To,

The Pay & Accounts Officer (Sectt.)
Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.

Subject: Release of first instalment of Central Assistance (CA) amounting to Rs. 96,96,00,000/- (20% of the approved Central Assistance of Rs. 484.81 crore against SAAP-III) to Government of Punjab under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT).

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the competent authority for the release of an amount of Rs. 96,96,00,000/- (Rupees Ninety-Six Crore and Ninety-Six Lakhs only) to Government of Punjab. This amount is being released as 1st instalment being 20% of the approved Central Assistance of Rs. 484.81 Crore towards project funds under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) for implementation of projects related to Water Supply, Sewerage and Septage Management and Parks approved in SAAP-III. The total approved size of State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) - III of Punjab is Rs. 1199.95 Crore for balance Mission period, i.e., 2017-20.

2. The payment is being released on the basis of estimated project cost and any excess or shortfall in the 1st instalment shall be adjusted while releasing the 2nd / 3rd instalments of Central Assistance based on approved cost.

3. Diversion of Central Grants for purposes other than the Mission projects is not allowed and shall entail levy of penal interest on the amount and any other action by the Apex Committee and may include adverse effect on release of grants.

4. As per the provision of the Mission’s Guidelines, State Government is required to release the Central Assistance funds along with State share to the nodal account of the State Mission Director within one month of release of Central share by the Ministry otherwise interest at the rate specified by the Ministry of Finance shall be levied on the State for delay and appropriate deductions made from future instalments.

5. This release will be governed in terms of provisions of GFR. The amount of Central Assistance should be kept in separate account and be open to inspection/Audit as per provisions.

6. State Government may take necessary action in respect of observations/comments made by Apex Committee and recorded in the minutes of 14th meeting of Apex Committee held on 18.11.2016.
7. Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) is a new Mission and presently no utilization certificate is pending from the State against SAAP-III under the Mission.

8. The sanction has been entered at Sl. No. 02 of the appropriate head of the sanction register maintained in AMRUT-1B section for the FY 2018-19.

9. The expenditure involved is debitable to the budget head 3601.06.101.24.01.35 under Grant No. 56 - Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs for the year 2018-19 (Plan).

10. The amount of Rs. 96,96,00,000/- will be credited to the State Government’s account to RBI as per procedure laid down by Ministry of Finance, Department Expenditure vide OM No. F-II (45/76/SC) dated 22.02.1977.

11. This issues with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide file no. E-3125947 dated 22.05.2018.

Yours faithfully,

(Harish Chandra Prasad)
Under Secretary (AMRUT-IIB)
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1. Principal Secretary, Department of Local Government, Punjab. The amount released should be utilised for the purpose for which it has been sanctioned and **utilization certificate may be furnished within six months**.
2. The Accountant General (A&E), Punjab, Chandigarh.
4. The Principal Director of Audit, Economic & Service Ministries, AGCR Building, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110002.
5. Integrated Finance Division, MoHUA.
6. Guard File of the Section.

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