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SECONDARY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

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No. PMA(S)78/2017/24 .- The primary objective of a school is to provide education which involves a series of programmes and activities. The successful conduct of these programmes and activities depends mainly upon the availability of proper infrastructure in the school. Education infrastructure is one of the most basic elements necessary to ensure access to education. Physical Infrastructure stands for the physical facilities of the school which is referred to buildings, grounds, furniture and apparatus along with equipments essential for imparting education.

There is a direct relationship between school infrastructure and educational performance, and that upgradation of educational infrastructure is expected to contribute towards improvement of the quality of education and the economic performance of the State. A number of Govt/Provincialized Secondary Schools of the State are now more than 100(hundred) years old which requires renovation of existing infrastructure facilities/reconstruction etc.

Therefore, with a view to establish linkage between school infrastructure and academic performance with quality education and after careful consideration of all aspects, the Government of Assam have decided to provide a need based financial support for infrastructure development of deserving old Secondary Schools subject to the following terms and conditions.

1. **Beneficiary Schools:** The scheme will cover only the old Govt/ Provincialized High Schools/ High Madrassas and Higher Secondary Schools, showing good performance in previous years with adequate number of enrollment and have not received Govt grants during last three years. The Director of Secondary Education, Assam will prepare the list of such schools in consultation with the Inspectors of Schools of respective districts and will submit formal sanction proposal alongwith the districtwise compiled list of schools.
2. **Financial Grant:** Each of the deserving beneficiary school will be provided a financial grant not exceeding Rs 50.00 Lakh for infrastructure development on need basis preferably for the following purpose:
 - a) Construction/ repair of boundary wall, b) construction/ repair of classroom, c) construction/ repair of Toilets/ drains, d) construction/ repair of laboratories and e) purchase of school furniture.

In the initial phase, 70% of the allocated fund will be released to the SMDCs and remaining 30% of the allocated fund will be released on submission of progress report and Utilization certificate in respect of previous release.

3. **Transfer of fund:** The fund released by the State Government for the above purpose will be disbursed to the SMDCs of the respective beneficiary schools in their bank accounts by the Director of Secondary Education, Assam. The SMDCs shall maintain an account only in the nearest branch of any nationalized Bank with core banking facilities.

4. **Preparation of Plan & Estimates for construction:** The plan & estimates for infrastructure development of the selected beneficiary schools as per the need of concerned school will be prepared by the Executive Engineer, PWD(B) of respective districts as per prescribed schedule.

5. **Constitution of a Construction Committee:** For smooth implementation of the scheme, a construction committee shall be constituted in each school under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner of the district and with the following members:

Deputy Commissioner or his nominee	Chairman
Inspector of Schools	Member
Executive Engineer, PWD(B)	Member
Head of the Institution	Member Secretary
Chairman of the SMDC	Member
Finance and Accounts Officer, office of the Deputy Commissioner	Member

a) Functions of the committee:

(i) To make assessment on the areas against which renovation of existing infrastructure/new infrastructure is required by the school authority.

(ii) To entrust the district PWD(B) to prepare the plan & estimate in accordance with the assessment.

(iii) To monitor the physical & financial progress of the scheme.

6. **Utilization of Fund:** The fund provided to the SMDCs shall be utilized as per recommendation of the construction committee as stated at para 5. The SMDC is to maintain the accounts properly including cash book, stock book, payment register etc.. SMDC is responsible for submission of utilization of fund, progress report and photographic evidence to Inspector of Schools for expenditure incurred against the disbursed funds. Consolidated Utilization Certificate against Govt. sanction will be submitted by the Director of Secondary Education, Assam.

7. **Disputes:** Any disputes on scheme execution and allegation of any nature may be addressed to the Govt in the Secondary Education Department for necessary action.

This issues as per concurrence of Finance(EC-III) Deptt vide their U/O No. 1022/2017 dated 01-09-2017.

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