

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Rural Development**  
**Department of Rural Development**  
**(Rural Connectivity Division)**

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi,  
Dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2016

To,

**The Pay & Accounts Officer,**  
**Ministry of Rural Development,**  
**Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi-110001.**

**Subject: Release of Grants-in-aid to State Government of Himachal Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) for the year 2016-17-reg.**

Sir,

1.1 I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to the payment of Grants-in-aid amounting to **Rs. 87,97,50,000/- (Rupees Eighty Seven crore Ninety Seven lakh and Fifty thousand Only)** to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh as Central Assistance under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) for the financial year 2016-17.

1.2 The amount of Rs. 87.975 crore released now and Rs. 1.91 crore accrued as interest on Programme fund in 2015-16 by the State has been adjusted as per the details given below:

(Rs. in crore)

Item	Clearance issued under World Bank RRP-II Tranche-I
Date of clearance	09.04.13
Amount cleared (MoRD share)	258.37*
Fund released till date	87.975
<b>Funds proposed for release</b>	<b>87.975 (adjusted as balance of 1<sup>st</sup> installment and part of 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of this phase)</b>
<b>Adjustment of interest accrued in 2015-16</b>	<b>1.91</b>
Balance left in this phase after current release/adjustments	80.51

\* original clearance amount was Rs. 285.60 crore which had been revised after dropping approval letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.

2. **The State Government must transfer these funds to Himachal Pradesh Gram Sadak Development Agency (HPGSDA) within 3 working days positively from the date of receipt of these funds. In case of non-transfer beyond this period, Central Government may be constrained to stop further releases. Besides, the State Government would be liable to pay interest @ 12% for the period of delay beyond the specified period.** The State Government is required to endorse a copy of the release order to the Government of India at the following address:

*Shri Priya Ranjan, Director (RC), Ministry of Rural Development, Room No. 369,  
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001, Tel. No. - 23382860.*

3. **Himachal Pradesh Gram Sadak Development Agency (HPGSDA)** has nominated Shri A.K. Kohli, Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla as the Empowered Officer.

4. The funds transferred by the State Government to HPGSDA shall be kept in a separate **Saving Bank Account No. 3383000100123798 in Punjab National Bank, Near Comberemere Hotel, Shimla (Branch Code No.010211406 IFC Code No. PUNB0338300)**. It shall be ensured by **Himachal Pradesh Gram Sadak Development Agency (HPGSDA)** that the Programme Implementation Units (PIUs) in the

Contd..

districts have ready access to the funds and the funds held in the specified account are allowed to be utilised only by the Executing Agency/Agencies only for the purpose of approved works under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana. The Empowered Officer of the **Himachal Pradesh Gram Sadak Development Agency (HPGSDA)** 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 Authorised Payees and their designated account details and the amounts admissible to each payee. He will also specify limits on monthly payment as per the agreed work programme for the respective package.

6. No Utilisation Certificate is pending from **Himachal Pradesh Gram Sadak Development Agency (HPGSDA)**.

7. The Accounts of the grantee institution 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.

8. The expenditure is debit to the following Head of Account under **Demand No. 75** of the Department of Rural Development during the current financial year **2016-17**:-

- 3601 - Grants-in-aid to State Government (Major Head)
- 02 - Grants for State Plan Schemes (Sub-major Head)
- 420 - District & other Roads- Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (Minor Head)
- 02.02 - World Bank assisted Project
- 02.02.35 - Grants for creation of capital assets

9. The Pay & Accounts Officer, Ministry of Rural Development will be the Drawing and Disbursing Officer for this purpose. The amount mentioned in Para-1 above will be transferred to State Government of Himachal Pradesh.

10. This issues under the powers delegated to this Ministry and in consultation with the Integrated Finance Division vide their **U.O No. 832/Finance/2016-17 dated 22.12.2016**.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Surabhi Rai)  
Deputy Director (RC)

Copy to: -

1. Chief Secretary, Himachal Pradesh Government Secretariat, Shimla - 171002, Himachal Pradesh.
2. Shri Narinder Chauhan, Addl. Chief Secretary, Public Works Department, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Nirman Bhawan, Shimla-171002.
3. Engineer-in Chief & Empowered Officer, Himachal Pradesh Gram Sadak Development Agency, Himachal Pradesh, PWD, Nirman Bhawan, Nigam Vihar, Shimla-17002, Himachal Pradesh.
4. The Manager, Punjab National Bank, Near Comberemere Hotel, Shimla-171001.
5. Accountant General, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171003.
6. The Director of Audit, Economic and Service Ministries, AGCR Building, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110002.
7. The Principal Director General, Media & Communication, Press Information Bureau, Room No. 101, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
8. Chief Controller of Accounts, Ministry of Rural Development.
9. Finance Division-I.
10. Principal Information Officer, PIB, Ministry of I&B, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
11. Sanction Register/All Directors NRRDA.

(Dr. Surabhi Rai)  
Deputy Director (RC)