

GIA-11014/15/2022-PMAJAY
Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Department of Social Justice and Empowerment

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 17th January, 2024

To

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

Subject: Release of Central Assistance under the "Grants-in-aid" component (erstwhile SCA to SCSP) of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY) to the Government of West Bengal as **first installment for the year 2023-24 during 2023-24.**

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India for release of an amount of **Rs. 20,33,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Crore Thirty Three Lakh) Only**, which is equal to **50 % of [Rs. 4447.125 lakh (50% of Notional Allocation for West Bengal for 2023-24 i.e. Rs. 8894.25 lakh) – 381.08 lakh (unspent balance in SNA Account)]** to the Government of West Bengal as first installment of Central Assistance during the year 2023-24 under the "Grants-in-aid" component (erstwhile SCA to SCSP) of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY).

2. The amount is debitable 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 2023-24 (Plan).

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. dated 16.09.1976 under intimation to us.

4. The sanction of the above Central Assistance amounting to **Rs. 20,33,00,000/-** to the Government of West Bengal under the scheme is for undertaking the activities approved as part of Perspective Plan (PP) submitted by the State Government and approved by the PAC for the year 2023-24.

5. The Central Assistance shall be utilized only as per the provisions contained in the guidelines of the scheme.

6. The State Government shall update the 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 either

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no UC is pending against the above State Government or the pending UC has been adjusted from the Grants.

8. The State Government would ensure that following guidelines as issued by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance is complied with during the course of implementation of scheme:

1. The State Government will designate a Single Nodal Agency (SNA) for implementing the scheme immediately, if not done. The SNA will open a Single Nodal Account for this scheme at the State level in a Scheduled Commercial Bank authorized to conduct government business by the State Government.
2. The Implementing Agencies (IAs) down the ladder should use the SNA's account with clearly defined drawing limits set for that account. However, depending on operational requirements, zero-balance subsidiary accounts may also be opened for the IAs either in the same branch of the selected bank or in different branches.
3. All zero balance subsidiary accounts will have allocated drawing limits to be decided by the SNA concerned from time to time and will draw on real time basis from the Single Nodal Account of the scheme as and when payments are to be made to beneficiaries, vendors etc. The available drawing limit will get reduced by the extent of utilization.
4. For seamless management of funds, the main account and all zero balance subsidiary accounts should preferably be maintained with the same bank. However, State Government may choose different banks for opening Single Nodal Accounts of different Centrally Sponsored Schemes.
5. Only banks having a robust IT Systems and extensive branch network should be chosen for opening the Single Nodal Account of each CSS. The bank chosen should have the facility to open the required number of subsidiary zero balance accounts and a robust MIS for handling accounting and reconciliation at each level. The bank should also provide a user friendly dashboard to officers at various levels to monitor utilization of funds by IAs.
6. The bank's software system should be able to monitor the drawing limits of the IAs who should be able to draw funds on real time basis from the SNA's account as and when payments are to be made. The selected bank should ensure proper training and capacity building of branch managers and other staff for smooth operation of these accounts.
7. The SNAs shall ensure that the interest earned from the funds released should be mandatorily remitted to the respective Consolidated Funds on pro-rata basis in terms of Rule 230(8) of GFR, 2017. Interest earned should be clearly and separately depicted in PFMS, scheme-specific portals integrated with PFMS and in MIS provided by the banks.
8. After opening of Single Nodal Account of the scheme and before opening zero balance subsidiary account of IAs or assigning those drawing rights from SNA's account, the IAs at all levels shall return all unspent amounts lying in their accounts to the Single Nodal Account of the SNA. It will be the responsibility of the State government concerned to ensure that the entire unspent amount is returned by all the IAs to the Single Nodal Account of the SNA concerned. For this, the State Governments will work out the modalities and the timelines and will work out Central and State share (if any) in the amount so available with IAs. SNAs will keep a record of unspent balance lying in the account of IAs and the amount refunded by IAs.
9. The SNAs shall keep a record of the unspent amount lying in the account of IAs to be deposited in the Single Nodal Account while assigning drawing rights to IAs.

