

Government of Odisha Housing & Urban Development Department

From

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To

The Engineer in Chief, PHEO, Bhubaneswar

Sub:-GUIDELINES ON UTILISATION OF GRANTS-IN-AID FOR PROVISIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF WATER TESTING LABORATORY AT DISTRICT LEVEL 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.40.00 crore as Grants-in-aid under "Establishment of Water Testing Laboratory at District Level" 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
6.66	6.66	6.67	6.67	6.67	6.67	40.00

1. OBJECTIVE:

The government has made significant interventions to improve the quality of drinking water both in rural and urban area. To ensure quality of drinking water, the PHEO has commissioned 7 water testing laboratories in cities of Bhubaneswar, Berhampur, Cuttack, Puri, Balasore, Baripada & Sambalpur. It has been observed by the SFC that facilities for water testing should be made available at the district level which can examine the samples drawn from both rural and urban areas to ensure supply of safe drinking water to the people. Therefore the 5th SFC has recommended

allocation of funds to establish water testing laboratories at district level in order to ensure supply of safe drinking water.

With this objective Grants-in-Aid of Rs40.00 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 "Establishment of Water Testing Laboratories" will be allocated to the Public Health Engineering Organisation (PHEO) for expenditure towards establishment of water testing laboratories at district level to ensure supply of quality & safe drinking water.
- The grants-in-aid will be in released in one go during a financial year with the condition that the PHEO has to prepare the annual action plan and furnish the same to H & UD Department for approval & release of funds.
- 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.
- The detail record of expenditure against the grant is to be maintained by the grantee.
- 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.
- Photographs of the project before commencement, during execution and after completion should be taken and kept in the Case Record and to be uploaded online.
- 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 the grant-in-aid.
- Inventory assets register has to be maintained in the prescribed format/Form OGFR 30A in terms of Rule-17 (5)(i) of the OGFR.
- The utilisation of grant is subject to audit by internal audit of the H & UD Department as well as 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 the projects during execution shall be made by the Executive Engineer/Superintendent 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

5. Submission of Utilisation Certificate

• The Utilisation Certificate in duplicate shall be furnished by the grantee 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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