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

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 28th March, 2024

To,

The Pay & Accounts Officer,
Ministry of Rural Development,
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

Subject: Release of Financial Incentive under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to the State of Sikkim for the year 2023-24-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to the payment of Grants-in-aid amounting to **Rs. 19,37,00,000/- (Rupees Nineteen Crore and Thirty Seven Lakh Only)** to the State of Sikkim for **"Financial Incentive"** as Central assistance under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) for the **Financial Year 2023-24**.

2. **These funds are exclusively meant for periodic maintenance of roads already constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.**

3. **The State Government shall transfer these funds along corresponding State Share of Rs. 2.153 crore to Sikkim Rural Roads Development Agency (SRRDA) within maximum period of 30 days from the date of receipt of these funds. In case of delay beyond 30 days in transfer of central share to the SNA account, interest will be charged at the rate of 7% per annum. In case of non-transfer beyond this period, Central Government may be constrained to stop further releases. The State Government is required to endorse a copy of the release order to the Government of India at the following address:**

**Shri Devinder Kumar, Director (RC), Ministry of Rural Development,
Room No. 464, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, 110001**

4. The funds will be released to the State Government as per the Bank details given below:-

| Name of the Account Holder | Name and Address of the Bank | Master Account No. for transfer of funds | IFSC Code |
|--|---|--|-------------|
| Principal Secretary, Finance, Revenue and Expenditure Department | Central Bank of India, Paljor Stadium Road, Gangtok, Sikkim | 1236133785 | CBIN0282310 |

5. The funds released by the State Government shall be kept in a separate Savings **Bank Account No. 11018614444 (IFS Code SBIN0000232), State Bank of India, Gangtok Branch, M.G. Road, Sikkim-737101**. It shall be ensured by the Sikkim Rural Roads Development Agency (SRRDA) 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 the Sikkim Rural Roads Development Agency (SRRDA) shall communicate to the bank the names of the Authorized Signatories, who will be issuing cheques on the Board's said bank account for the purpose of this sanction.

6. Sikkim Rural Roads Development Agency (SRRDA) has nominated Shri Sanjeev Rai, Principal Chief Engineer as the Empowered Officer of SRRDA.

7. 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.

8. No Utilization Certificate is pending from the Sikkim Rural Roads Development Agency (SRRDA).

9. The Utilization Certificate should be submitted within 12 (Twelve) months of the closure of Financial Year which shall include interest accrued. Interest accrued should be computed based on the details of the Ledger Account maintained for the purpose.

10. The State Nodal Agency shall ensure that the interest earned from the funds released should be mandatorily remitted to the respective Consolidated Funds on pro-rata basis in term 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.

11. The State Government shall ensure the integration of the state treasury with PFMS and all the entries should be reflected on PFMS.

12. The State Nodal Agency shall ensure that sufficient budget provisions are made in the state budget before the request of further funds release.

13. The accounts of the grantee institutions will be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the Internal Audit of the O/o the CCA, Ministry of Rural Development in terms of **Rule 236 (1)** of the General Financial Rules.

14. The expenditure is debitable to the following Head of Accounts under **Demand No. 87** Department of Rural Development (2023-24):

| | | |
|-----------------|---|---|
| 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 |

15. **Secretariat of the Election Commission of India, New Delhi has stated that release of financial incentives under PMGSY would be subject to following condition:-**

(i) There shall be no publicity in this regard in electronic, print, radio, internet or any other media, in any from whatsoever,

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

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

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

(v) No new work shall be taken up afresh during MCC period.

16. The Assistant Director, PMGSY, Ministry of Rural Development, New Delhi (208139) will be the Drawing & Disbursing Officer for the purpose. The amount mentioned in Para-1 above will be transferred to **State Government of Sikkim**.

17. This issues under the powers delegated to this Ministry and in consultation with the Integrated Finance Division vide their **U.O No. 1425/Finance/2023-24 dated 28.03.2024**.

Yours sincerely,



(Devinder Kumar)

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2. The Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Rural Development Department, Government of Sikkim, Gramin Prabhandhak Vikas Bhawan, Gangtok, Sikkim - 737103
3. The Principal Chief Engineer-cum-Empowered Officer, Rural Development Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok, Sikkim - 737103
4. The Accountant General, Sikkim, NH-31A, Deorali Bazar, Gangtok, Sikkim - 737102
5. The Manager, State Bank of India, M.G. Road, Gangtok, Sikkim - 737101
6. The Chief Controller of Accounts, Ministry of Rural Development
7. The Principal Director General, Media & Communication, Press information Bureau, Room No 101, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
8. The Director of Audit, Economic & Service Ministries, I.P. Estate, AGCR Building, New Delhi-110002
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