

No. S-11012/5/2001-BL
Government of India
Ministry of Labour & Employment

Jaisalmer House, Man Singh Road,
New Delhi, dated the 3rd October, 2008

To
✓ The Controller of Accounts,
Ministry of Labour & Employment, (with five spare copies)
New Delhi.

**Sub: Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme for the rehabilitation of bonded labourers –
Release of Central assistance to the Government of Bihar.**

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President to the release of an amount of Rs36.00 lakhs (Rupees Thirty six lakhs only) to the Government of Bihar for rehabilitation of 409 freed bonded labourers in the districts of Muzafarpur (7), Kishanganj (23), Katihar (21), Kaimoor (2), Motihari 87, Bhagalpur (1), Khagaria (25), Araria (3), Saharsa (65), Munger (1), Darbhanga (23), Sitamarhi (73), Baigusarai (73), Lakhisarai (3) and Sheikhpura (2) under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for rehabilitation of bonded labour during 2008-09.

2. The release of funds is subject to the following conditions:

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- I. The above amount will be adjusted against the total Central outlay approved for the survey of bonded labour, awareness generation and evaluatory studies under the Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme during 2008-09.
 - II. The scheme for which the release is being sanctioned would conform to the guidelines on the subject sent to the State Governments/UTs vide this Ministry's letter No. Y-11011/01/78-BL dated 30.05.1978, No. Y-11011/06/81-BL dated 24.02.1983 and No. R-11011/02/98-BL dated 08.08.2000.
 - III. Separate item-wise/scheme-wise accounts would be maintained by the State Government in respect of each of the scheme which should be open to test check by the Comptroller and Auditor General at his discretion.
 - IV. The State Government will ensure that the benefits of assistance under the scheme go only to those who have been identified and registered as bonded labour under the Bonded Labour system (Abolition) Act, 1976 and the Rules framed thereunder.
 - V. The State Government would nominate a Liaison Officer with whom all correspondence relating to the rehabilitation scheme in question may be carried out.

- VI. The State Government shall maintain accounts and reports and returns as prescribed in the guidelines referred to in para (ii) above.
- VII. Any unspent amount, out of the Central assistance would not be carried forward for expenditure during the next financial year, but should be surrendered to the Central Government as per instructions contained in the Ministry of Finance O.M.No. G-26035-MP-CCA dated 04.06.1977.
- VIII. The State Government shall send the statements giving details of expenditure actually incurred and the Utilization Certificates therefor in respect of the Central grants released during the current financial year by 30th April of the next financial year. The State Government shall also send, in time, quarterly progress reports as already prescribed in the guidelines of the scheme. Release of further installments of the Central grant will be subject to reduction/discontinuance if no proper and timely progress is shown adequately in the actual execution of the programmes and in the utilization of the sanctioned grant or in the event of non-compliance by the State Governments with the requirement of the guidelines of the scheme or the terms and conditions regulating the sanction and release of the Central grants.
- IX. The grant shall be utilized fully for the purpose for which it is being sanctioned and no portion of it shall be spent on purchase of vehicles or in meeting the expenditure on staff or other over-head costs on the State Government's Administrative/Executive Machinery.
- X. In providing rehabilitation assistance under the Scheme, priority should be given by the State Government to those freed bonded labourers who have been suffering under the bonded labour system for a long period of time, say, five years or more. Ways of providing wage paid employment to the bonded labourers on a regular basis should also be found by making full utilization of funds available under the integrated Rural Development Schemes before providing means of self-employment or assistance admissible to them under this scheme.
- XI. The element of Central assistance would not be utilized for any programme such as house-building etc. which the State Government, wherever proposed in their schemes, may cover under other on-going schemes. The Central assistance would only be spent on self-employment and income generating schemes for the bonded labour. No further assistance would be forthcoming for those bonded labourers who are covered under this Central allocation.
- XII. The State Government shall satisfy themselves after physical verification that irrigation wells, pump sets etc. wherever proposed in their schemes are essential for the beneficiaries; and
- XIII. The implementation of the scheme would be subject to evaluation at a time and by an agency decided by the Central Government.
3. This sanction relates to Plan Expenditure and is in accordance with the approval granted by the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Finance.

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4. It is requested that arrangements may kindly be made to credit this amount to the State Government in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Ministry of Finance Office Memorandum No. 2/45/76-Spl.Cell dated 30.08.1976 as modified vide O.M. of even number dated 10.09.1976 under intimation to this Ministry.
5. The expenditure is debitable to the Major Head "3601" – D-Grants-in-Aid to State Government-D.2-Grants for Centrally Sponsored Plan Schemes-D.2(2)-Labour-Rehabilitation of Bonded Labour for 2008-09..
6. This sanction issues in exercise of the delegated powers in consultation with Finance-I Branch vide their Dy.No 1246-FA(1)/08 dated 30.9.08.
7. The receipt of this letter may please be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

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Director

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

- 1) Pay & Accounts Officer, Ministry of Labour & Employment, New Delhi
- 2) The Accountant General, Central Revenues, New Delhi
- 3) The Sr. Accounts Officer (I/C Book), O/O the Accountant General (A&E)-II, Bihar & Jharkhand, Birchand Patel Path, R-Block, Patna-800001.
- 4) The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bihar, Patna..
- 5) The Secretary, Department of Labour & Employment, Govt. of Bihar, Patna with reference to Labour Commissioner, Bihar letter No. 2/BL-2006-3554 dated 17.7.2008. The proposal for release of Rs. 55.00 lakhs for rehabilitation of 409 freed bonded labourers was received. As the Central share will be Rs.40.90 lakhs, Rs. 36.00 lakhs are being released and an amount of Rs.4.90 lakhs will be released as soon as Utilization Certificates for an unspent amount of Rs.4.90 lakhs, already lying with the State Government, are received. It is also requested that the State Government may release the amount to the defaulting districts only on receipt of Utilisation Certificates from them.
- 6) The Planning Commission (LEM Division), Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi
- 7) Ministry of Programme Implementation (TPP Division), Sardar Patel Bhavan, New Delhi
- 8) Ministry of Rural Development (IFD Division), Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
- 9) Joint Secretary, Plan Finance Division, Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure), North Block, New Delhi
- 10) Deputy Controller of Accounts, Internal Audit, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Room No. 518, New Delhi. Utilization Certificates for an

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amount of Rs.4.90 s are pending with the State Government. State Government is being advised that no grants shall be released to the defaulting districts from where Utilization Certificates of grants released for the above mentioned purpose are pending, the grants shall be released on receipt of Utilization Certificates only.

- 11) Finance-I Branch/Planning Unit/B & A Section, Ministry of Labour & Employment,
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- 12) Guard File.

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