

Technical Education – Centrally Sponsored Scheme – Upgradation of Existing Polytechnics – Release of Second Instalment to 2 Polytechnics – Sanction – Orders – Issued.

Higher Education (B2) Department

G.O.(Ms).No.139

Dated : 13.08.2014.

ஜய வருடம், ஆடி 28, திருவள்ளுவா் ஆண்டு 2045.

<u> Read :-</u>

From the Under Secretary to Government of India (TS-IV), MHRD, Government of India, Department of Higher Education, New Delhi, letter F.No.16-3/2010/TS-IV, dated. 14.11.2013

ORDER :-

The Government of India has been implementing the scheme of 'Upgradation of Existing Polytechnics' as a part of 'Submission on Polytechnics under Co-ordinated Action for Skill Development'. Under the scheme, Rs.2.00 crore has been granted to each Polytechnic to (i) provide modern equipments and replacement of obsolete equipment and (ii) provide modern facilities for application of IT in teaching, learning and testing processes etc.

2. The Government of India had released grants directly into the Bank Accounts of the selected Polytechnic Colleges until 2010-2011. Since the financial year 2011-2012, it has been providing financial assistance to the grantee Polytechnics via. State Government to ensure successful implementation of the scheme.

3. The Government of India vide it's sanction letter dated 14.11.2013 has released a total sum of Rs.180.00 lakh as 2nd Instalment to 2 grantee polytechnics, under this scheme of 'Upgradation of Existing Polytechnics'. The details of the grants allocated to the colleges can be seen below:-

SI. No.	College name	Grants-in-aid General-77.5% (Rs. in lakh)	Grants-in-aid SC – 15% (Rs. in lakh)	Grants-in-aid ST – 7.5% (Rs. in lakh)	TOTAL (Rs. in lakh)
1.	Government Polytechnic College, Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu.	100.75	19.50	9.75	130.00
2.	Government Polytechnic College, Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu.	38.75	7.50	3.75	50.00
	TOTAL	139.50	27.00	13.50	180.00

4. The Government of India has released the above grants under the following conditions:-

- a) Grants in aid shall be utilized for Upgradation of existing polytechnics. Accordingly, the Technical Education Department of the State shall release the amount mentioned against each Polytechnic listed above immediately.
- b) The funds will be utilized for:-

Providing modern equipments and replacement of obsolete equipments, providing modern, facilities for application of IT in teaching, learning and testing processes etc., creating infrastructure facilities for introduction of new diploma courses.

- c) The Principals of the concerned Polytechnics in consultation with the State Technical Department have to prepare comprehensive list of Machinery / Equipment as per the proposal submitted to the Ministry of Human Resource Development and as approved by the Advisory Committee. The Principals have to get the list so prepared vetted by the National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR) of the concerned region before purchase. The list shall include the Machinery / Equipment purchased with the GIA and also GIA of Rs.10.00 / 20.00 lakh sanctioned before.
- d) Purchase of furniture for hostels, guests houses are not allowed under the scheme.
- e) Software for which alternatives are provided by the All India Council for Technical Education on it's portal or are made available by All India Council for Technical Education must be used.
- f) Air conditioners be purchased for Labs as per requirement only and not for office other purposes.
- g) Realistic cost of Equipment & Software be decided at State Level.
- h) Hardware / Software items may be decided on the basis of specifications and not it's brand.
- i) Purchase of laptops are also not allowed. However, maximum one laptop can be purchased for the purpose of presentation in the conference room, etc.
- j) Furniture for labs and workshops and office automation can be purchased. En masse purchase of furniture for class rooms is not allowed under the scheme. However, for new courses with a maximum of 60 seats, furniture can be purchased. The total cost of furniture shall not be more than Rs.5.00 lakh or 10% of the grant, whichever is less.
- k) Equipment with latest specification, software of latest version shall be purchased.

