officer, West Bengal State Rural Road Development Agency (WBSRDA).
- The Manager, State Bank of India, Kolkata Main Branch, Strand Road, Kolkata – 700001.
- Accountant General, West Bengal, Kolkata.
- The Principal Director General, Media & Communication, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
- Chief Controller of Accounts, Ministry of Rural Development.
- The Director of Audit, Economic & Service Ministries, I.P. Estate, AGCR Building, New Delhi-110002.
- All Directors, NRIDA.
- Finance Division-I/Guard File/Sanction Register.


(Dr. Surabhi Rai)
Deputy Secretary (RC)