**ORIGINAL FOR PAYMENT**

**F. No. J-11060/20/2017-MGNREGA(RE-III) Sl. No.213**

**Government of India**

**Ministry of Rural Development**

**(Department of Rural Development)**

**(Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Division)**

**Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi**

**Date: 08.03.2018**

**To**

**The Pay & Accounts Officer,**

**Government of India,**

**Ministry of Rural Development,**

**Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.**

**Subject – Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) – on account payment of 1st instalment of 2nd tranche of Central Assistance for financial year 2017-18 to the State Government of Nagaland.**

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to the payment of Grants-in-aid amounting to **Rs.20,92,90,500/- (Rupees Twenty Crore Ninety two Lakh Ninety Thousand Five Hundred Only**) to the State Government of Nagaland as Central assistance towards **material only for implementation of the MGNREGA for the financial year 2017-18.**

2**.** The State Government must transfer these funds along with the State share to the State Employment Guarantee Fund for programme implementation within 3 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 requested to endorse the copy of the release order to the Central Government addressed as under;

**Shri A.K. Sumbly, Deputy Secretary (MGNREGA)**

**Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan,**

**New Delhi, 110001.Tel.No.** 011-23070129

3. Further the following conditions shall be fulfilled in utilisation of these funds:

1. Adherence to the time line indicated in the LB minutes of FY 2017-18 against various key activates.
2. In all Electronic Fund Management system (eFMS) ‘implemented’ areas, the funds shall be maintained at the State level; and there shall be no intermediary accounts. All payments in these areas shall move directly from the State fund to the destination accounts based on the pay order generated at the Block/Gram Panchayat level.

c) Where eFMS is not yet implemented, steps shall be taken to implement the same at the earliest.

d) The detailed voucher-based data shall be available in the NREGASoft for all the expenditure done.

e) The material component including wages of skilled and semiskilled labour shall not exceed 40% at the district level.

f) The expenditure of material component including wages of skilled and semi-skilled labour will be shared between Centre and State government in the ratio of 75:25.

g) This grant is towards plan expenditure and shall be utilized for approved items of works subject to the conditions laid down in the MGNREGA Guidelines. No deviation from the provisions of the Guidelines is permissible.

h) The Utilisation Certificate should be submitted within 12 (twelve) months of the closure of financial year which shall includes interest accrued. Interest accrued should be computed based on the details of ledger account maintained for the purpose.

4. No Utilization Certificate is pending against the Recipient Organization under the Scheme.

5. 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.

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6**.** The expenditure is debitable to the following Head of Accounts under Demand No. 82 Department of Rural Development (2017-18).

**3601 Grants-in-aid to State Governments (Major Head)**

**06 Centrally Sponsored Schemes**

**101 Central Assistant/Share**

**28 Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment**

**28.01 Programme Component-MGNREGA**

**28.01.35 Grants for creation of Capital Assets**

7. The Pay & Accounts Officer, M/O Rural Development will be the Drawing & Disbursing Officer for the purpose. The amount mentioned in Para –1 above will be transferred to the State Government of Uttarakhand.

8. Performance of the State on the following parameters may also be kept in view by this Ministry while making further releases:

1. **Timely payment of wage to workers.**
2. **Staffing of Social Audit Directorate in pursuance of Ministry’s Letter No.M-13015/2/2012-MGNREGA-VII(Pt.) dated 11th August, 2014 and subsequent instructions and the appointment of Ombudsmen in various districts.**
3. **Status of implementation of Mission Water Conservation in the State.**
4. **Settling of claims for compensation for delay in the payment of wages.**
5. **Operation of the provision of unemployment allowance as per Section 7 of MGNREGA.**

**9. Secretariat of the Election Commission of India, New Delhi has stated that release of 2nd tranche of instalment under MGNREGA scheme has been released subject to conditions. The following conditions are as under:-**

**(i)** Absolutely no publicity in this regard shall be made in electronic, print, radio, internet or any other media, in any form whatsoever.

(ii) No political functionary shall make any reference in this regard during any public speech or communication to the press or public.

(iii) There restrictions on publicity will be applicable to the Central Government as well as the State Government.

(iv) The relevant provisions of Model Code of Conduct issued by the Commission shall be strictly followed.

10. Conditions mentioned in the minutes of the LB meeting 2017-18 must be complied with before release of next instalment. The clarifications/replies sought from the State from time to time must be furnished without fail.

11. This issues under the powers delegated to this Ministry and in consultation with the Integrated Finance Division vide their **U.O. No. 1065 /Finance-I/2017-18 dt. 08.03.2018*.***

**12. This Ministry’s Sanction Order No.J-11060/20/2017-MGNREGA(RE-III) Sl.No.213 dated 27.2.2018 to release an amount of Rs.20,93,43,500/- for Material vide IFD’s U.O.No.1030/Finance-I/2017-18 dated 27.2.2018 is hereby stands cancelled.**

Yours faithfully,

**( A.K. Sumbly)**

**Deputy Secretary (MGNREGA)**

**Copy to:**

1. Principal Account Officer, (P&AO), M/o  Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

2. The Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Nagaland-797004..

3. The Principal Secretary, Rural Development, Govt. of Nagaland-797004

4. The Accountant General, Govt. of Nagaland-797004.

5 The Director, Rural Development, Govt. of Nagaland-797004.

6. The Director of Audit, E&S Ministries, IP Estate, AGCR Building, New Delhi- 110002.

7. The Resident Commissioner, Government of Nagaland, New Delhi for taking necessary action under intimation to this Ministry.

8 EO (I) RE V Section.

9 The Section Officer (Fin.-I)

**( A.K. Sumbly)**

**Deputy Secretary (MGNREGA)**