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10. The State Government will transfer the Central share received in its account in the RBI to the concerned SNA's account within a period of 21 days of its receipt. The Central share shall not be diverted to the Personal Deposit (PD) account or any other account by the State Government.
11. State Governments will register the SNAs and all IAs on PFMS and use the unique PFMS ID assigned to the SNA and IAs for all payments to them. Bank accounts of the SNAs, IAs, vendors and other organizations receiving funds will also be mapped in PFMS.
12. Payments will be made from the zero balance subsidiary accounts up to the drawing limit assigned to such accounts from time to time. Transactions in each Subsidiary Account will be settled with the Single Nodal Account daily through the core banking solution (CBS) on the basis of payments made during the day.
13. SNAs and IAs will mandatorily use the EAT module of PFMS or integrate their systems with the PFMS to ensure that information on PFMS is updated by each IA at least once every day.
14. SNAs will keep all the funds received in the Single Nodal Account only and shall not divert the same to Fixed Deposits/Flexi-Account/Multi-Option Deposit Account Corporate Liquid Term Deposit (CLTD) Account etc.
15. The State TFMIS should be able to capture scheme component-wise expenditure along with PFMS Scheme Code and Unique Code of the Agencies incurring the expenditure. State Governments will ensure daily uploading/sharing of data by the State IFMIS/Treasury applications on PFMS. PFMS will act as a facilitator for payment, tracking and monitoring of fund flow.

9. This issues with the concurrence of the Integrated Finance Division of this Ministry vide their **JS&FA E-office Dy. No. 55664 dated 04.01.2024.**

Yours faithfully,



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Under Secretary to the Government of India

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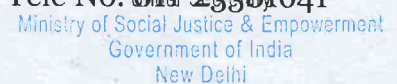
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Sanction Letter

**No. GIA-11014/15/2022-PMAJAY
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF 009-SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT**

DATED: 19/01/2024

To,
The Principal Accounts Officer
009-SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

Sub: Release of Grants-in-aid under 3967-Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM AJAY) to the state of Govt. of

Agency Name
WEST BENGAL GOVT.

for the year 2024.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to the payment of Rs 203300000 (Rupees twenty crore(s) thirty three lakh(s) only) to the State Government of

Agency Name	Amount
WEST BENGAL GOVT.	203300000

towards first/second installment of grants under 3967-Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM AJAY) for during the year 2024.

- This grant is towards plan expenditure and should be utilized on the programme as per approved guidelines of 3967-Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM AJAY) and no deviation from the provisions of guidelines is permissible.
- The State Government should release its share immediately on the receipt of this Central share for this programme as per guidelines of this scheme.
- The State government will furnish the certificate of actual utilization of this grant within twelve months of the closure of accounts. In respect of expenditure by the state government through local bodies or private institutes the utilization certificate is required to be furnished by the state government.
- The above expenditure is debit to the following head of accounts in the financial year 2024.
Demand No 093-Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Major Head 3601
Sub-Major Head 06
Minor Head 789
Sub-Head 34
Detailed Head 12
Object Head 31-GRANTS-IN-AID GENERAL (PLAN)

6. No utilization is pending against

Agency Name	Amount
WEST BENGAL GOVT.	203300000

under the scheme.

7. Principal Accounts Office may issue an advice to Reserve Bank of India, Central Accounts Section, Nagpur for affording credit of Rs 203300000 (Rupees twenty crore(s) thirty three lakh(s) only) to the State Government of

Agency Name
WEST BENGAL GOVT.

with copies endorsed to Accountant General and Finance Department of State Government of

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WEST BENGAL GOVT.	203300000

8. The pattern of assistance or rules governing such grants-in-aid have received the approval of Ministry of Finance as required under Govt. of India Decision(1) below Rule 20 of Delegation of Financial Powers.

9. This issues with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide their Diary No JS&FA E-office Dy. No. 55664 dated 04/01/2024

Rakesh Kumar Yours faithfully,
DY. SECRETARY/DIRECTOR/UNDER SECRETARY/DESK OFFICER

RAKESH KUMAR
Under Secretary
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Government of India
New Delhi

Dated: 22.01.2024

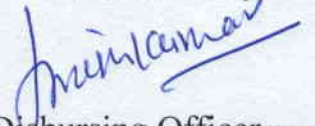
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(PM-AJAY)

Sanction Letter No.GIA-11014/15/2022-PMAJAYdated 19.01.2024

Sl. No.	State/UT	Amount (in Rs.)
1.	West Bengal	Rs. 20,33,00,000

Sanction Letter for Rs. 20,33,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Crore Thirty Three Lakh) Only is sent herewith for transferring funds to State Government. It is requested that necessary advice may please be issued to the RBI Branch Nagpur to release of funds to the State Government of West Bengal.

Yours faithfully



Drawing & Disbursing Officer

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