

F. No. 1-7/2017 EE.5 (MDM-1-2)
Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education & Literacy
[Mid-Day Meal Division]

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi,
dated 14th July, 2017

To
The Principal Accounts Officer,
Ministry of Human Resource Development,
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10. The amount of grant-in-aid is finally adjustable in the books of Principal Accounts Officer, Ministry of HRD, Department of School Education & Literacy, D-Wing, Ground Floor, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110 115. On receipt of sanction letter, the Principal Accounts Officer may issue an advice to the Reserve Bank of India (Central Accounts Section), Nagpur for affording credit to the balance of the State Government. The Principal Accounts Officer may forward a copy of the advice to the Accountant General and Finance Department of the State Government along with a copy to undersigned in the Department of School Education & Literacy. State Government shall send intimation regarding receipt of grant-in-aid to Principal Accounts Officer, Ministry of HRD, Department of School Education & Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110115.

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12. This issues with the concurrence of **Integrated Finance Division** vide their Dy. No. **2427/2017 dated 07.07.2017** and funds certified by **IF.2** vide Dy. No.262/2017-IF.II dated **10.07.2017**.
13. The **Sanction ID and E-bill** pertaining to above release has already been generated.

Yours faithfully,

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- (v) The grantee shall furnish this Department with item-wise statement of expenditure on a quarterly basis and other reports on physical and financial progress in the prescribed formats. The grantee will also submit annual progress within one month from the close of the financial year. The unspent balance, if any shall be taken into account before funds of subsequent years are released.
- (vi) The grantee shall follow strictly all the instructions issued by the Govt. of India from time to time with regard to the implementation of the Scheme and the funds earmarked for Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Sub Plan. Therefore, the funds are required to be further bifurcated into these minor budget heads i.e. for SCs and STs.

7. It is certified that the pattern of assistance under the Scheme has the prior approval of Ministry of Finance. It is also certified that the grant is being released in conformity with rules and principles of the Scheme.

8. The utilization certificate of this grant may be submitted to Govt. of India within three months of the next financial year.

9. The accounts of the grantee shall be open to inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India under the provision of CAG (DPC) Act 1971 and Internal Audit by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of School Education and Literacy, whenever the grantee is called upon to do so.

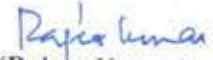
10. The amount of grant-in-aid is finally adjustable in the books of Principal Accounts Officer, Ministry of HRD, Department of School Education & Literacy, D-Wing, Ground Floor, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110 115. On receipt of sanction letter, the Principal Accounts Officer may issue an advice to the Reserve Bank of India (Central Accounts Section), Nagpur for affording credit to the balance of the State Government. The Principal Accounts Officer may forward a copy of the advice to the Accountant General and Finance Department of the State Government along with a copy to undersigned in the Department of School Education & Literacy. State Government shall send intimation regarding receipt of grant-in-aid to Principal Accounts Officer, Ministry of HRD, Department of School Education & Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110115.

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11. Grantee is located in **UT Administration of Puducherry** circle of account.
12. This issues with the concurrence of **Integrated Finance Division** vide their Dy. No. **2427/2017** dated **07.07.2017** and funds certified by **IF.2** vide Dy. No. **262/2017-IF.II** dated **10.07.2017**.
13. The **Sanction ID and E-bill** pertaining to above release has already been generated.

Yours faithfully,


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Copy to:

- (i) Sh. Arun L. Desai, Secretary Education & Finance, Government of Puducherry, Education Department, Chief Secretariat, Gouberu Avenue, Puducherry – 605 001.
- (ii) The Director (School Education), Govt. of Puducherry, Chief Secretariat, Gouberu Avenue, Puducherry – 605 001.
- (iii) Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Puducherry. It is requested that funds released through this sanction letter may be transferred to the Primary and Secondary Education Department immediately.
- (iv) Director General of Audit, Central Revenues, AGCR Building, New Delhi-110 001.
- (v) Desk (MDM)
- (vi) Guard File
- (vii) Consultant (MDM) – for website uploading.



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