- Library automation software shall be used from the open source to the extent possible in place of buying proprietary software; pre-installed operating system can be bought instead of buying separate copies. Polytechnic to explore Open Source Software Solutions before adopting proprietary software's for their academic, administrative and financial needs.
- m) No vehicle purchase is allowed under the Scheme.
- n) No building construction is allowed. However, minor alterations in the labs / workshops required for the new equipments/ machinery can be carried out. Minor electrification / wiring required essentially for the new equipments purchased and for removal of obsolete equipments can be carried out.
- o) Total number of computers in the institute shall be as per the All India Council for Technical Education norms.
- p) In case, the D.G. Set (Diesel Generator Set) has been requested in the proposal, specific approval of Secretary dealing with Technical Education for purchase has to be obtained prior to purchase.
- q) The pattern of assistance under the scheme of financial assistance has the prior approval of Ministry of Finance, Government of India. It is also certified that this grant is being released in conformity with the rules and principles of the scheme.
- r) Grants in aid shall be utilized for Upgradation of Existing Polytechnics as per the norms approved by the Government and subject to the provisions contained in the General Financial Rules (GFR).
- s) The grantee shall maintain subsidiary accounts of the Grants in aid received from the Government.
- t) The amount so paid to the grantee shall be open to inspection by the sanctioning authority (or its representative) and audit, both by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India under the provision of CAG (DPC) Act 1971 and internal audit by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry, whenever the institute is called upon to do so.
- u) The Accounts shall be audited by the Internal Auditors / Chartered Accountants of the grantee institution.
- v) It is informed that for the financial year 2012-2013 as the grant will be released through the concerned State / UT Government, Utilization Certificates for grants released from 2012-2013 will be submitted by the respective State / Union Territory Governments. The Utilization Certificate issued by the State / Union Territory Government may be accompanied by the audited accounts and physical progress report on utilization of the grant, submitted by the concerned polytechnic (format available at this Ministry's website). It is requested that the State Government issue a separate Utilization Certificate for each grantee polytechnic, to ensure that release of grants to better performing polytechnics are not held up due to some other polytechnics not submitting Utilization Certificates on time. The State Government / Institute / Polytechnic shall utilize the grants within twelve months of the date of sanction.

- w) The institute shall maintain subsidiary accounts for the grants received under the scheme and furnish to the State Government, a Utilization Certificate in the prescribed form GFR 19A, supported by the Audited Statement of Accounts duly signed by the authorised auditor of the institute and countersigned by the Principal / Director of the institution, to the effect that the grant in aid has been utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned. The Utilization Certificate issued by the State / Union Territory Government may be accompanied by the audited accounts and physical progress report submitted by the concerned polytechnic (format available at the Ministry's website). The State Government may issue a separate Utilization Certificate for each grantee polytechnic, to ensure that release of grants to better performing polytechnics are not held up due to some other polytechnics not submitting Utilization Certificates on time. The Grants-in-aid in respect of the next financial year shall be released only after the ministry has satisfied itself, that the grantee institution has properly utilized the grants released.
- x) The grantee shall maintain a register of assets in the prescribed form GFR-19, which shall also be a subject to check by Audit parties. The assets acquired wholly or substantially out of the Governments grant except those declared as obsolete and unserviceable or condemned as per procedure laid down in the GFRs shall not be disposed of without obtaining prior approval of the Government of India or utilized for any purpose other than for which it is sanctioned.
- y) The institute shall keep the Ministry informed through quarterly performance cum achievement reports about the progress and development of the institute in realizing the objectives of the approved plan schemes for which grant in aid is being released;
- z) The grantee shall not divert the grants and entrust execution of the scheme or work concerned to another institutions or organizations and shall abide by the terms and conditions of the grant.
- aa) The institute shall maintain subsidiary accounts for the grants received under the scheme and furnish to the Government, a Utilization Certificate in the prescribed form GFR 19A, supported by the Audited Statement of Accounts duly signed by the authorised auditor of the institute and countersigned by the Principal / Director of the institution, to the effect that the grant in aid has been utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned. The Grants-in-aid in respect of the next financial year shall be released only after the ministry has satisfied itself, that the grantee institution has properly utilized the grants released.
- bb) The grantee agrees to make reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in posts / services under its control on the lines indicated by the Government of India.
- cc) There is no reason to believe that the grantee is involved in corrupt practices.
- dd) It is certified that the unspent balance of the previous grants has been taken into account while sanctioning the present grant.

