

Government of Odisha Housing & Urban Development Department *****

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From

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To

The Engineer in Chief, PHEO, Bhubaneswar The Managing Director, WATCO, Bhubaneswar

Sub:-GUIDELINES ON UTILISATION OF GRANTS-IN-AID FOR PROVISIONS FOR SAFE DRINKING WATER RECOMMENDED BY 5TH STATE FINANCE COMMISSION TO URBAN LOCAL BODIES FOR THE PERIOD FROM 2020 - 21 TO 2025 - 26 (6 YEARS)

Sir,

I am directed to say that on the recommendations of 5th State Finance Commission and the Action Taken Report thereof, Government have decided to transfer fund to Urban Local Bodies amounting to Rs.500.00 crore as Grants-in-aid under "Provisions for safe drinking water" covering a period of six years. The year wise allocation of fund is given below:

(Rs. in Crore)

2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2020-26
83.33	83.33	83.33	83.33	83.34	83.34	500.00

1. OBJECTIVE:

Providing water connections to individual households has been a priority for local bodies. In this regard much progress has been achieved in spite of various difficulties like locating the sources of water, laying of pipe lines, replacement of old pipe lines etc. But the National Level Bench Mark for supply of drinking water has not yet been achieved. Besides, there are also problems of salinity, iron and fluoride in some cases. Therefore, the 5th State Finance Commission recommended the specific grants for provision of safe drinking water to all the household of the Urban Local Bodies ensuring the supply of safe drinking water at par with the national level bench mark fixed for the purpose.

With this objective Grants-in-Aid of Rs.500.00 crore has been provisioned for a period of six years which is tied in nature and shall not be diverted for any other purposes without prior approval of Government.

2. Mode of Release:

- The grants-in-aid earmarked for "Provision of safe drinking water" will be allocated to the Public Health Engineering Organisation (PHEO)/ Water Corporation of Odisha (WATCO) for expenditure in different Urban Local Bodies as per actual requirement.
- The grants-in-aid will be released in one go during a financial year
 with the condition that the PHEO/ WATCO has to prepare the
 annual action plan and furnish the same to H & UD Department for
 approval & release of funds.
- Amount so received from Government shall be disbursed to the concerned Executive Engineer to be executed as deposit works.
- Works expenditure and accounts of the projects is to be routed through works expenditure module of IFMS. The fund transferred to Executive Engineers is required to be remitted to Treasury under Major Head 8782 and the particulars of the deposit with reference to the Challan are to be entered in IFMS. Thereafter the Work ID is to be created in IFMS and the same work is to be created in WAMIS wherein the work ID of IFMS is fetched in WAMIS.
- All payments are to be made in IFMS.
- From 2nd year onwards, on account release is to be made for the 1st instalment of the year and the 2nd instalment shall be released on the receipt of UC for at least 50% of the Grant released during previous year.
- The detail record of expenditure against the grant is to be maintained by the grantee.
- Photographs of the project before commencement, during execution and after completion should be taken and kept in the Case Record and to be uploaded in MIS.
- Projects taken up under this grant should not overlap with any existing State or Central Scheme. In such cases, where there is provision of fund under any State or Central Schemes, then equivalent amount as recommended by the Commission shall be deducted from the State Scheme or it may be treated as contribution/share of State Government/Local Bodies in case of Central Scheme.

3. Maintenance of Accounts & Audit

• Separate book of Account to be maintained by the grantee for each sector specific grant-in-aid.

- Inventory assets register has to be maintained by the PHEO in the prescribed format/Form OGFR 30A in terms of Rule-17(5)(i) of the OGFR and uploaded online.
- The utilisation of grant is subject to audit by internal audit of the H & UD Department as well as Annual Technical Inspection of C & AG.
- Provision laid down in OPWD code, will be followed strictly at the time of execution of work.

4. Monitoring and supervision:

- Monitoring and supervision of projects during execution shall be done by the Executive Engineer/ Superintending Engineer on regular basis.
- The District Level Monitoring Committee in each district which has been constituted vide Finance Department Resolution No 16885/F dated 4.6.2020 under the Chairmanship of Collector & DM with PD, DUDA and Representatives of the Line Departments as Members and PD, DRDA as Member Convenor shall review the demand and collection of own sources of revenue, progress of expenditure, submission of utilisation certificate etc. on quarterly basis.
- On completion of projects outcome certificate duly certified by Authorised officer from District Administration, Executive Officer of ULB and Member from local community need to be uploaded online.

5. Submission of Utilisation Certificate

• The Utilisation Certificate in duplicate shall be furnished by the Divisional Offices to EIC, PH in Form OGFR-7A duly countersigned by the countersigning authority as per the FDOM No.21241/F, dated 17.07.2014 and such other instructions issued from time to time.

This Guideline supersedes all other instructions communicated by H & UD Department as well as Finance Department earlier in this regard. However, on-going projects taken up under the previous guidelines will continue to be governed by the said guidelines.

Housing & Urban Development Department will be competent to clarify doubts, if any, and ensure removal of the bottlenecks, if any, for implementation of the scheme and utilisation of funds and relaxing any of the conditionality for release of grants under special circumstances with due approval of HLMC and concurrence of Finance Department.

This has duly been vetted by Finance Department after obtaining necessary approval of High Level Monitoring Committee (HLMC).

Yours faithfully,

Principal Secretary to Government

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Joint Secretary to Government