



Institutional Strengthening of Gram Panchayats (ISGP) Project  
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**ORDER**

Allocation order for block grant for FY 2015-16 to 984 qualifying Gram Panchayats amounting to Rs.2030041620/- was issued vide this office memo No. 1337/ISGPP/22F-1(Ff)/11 dated 27-10-2014. Subsequent to this order, the external agency who had conducted the APA 2014 has intimated that they have wrongly recorded one GP named Basanchora of in Paschim Medinipur as 'Failed' in Minimum Mandatory Condition-4 (GPMS) and accordingly name of that GP was not included in their list of qualifying GPs submitted to this office. After careful examination of special Audit Report and with due approval of the competent authority, the name of the Guriahati-II GP of Coochbehar is included in the list of qualifying GPs in APA 2014. So, effectively the figure of qualifying GPs for block grant of FY 2015-16 has gone up to 986.

Now, the undersigned is directed by the order of the Governor to say that the Governor has been pleased to accord sanction of **INR2985346/-** (Rupees twenty nine lakh eighty five thousand three hundred forty six) & **INR2014740/-** (**Rupees twenty lakh fourteen thousand seven hundred forty**) only as the entitlement of block grant for FY 2015-16 in favour of Basanchora of Chandrakona-II block and Guriahati-II of Coochbehar-I block in Paschim Medinipur and Coochbehar district respectively.

Pertinent to mention that both Basanchora and Guriahati-II GPs have to prepare and approve the Integrated Gram Panchayat Plan & Budget (in Form-36) for 2015-16 within 31st January 2015. The activities which are non-permissible (i.e., the negative list) with Block grant are given in Annexure-I. The disbursement to the GPs will be made during March-April 2015, and full utilization of the allocation has to be made within December 2015. The GP must initiate tender process immediately after integrated plan and budget for 2015-2016 has been approved by 31st January 2015.

Encl: As stated

(Soumya Purkait)  
Joint Secretary P&RD Deptt. and  
Project Manager, ISGP Project

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Copy along with enclosures forwarded for kind information and necessary action to:

1. The Sabhadhipati, Paschim Medinipur and Coochbehar, Zila Parishad
2. The District Magistrate, Paschim Medinipur and Coochbehar district
3. The Additional District Magistrate (Panchayats), Paschim Medinipur, and the AEO Coochbehar
4. The District Panchayats & Rural Development Officer, Paschim Medinipur and Coochbehar **She/He is requested to inform and send the copy of this allocation order to the concerned Panchayat Samitis and GPs.**
5. The Sabhapati, Chandrakona-II and Coochbehar-I , Panchayat Samity
6. The Block Development Officer, Chandrakona-II and Coochbehar-I , Block
7. The Pradhan, Basanchora and Guriahati-II, Gram Panchayat
8. The Deputy Project Manager, the Grant Manager, the Finance Manager, the Monitoring & Evaluation Manager, Capacity Building Manager and the Communication Manager of ISG Project
9. The District Coordinator, District Coordination Unit for ISGP Project, Paschim Medinipur and Coochbehar district.



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**A: NEGATIVE LIST – ACTIVITIES NOT ALLOWED**

[Gram Panchayat shall not take any activities mentioned in this list as part of its plan and shall not use any Government fund or own fund for this purpose]

**Activities having adverse impact on Socio-economic status**

- Any activity that overlooks the rights and special provisions of vulnerable groups such as scheduled tribes, scheduled castes and minorities.
- Any activity that goes against the constitutional rights of people and creates inequalities among caste, community and gender groups.

**Activities having adverse impact on Natural Habitat, Forest and Trees**

- Activities those are likely to cause damage to wildlife and forests.
- Activities in forest areas without permission from the Forest Department.
- Activities inside designated Protected Areas<sup>2</sup> (e.g. National Parks, Wild Life Sanctuaries, Tiger Reserves, etc.)
- Any activity involving development of tourism infrastructure (hotels, restaurants, resorts)
- within one km of reserve forests, wildlife sanctuaries without permission from the West
- Bengal Pollution Control Board<sup>3</sup>.
- Felling of more than 3 trees in non-forest areas without permission from the Forest
- Department<sup>4</sup> and felling of any of the trees as mentioned in the schedule 'Permission mandatory for felling<sup>5</sup>' attached to the West Bengal Trees (Protection and Conservation in Non-Forest Areas) Act, 2006.
- Any activity that involves extraction of timber or any non-timber forest produce from a forest area or its transport without permission from the Forest Department<sup>6</sup> with an exception for STs and traditional residents of forest areas.
- Any activity that involves cutting of grass or grazing of livestock in a forest area without
- Permission from the Forest Department<sup>7</sup>.
- Activities involving use of forest land for non-forest purpose without prior clearance from the Forest Department.

**Activities having adverse impact on Drinking Water**

- Activities involving new drinking water supply sourced from groundwater in the 79 arsenic affected blocks (as per Annexure -8) without necessary technical support and guidance from Public Health Engineering Department.
- Activities involving drinking water supply without testing of water quality to ensure that it is safe for human consumption as prescribed by Public Health Engineering Department.

**Activities having adverse impact on Land and Water Resources**

- Activities involving construction of dams (check dams, embankments, etc.) above 7 metres in height.

- Activities involving construction of dam, barrage, bandh, barrier on a flowing river without provision for fish pass or fish-ladder as directed by the District Fisheries Officers<sup>8</sup>.
- Digging of any new tube well or well from which water is extracted for irrigation purpose with the help of any electrical device without permission of the District Level Ground Water Resources Development Authority (Geologist of the State Water Investigation Directorate, Government of West Bengal)<sup>9</sup>.
- Activities involving discharge into any water body any industrial waste, sewerage or other polluting substance that may affect the fish health or life<sup>10</sup>. Activities involving promotion, use, storage and distribution of pesticides that are banned by the Government of India or the Government of West Bengal as well as pesticides that fall in the classes Ia, Ib and II as per the WHO classification (Refer Annexure 3 & 4).
- Any industrial and mining activity without obtaining necessary permits (compliance with siting restrictions, Consent to Establish, Consent to Operate) from the West Bengal Pollution Control Board.

#### **Activities having adverse impact on Coastal Zones<sup>11</sup>**

The following activities in areas under the Coastal Regulation Zone<sup>12</sup> (CRZ):

- Discharge of untreated wastes and effluents Harvesting or drawal of ground water within 200 m of High Tide Level in the 200 m to 500 m zone unless when done manually through ordinary wells for drinking, horticulture, agriculture and fisheries<sup>13</sup>
- Land reclamation, bunding or disturbing the natural course of sea water except those required for control of coastal erosion and maintenance or clearing of water ways, channels or for prevention of sandbars or for tidal regulators, storm water drains or for structures for prevention of salinity ingress and sweet water recharge
- Mining of sands, rocks and other substrata materials
- Any construction activity between the Low Tide Line and High Tide Line in the CRZI and III without permission from the West Bengal State Coastal Zone Management Authority<sup>14,15</sup>

#### **Activities having adverse impact on Cultural Resource**

- Activities likely to cause damage to objects, sites, structures, groups of structures, and natural features and landscapes that have archaeological, paleontological, historical, architectural, religious, aesthetic, or other cultural significance.