5. The Government of India has requested the State Government to transfer the funds to the Directorate of Technical Education Department at the earliest for onward release to the concerned polytechnic colleges. It has also requested to make expenditure of central grants strictly as per the conditions mentioned in the sanction letter and ensure transparency in the purchase of equipment / machinery as per General Financial Rules (GFR), uniform pricing of equipment being purchased by various polytechnics and submit the progress report regularly.

6. The Government after careful examination decided to sanction a sum of Rs.1,80,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore and Eighty Lakh only) to the following two Polytechnic Colleges for upgradaton of existing Polytechnics.

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7. The expenditure sanctioned in para 6 above shall be debited to the following head of account:

(i) General Head (Rs.139.50 lakh)

"2203-00 Technical Education – 105 Polytechnics – Schemes in the Twelfth Five Year Plan – III Centrally Sponsored – SA Establishment of Polytechnic Colleges – 09 Grants-in-Aid – 03 Grants for Specific Schemes". (DPC 2203 00 105 SA 0930).

(ii) SC Head (Rs.27.00 lakh)

"2203-00 Technical Education – 789 Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes – Schemes in the Twelfth Five Year Plan III Centrally Sponsored – SA Community Development through Polytechnics under National Mission on Skill Development – 09 Grants-in-Aid – 03 Grants for Specific Schemes". (DPC 2203 00 789 SA 0932).

(iii) ST Head (Rs.13.50 lakh)

"2203-00 Technical Education – 796 Tribal Area Sub-Plan-Schemes in the Twelfth Five Year Plan – III Centrally Sponsored – SA Community Development through Polytechnics under National Mission on Skill Development – 09 Grants in-Aid – 03 Grants for Specific Schemes". (DPC 2203 00 796 SA 0937).

8. Necessary funds will be provided in RE/FMA 2014-15. However, this expenditure shall be brought to the notice of the Legislature by specific inclusion in the Supplementary Estimates 2014-15. Pending provision of such funds, the Commissioner of Technical Education is authorized to draw and disburse the amount. The Commissioner of Technical Education is requested to include the same while sending the proposals for RE/FMA 2014-15 to Government in Finance (Education-I) Department. The Commissioner of Technical Education shall also send necessary explanatory note to the Government in Finance (BG-I/Edn-I) Department at appropriate time for inclusion of this expenditure in FSE 2014-15.

9. This order issues with concurrence of Finance Department vide it's U.O.No.38490/Edn-I/2014, dated 04.08.2014 and ASL No.816 (Eight hundred and sixteen).

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

HEMANT KUMAR SINHA, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

<u>To:-</u>

The Commissioner of Technical Education, Chennai-25.

The Secretary to GOI, MHRD, Department of Higher Education, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi. The Deputy Educational Adviser, MHRD, GOI, Department of Higher Education,

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.

The Principals of concerned Polytechnic Colleges.

(Through the Commissioner of Technical Education, Chennai.)

The Commissioner of Treasuries and Accounts, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai-15.

The Accountant General, Chennai-18/35.

The Pay and Accounts Officer, Chennai-35.

The Pay and Accounts Officer, Madurai.

The concerned District Treasury Officers.

Copy to:-

The Chief Minister's office, Chennai-9.

The Principal Secretary to Government, Finance Department, Chennai-9.

The Secretary to Government, Finance (Expenditure) Department, Chennai-9.

The Special PA to Minister (Higher Education), Chennai-9.

The Special PA to Minister (Finance), Chennai-9.

The Finance (Edn-I/BG-I/BG-II) Department, Chennai-9.

The Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Department, Chennai-9.

The Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government,

Higher Education Department, Chennai-9.

National Informatics Centre, Chennai-9. SF/SC.

//Forwarded/By Order//

Section Officer