

**ORIGINAL FOR PAYMENT**

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Government of India  
Ministry of Rural Development  
(Department of Rural Development)  
(Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Division)

  
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**Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi**  
**Date: 19.3.2025**

To

The Pay & Accounts Officer,  
Government of India,  
Ministry of Rural Development,  
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

**Subject- Release of Funds for Cluster Facilitation Project [CFP] as 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment of 1<sup>st</sup> tranche for 1<sup>st</sup> year i.e. FY-2020-21 under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) – Central Assistance for financial year 2024-25 to the State of Bihar**

Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to the payment of Grants-in-aid amounting to **Rs.3,84,94,750/- (Rupees Three Crore Eighty Four Lakh Ninety Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Only)** as 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment of 1<sup>st</sup> tranche for 1<sup>st</sup> year i.e. FY-2020-21 for CFP in the **State of Bihar** as Central assistance towards **Cluster Facilitation Project [CFP]** for the financial year **2024-25**.

2. The State Government must transfer these funds to the CPF Bank account within 15 days of receipt of these funds. In case of non-transfer beyond this period, the State Government would be liable to pay interest @ 12% per annum for the period of delay beyond the specified period. The State Government is requested to endorse the copy of the release order to the Central Government addressed as under:

**Sanjay Kumar, Director (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA)**  
**Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan,**  
**New Delhi-110001.**

3. The Sanctioned amount will be utilized for activities mentioned in the CFP Guidelines-December, 2019. No deviations from the provisions of the guidelines are permissible.

4. The accounts of the grantee institution will be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the internal Audit of the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry.

5. The release of the fund is subject to condition that in case of implementation of CFP at the Block level by CSO, the fund shall be released to those CSO's who have been signed up on the NGO-DARPAN Portal as mentioned in NITI Aayog OM No. M- 11/16 (2)/2015-VAC dated 28.10.2016.

6. State should maintain a single nodal account as Department of Expenditure OM No.1(13)PFMS/FCD/2020, dated 23.03.2021 and as per Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Operational Guidelines, clause-12.3 for ensuring transparency and accountability in management of funds.

7. Further the following conditions shall be fulfilled in utilization of these funds:

- Adherence to the time line indicated in the Minutes of the LB meeting for FY 2024-25 against various key activities.
- In all Electronic Fund Management System (eFMS) 'implemented' areas, the funds shall be maintained at the State level; and there shall be no intermediary accounts. All payments in these areas shall move directly from the State fund to the destination accounts based on the pay order generated at the Block/Gram Panchayat level.
- Where eFMS is not yet implemented, steps shall be taken to implement the same at the earliest.
- The detailed voucher-based data shall be available in the NREGA Soft for all the expenditure done.
- This grant is towards plan expenditure and shall be utilized for approved items of works subject to the conditions laid down in the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Guidelines. No deviation from the provisions of the Guidelines is permissible.

- f) The Utilization Certificate should be submitted within 12 (Twelve) months of the closure of financial year which shall include interest accrued. Interest accrued should be computed based on the details of ledger account maintained for the purpose.
- g) State should immediately refund interest receipt in consolidated fund of India in terms of Rule 230(8) of the GFR, 2017.

8. The accounts of the grantee institutions will be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the Internal Audit of the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry in terms of 236 (1) of the General Financial Rules, 2017.

9. The expenditure is debatable of the following Head of Accounts under **Demand No. 87** Department of Rural Development (2024-25).

<b>2505</b>	<b>Rural Employment (Major Head)</b>
<b>02</b>	<b>Rural Employment Guarantee Schemes (Sub Major Head)</b>
<b>02.101</b>	<b>National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Minor Head)</b>
<b>09</b>	<b>Capacity Building &amp; Technical Support</b>
<b>09.00.09</b>	<b>Training Expenses</b>

10. The D.D.O. (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA), New Delhi (207172), M/o Rural Development will be the Drawing & Disbursing Officer for the purpose. The amount mentioned in Para-1 above will be transferred to **State Employment Guarantee Fund** as detailed below:

S. No	Particular	
1.	Name of Account	Bihar Rural Development Society
2.	Name of the Bank & Address	State bank of India Rural development Department Old Secretariat 5-Mangal Road, Patna, Bihar -800015
3.	Account No.	00000041688145074
4.	Branch name	Patna R Block
5.	IFSC Code	SBIN0031501

11. Further, fund would be released on compliance of all conditionalities prescribed at the time of previous releases; submission of compliance on Minutes of the Labour Budget Meeting for FY 2024-25 at the earliest within the stipulated time.

12. This issues under the powers delegated to this Ministry and in consultation with the Integrated Finance Division vide their **U.O. No. UO No. 1275/Finance/2024-25; Dated: 13.03.2025.**

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Director (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA)

**Copy to:**

1. The Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Bihar
2. The Secretary/Commissioner (MGNREGA), Rural Development, Govt, of Bihar
3. The Accountant General, Govt. of Bihar, Patna
4. The Director of Audit, E&S Ministries, IP Estate, AGCR Building, New Delhi- 110002.

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