

4.16 2003-04 - Economic upliftment of weavers of erstwhile free distribution of Sarees and Dhotis scheme – Project cost of Rs.14.47 crores

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To

The Pay & Accounts Officer
Ministry of Rural Development
Kirshi Bhavan, New Delhi

Sub : Release of first instalment of Central share for the Special Project under SGSY on Economic Upliftment of Weavers in Virudhunagar District (Covering 13 districts) of Tamilnadu

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the president of India for sanction of a special project under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) entitled "On Economic Upliftment of Weavers in Virudhunagar District, Tamil Nadu for 5 years period at a total cost of Rs. 2530.36 Lakhs to be executed in 2 phases. The project aims at providing benefit to 24000 members consisting of 1200 SHG's which will include 19500 weavers and around 4500 women who will be selected from Weaver's family to be trained in tailoring for made ups. It proposes to cover 13 districts of Tamil Nadu.

2. The total approved cost of the project is Rs. 14,47,92,000/- (Rupees Fourteen Crore and Forty Seven Lakh and Ninety Two Thousand only) comprising the central share of Rs. 1085.94 lakh and state share of Rs. 361.98 lakh for the 1st phase of one year.

3. The funds will be released to the Project Director, DRDA, Virudhunagar, Tamilnadu. The project will be implemented by DRDA, Virudhunagar District, in which more than 40% of the total beneficiaries are available and he will be assisted by the Assistant Director, Handlooms & Textiles of the concerned Districts and National Institute of Fashion Technology, Chennai, alongwith its core team from the Textile Design Development Department of NIFT, Hyderabad.

4. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President of India for release of Rs.4,34,37,600/- (Rupees Four Crore Thirty Four Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand and Six Hundred only) towards Ist Installment of central share (40%) to the Project Director, DRDA, Virudhunagar, Tamilnadu.

5. The funds released for the Project should be maintained in a separate Bank Account. The interest accrued on the amount deposited in the bank for this project would be used only for this project.

6. The grant-in-aid shall be utilized for the purpose for which it has been sanctioned and shall not be diverted for any other purpose.

7. The State Government should release its share within a fortnight of the date of release of the central assistance and endorse a copy of the release order to this Ministry.

8. The project period for the entire project 2 phases would be five years from the date of sanction of the project. The project period for the 1st phase is one year with the total cost of Rs.1447.92 Lakh which is to be shared between Centre & State on 75:25 basis. The Project Director, DRDA, Virudhunagar, Tamilnadu may prepare action plan including important milestones with target dates and submit to the Ministry and State Government within 15 days.

9. No cost escalation will be permitted for the Project, escalation, if any, would be borne by the State Government.

10. An attempt should be made to cover maximum families living Below Poverty Line (BPL) under the project.

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11. For the Purpose of Monitoring and Evaluation, two committees would be constituted. At the State Level, it will be headed by the Secretary (RD) and at the District Level it will be headed by the Project Director.

12. After completion of the project the State Govt. may send a completion report along with a video recording giving the status of the area/ beneficiaries before and after the project. It should cover the details of deliverables indicated in the project and achievements made against these deliverables. Such documentation should be inherent part of the project, for which a budget could be earmarked within the project itself.

13. The implementing Agency/ Co-coordinating Agency shall submit the physical & financial progress report of the project by 15th of the month succeeding every quarter in the monitor format enclosed at Annexure – III. Failure to furnish the progress report would make the implementing / coordinating Agency liable to refund of the central funds released to the Central Government.

14. Second installment of funds will be released subject to the following conditions:-

- a) Utilization of 60% of the total available funds (40% central share for the first installment + matching state share) should be furnished. If the project includes bank credit to be mobilized, the implementing authority will be held responsible for monitoring of the smooth mobilization of credit to the project
- b) Submission of audit report of the funds utilized
- c) Regular reporting of the progress and
- d) A certificate from the implementing / co-coordinating Agencies that the project is implemented as per the project proposal.

15. The release of funds is subject to the audit by Internal Audit of the Ministry of Rural Development.

16. It shall be open to this Ministry to prescribe such conditions, as it deems fits, from time to time to ensure proper execution of the project.

17. The expenditure is debited to:

Demand No.77 –Department of Rural Development
Major Head -2501 –Special Programme for Rural Development.
Sub Major Head -06 – Self Employment Programme
Minor Head- 6.101 – Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)
12- Assistance to District Rural Development Agencies and others,
12.00.31 – Grants –in-aid 2003-04 (Plan)

18. The Pay and Accounts Officer (RD) will be the Drawing and Disbursing officer for this purpose. The amount mentioned in para 4 above will be sent to the Project Director, DRDA, Virudhunagar, Tamilnadu.

19. This issues under the delegated powers of this Ministry and with the concurrence of its Integrated Finance vide their U.O. Dy.No 2076/Fin.II /03 dated 29.8.2003.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA