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

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 06.03.2025

To

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

Subject – Release of Funds to Social Audit Unit (2nd Installment of 1st tranche) under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA) Central Assistance for financial year 2024-25 for conduction & staffing of Independent Social Audit Unit to the State Government of Punjab.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to the payment of Grants-in-aid amounting to **Rs.1,60,15,000/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty Lakh Fifteen Thousand Only)** as **2nd instalment of 1st tranche to the State Government of Punjab** as Central assistance towards conducting Social Audit in the State & Staffing of Independent Social Audit Unit (SAU) for the financial year **2024-25**.

2. The State Government must transfer these funds to the Social Audit Unit's 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:

Shri Suman Majumdar, Deputy Secretary (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA)
Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan,
New Delhi, 110001.

3. The State Government must transfer these funds to the Social Audit Bank account as per the details given below:

Name of the Account Holder	Name of the Bank & Branch	Bank IFSC Code No.	Account No.
PUNJAB STATE SOCIETY FOR SOCIAL AUDIT ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPERANCY	HDFC BANK LTD SECTOR 35 B, CHANDIGARH	HDFC0000035	50100179681162

4. 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 **Rule 236 (1) of the General Financial Rules, 2017.**

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

3601	Grants-in-aid to State Government (Major Head)
06	Centrally Sponsored Schemes
101	Central Assistant/Share
28	Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment
28.02	Social Audit
28.02.35	Grants for creation of Capital Assets

6. **The DDO, Mahatma Gandhi NREGA (207172),** M/O Rural Development will be the Drawing & Disbursing Officer for purpose. The amount mentioned in Para-1 above will be transferred to the State Govt. of Punjab.

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

- (i) SAU must adhere to Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Audit of Scheme Rules 2011 and Auditing Standards.
 - (ii) SAU must ensure uploading of Social Audit reports on the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA website.
8. This issues under the powers delegated to this Ministry and in consultation with the Integrated Finance Division vide their **U. O. No.1175/Finance/2024-25 dated 03.03.2025.**



(Suman Majumdar)
सुमन मजुमदार / SUMAN MAJUMDAR
Deputy Secretary (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA)
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Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Punjab.
2. The Secretary/Commissioner (MGNREGA), Rural Development, Government of Punjab.
3. The Accountant General, Government of Punjab.
4. The Director, Social Audit Unit (SAU), Government of Punjab.
5. The Director of Audit, E& S Miistries, IP Estate, AGCR Building, New Delhi-110002.
6. The Resident Commissioner, New Delhi.
7. US (Finance-I)
8. US (RE-V).
8. Guard file.



(Suman Majumdar)
Deputy Secretary (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA)
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