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Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
(Department of Rural Development)

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated the 22nd January, 2009

To

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

Subject: Release of First instalment in respect of Special Project under SGSY for Promotion of Integrated Natural Resource Based Livelihood for the poorer households in Lohardaga District of Jharkhand by PRADAN.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the approval of the President of India for sanction of a Special Project under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarajgar Yojana (SGSY) for Special project under SGSY for Promotion of Integrated Natural Resource Based Livelihood for the poorer households in Lohardaga District of Jharkhand by PRADAN. The total cost of the project is Rs. 1157.02 lakh and funding pattern will be as follows:

<u>Source of funds</u>	<u>(Rs. in lakh)</u>
Centre	506.51
State	215.13
Bank credit	177.50
Swarozgaries contribution	117.40
Convergence with other schemes	<u>140.48</u>
Total	<u>1157.02</u>

2. The expected outcome/benefits from the project are as follows:

- Provide livelihood to 4500 beneficiaries from Below Poverty Line (BPL) families through Integrated Natural Resources Management. In addition, the project will also cover social mobilization of 3500 indirect beneficiaries, who will be formed into new SHGs, trained and provided linkage with other Government/Bank programmes for livelihoods through convergence.

3. The details of break up of the approved cost, phasing of activities and the targets set up for implementation are given in Annexure-1. The approval is subject to the following conditions:

- i) The Implementing Agency/State Government will have to ensure that out of the total beneficiaries covered, a minimum of 50% will be from SC/ST and 15% from minority categories. There will be 100% coverage of women.
- ii) A Web based monitoring system is to be established and a web site for this project will have to be maintained by the PIA.
- iii) The State Government will be setting up a State level anchoring cell with District level out reach for monitoring and implementation of this project. A representative of the Central Government will also be involved in the mechanism for monitoring/anchoring the project from time to time.

4. The Central Government share of funds would be released as grant-in-aid in three installments in the ratio of 25:50:25.

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5. The project will be implemented by PRADAN an NGO and coordinated by DRDA, Lohardaga District, Jharkhand. The funds will be released to DRDA, Lohardaga District, Jharkhand. A written commitment should be obtained by DRDA, Lohardaga from the Implementing Agency, that the conditions stipulated at para 3 (i) & (ii) above shall be complied with while implementing the project before funds are released to the Implementing Agency.

6. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President of India for release of Rs. 1,26,63,000/- (Rupees one crore twenty six lakh and sixty three thousand only) as grant-in-aid towards 1st installment of Central share of funds to DRDA, Lohardaga District, Jharkhand.

7. The funds released for the project should be maintained in a separate bank account. No fund would be kept in fixed deposit. The interest accrued on the amount deposited in the bank would be used only for the project.

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

9. The project period would be three years from the date of sanction of the project.

10. Documentation should be an inherent part of the project along with the video recording giving the status of area/beneficiaries before and after the project. It should cover the details of deliverables as indicated in the project and achievements made against these deliverables.

11. No cost escalation will be permitted for the project. Escalation, if any, would be borne by the State Government.

12. Monitoring and Evaluation of the project will be done by two committees at the State and District level. At the State level, the Committee headed by the Secretary (RD) constituted for monitoring and review of SGSY special projects in the State and at the district level, committee constituted for special projects headed by the PD, DRDA, Lohardaga will monitor and review the implementation of the project periodically.

13. The Coordinating Agency i.e. DRDA, Lohardaga, 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-II. Failure to furnish the progress report would make the implementing/coordinating agency liable to refund the Central funds.

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

- (a) Utilisation of at least 60% of the 1st instalment by Co-ordinating Agency and achievement of corresponding physical target.
- (b) Submission of year-wise utilization certificates from Co-ordinating Agency for at least 60% of the total available funds.
- (c) Submission of year-wise audit reports of the funds utilized by Co-ordinating Agency;
- (d) Regular reporting of progress in the prescribed format and against the approved expenditure phasing;
- (e) A certificate from the Coordinating Agency that the project is being implemented as per the approved project proposal.

15. Third and final installment of funds would be released subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Utilisation of at least 90% of available funds by Co-ordinating Agency and achievement of corresponding physical targets.
- (b) Submission of year-wise utilisation certificates from Co-ordinating Agency for at least 90% of the total available funds;
- (c) Submission of year-wise audit reports of the funds utilized from Co-ordinating Agency;
- (d) Regular reporting of the progress in prescribed format from Co-ordinating Agency;
- (e) A certificate from the Implementing/Coordinating Agency that the project is being implemented as per the approved project proposal.

16. The release of funds is subject to Internal Audit of the Ministry of Rural Development from time to time, and on completion of the project, to ascertain achievement of project objectives and outcomes.

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

18. The expenditure is debited to:

Demand No. 80 – Department of Rural Development,
Major Head – 2501 – Special Programme for Rural Development,
Sub-Major Head – 06 – Self-employment Programme
Minor Head – 06.101 Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)
12-Assistance to District Rural Development Agencies and others,
12.00.31 – Grants-in-aid (2008-2009 - Plan)

19. The Pay and Accounts Officer (RD) will be the Drawing and Disbursing Officer for this purpose. The amount mentioned in para 6 above will be sent to the PD, DRDA, Lohardaga, Jharkhand through Telegraphic Transfer/Demand Draft.

20. It is certified that no utilization certificate is outstanding from the recipient organization under SGSY (Special Projects).

21. “The accounts of the grantee institution or organization shall be open to inspection by Internal Audit of the Principal Accounts Office functioning under Chief Controller of Accounts, in terms of Rule 211 (1) of GFR 2005”.

22. This issues under the delegated powers of this Ministry and with the concurrence of its Integrated Finance Division vide their U.O. Dy. No. 840/Fin.II/09 dated 15/01/2009.

Yours faithfully,

(Amarjit Banga)
Director (SGSY)

Copy to:

1. Secretary, Rural Development Department, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi with the request that the State share may be released within fortnight.
2. PD, DRDA, Lohardaga District, Jharkhand.
3. The Accountant General, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
4. The Director of Audit Economic & Services Ministries of AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
5. Programme Director, Prpprofessional Assistance for Development Action (PRADAN), 3 Community Shopping Centre, Niti Bagh, New Delhi – 110 049.

6. B&A/Fin.II/SO (SGSY)/Guard File.

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