To,

The Pay & Account Officer (Sectt.)
Ministry of Urban Development
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.

Subject: Release of first instalment of Central Assistance (CA) amounting Rs.18,24,00,000 /- (20% of the approved Central Share towards project fund of Rs.91.20 crore) to Govt. of Himachal Pradesh under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT).

I am directed to convey the sanction of the Competent Authority for the release of an amount of Rs 18,24,00,000/- (Rupees Eighteen Crore and Twenty Four Lakh only) to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh. This amount is being released as 1st instalment being 20% of the approved Central Assistance towards project fund of Rs.91.20 crore under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) for implementation of projects related to Water Supply, Sewerage, Drainage, Urban Transport (Non- Motorised) and Parks approved in SAAP 2016-17. The total approved size of State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) of Himachal Pradesh is Rs.101.33 crore for 2016-17.

2. The first instalment is being released on the basis of estimated project cost and any excess or shortfall in the first instalment shall be adjusted while releasing the second instalment 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 ULBs within seven working days 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.

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6. State Govt may take necessary action in respect of observations/comments made by Apex Committee and recorded in the Minutes of 10th meeting of Apex Committee.

7. Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) is a new Mission and presently no utilization certificate is pending from the State under the Mission.

8. The sanction has been entered at Sl.No. 9 of the sanction register.

9. The expenditure involved is debitable to the Major Head 3601 - Urban Development, 04 - grants for Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme, 315- Other Urban Development Scheme- Assistance to Local Bodies, Corporations, Urban Development Authorities, Town Improvement Boards etc., 04 Urban Rejuvenation Mission- 500 Habitations, 04.00.35-Grants for creation of capital assets under grant No. 95 -Ministry of Urban Development of the year 2016-17 (Plan).

10. The amount of Rs.18,24,00,000/- 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 their Dy. No. 1207/IFD/2016 dated 28.06.2016.