

4.5 Clarifications regarding allocation of AGAMT funds and opening separate Accounts at District and Block levels - Amount for Libraries and sports to be retained at District Level and remaining amount at Block Level

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To

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Sir,

Sub : AGAMT - Implementation of AGAMT Scheme - Clarifications
sought for - Regarding.

Ref : 1. G.O. Ms.No. 115, R D & PR, dt. 11.9.2006.
2. G.O.Ms.No. 189, R D & PR Dt. 27.12.2006.
3. From the DRD & PR, D.O.Lr.No. 48049/06,SS.II, dt. 5.3.2007.

I am directed to refer to your D.O. letter third cited and to clarify that para 12 of G.O.Ms.No. 115, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Dated 11.9.2006 refers to 'allocation' and not 'release' of funds to each village Panchayat which is entitled to Rs. 20/- lakhs under the AGAMT Scheme. Taking into account, the implementation capacity of each tier of Panchayat, the Government have consciously decided that the amount meant for libraries and sports components should be retained at the district level and the funds for the remaining components of the scheme should be released to the Block Development Officer (Village Panchayats). More over calling for tenders at Block / District level will result in greater transparency and more participation of contractors than calling for tenders at the village level.

2. Hence, there is no need to open accounts for AGAMT at the Village Panchayat level and it is enough if the District Collectors and Block Development Officers (Village Panchayats) maintain separate Bank Accounts for the AGAMT at the District level and Block level respectively. In order to prevent mixing up of funds meant for one village Panchayat with that of another, I am directed to state that the Block Development Officer (Village Panchayats) shall maintain a Ledger with separate page(s) for each village Panchayat to indicate the receipts and expenditure pertaining to the scheme.

3.Receipt of this letter may be acknowledged early.

for SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT