



**GUIDELINES FOR THE SCHEME OF 'SPECIAL CENTRAL ASSISTANCE
(SCA) FOR 35 MOST LWE AFFECTED DISTRICTS'**

1. INTRODUCTION:

The Left Wing Extremism (LWE) is one of the most serious threats to the internal security of the country. At present, LWE insurgency is spread across the 106 districts in 10 States of the country viz. Andhra Pradesh (08), Bihar (22), Chhattisgarh (16), Jharkhand (21), Odisha (19), Maharashtra (04), Telangana (08), West Bengal (04), Madhya Pradesh (01) and Uttar Pradesh (03). Out of these, 35 districts in 7 States are the worst affected districts, which contribute more than 90% LWE violence in the country. All these 35 districts are badly deprived from basic infrastructure and facilities.

2. BACKGROUND:

- 2.1 The Government has prepared 'National Policy and Action Plan' for combating Left Wing Extremism. The National Policy and Action Plan includes multi-pronged strategy of the Government, covering areas of Security, Development, Ensuring rights and entitlements of tribals/local communities and Perception management.
- 2.2 For filling the critical gaps of Public infrastructure and Services in the worst LWE affected districts, the Cabinet Committee on Security, in its meeting held on 27.09.2017 approved the Scheme of '**Special Central Assistance (SCA) for 35 most LWE affected Districts**', as a sub-scheme of the Umbrellas Scheme, 'Modernization of Police Forces'. The scheme will continue for a period of 3 years i.e. from 2017-18 to 2019-20.

3. **OBJECTIVE (S) OF THE SCHEME:** Main objective of the scheme is to fill the critical gaps related to Public infrastructure and Services.

4. FUNDS FLOW MECHANISM:

- The Central Government will provide funds to the State Governments @ of Rs. 28.57 crore (approx) per district per year.
- Funds will be released in advance to the Consolidated Fund of the State Governments with the approval of the Central Level Committee (CLC), headed by the Additional Secretary (LWE), MHA in consultation of the IFD, MHA.
- The State Government, within 15 days of the receipt of the funds, will transfer the amount directly into the bank account opened by the concerned District Magistrate for the purpose.



5. RELEASE OF FUNDS:

(i) **During 2017-18**

- Entire fund @ Rs. 28.57 crore per district will be released to the States concerned in a single installment.

(ii) **During the financial year 2018-19.**

- **1st installment:** @ **Rs. 20.00 crore per district** will be released to the States, reporting expenditure of atleast 30% of the amount released in 2017-18.
- **2nd Installment:** @ **Rs. 8.57 crore (approx.) per district** will be released to the States, (i) Reporting utilization of entire amount and submitting UCs for the entire amount released during 2017-18 (ii) Reporting expenditure of atleast 60% of the 1st installment released during the current year.

(iii) **During 2019-20**

- **1st installment:** @ **Rs. 20.00 crore per district** will be released to the States, (i) reporting 60% utilization of funds released during 2nd installment of 2018-19 and 100% utilization of funds released during 1st installment of 2018-19 (ii) submitting UCs for the entire fund released during first installment of 2018-19.
- **2nd Installment:** @ **Rs. 8.57 crore per district** will be released to the States, (i) reporting 60% utilization of funds released during first installment of 2019-20 and 100% utilization of funds released during 2nd installment of 2018-19 (ii) submitting UCs for the entire amount release during second installment of 2018-19.
- If any district is not able to pick up any installment during the financial year, that amount will lapse. The on-going projects will have the first charge on the next year's allocation.
- The Utilization Certificates (**Annexure-I**), being submitted for further release of funds must be countersigned by 'the Administrative Secretary of the Division regulating the Scheme/Finance Secretary of the State as per GFR 239/240.

6. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEME:

- The District Level Committee (DLC), headed by District Collector/District Magistrate and comprising the Superintendent of Police, District Forest Officer will prepare and approve the projects/works to be taken up under the Scheme and forward the same to the State Level Committee (SLC) for onward transmission to MHA for information.

- The District Level Committee will be responsible for implementation of this scheme and would have flexibility to spend the funds as per requirement keeping in view the overall development of the district concerned.
- DLC will ensure that the works/projects to be taken up under SCA are of emergent nature and require immediate action from the security point of view. The overall objective should be to use the funds in convergence with other Centrally Sponsored Schemes/State Plan Schemes, so that these districts register progress in terms of socio-economic parameters.
- State Level Committee (SLC) that mirrors DLC, constituted under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary or the Development Commissioner with the Director General of Police and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Principal Secretary of Forest as members for closer coordination of the activities of the District Level Committee.
- DLC will be responsible for undertaking regular inspection of works/projects, being undertaken in the scheme and maintaining the quality of works.

7. OPENING AND MAINTENANCE OF BANK ACCOUNTS:

The District Administration will open a Saving Bank Account in a Public Sector Bank in the name of the District Collector/District Magistrate concerned. The District Collector/District Magistrate shall be responsible for maintenance of the accounts for the funds allotted to him/her. Similarly, it also needs to be ensured that the executing agency, entrusted with the funds under the scheme, will also maintain separate account. Drawing of funds for making payment for the works undertaken by the executing agencies will be made as per the prescribed State's Financial Rules and concerned Departmental Manual.

8. UTILIZATION OF INTEREST EARNED ON DEPOSITS:

Interests earned on the deposits, if any, shall not be utilized for the projects/works under the scheme and will be returned to the consolidated fund of India as per the GFR 230(8).

9. AUDIT OF WORKS AND ACCOUNTS:

- Regular audit of works taken up under the scheme shall be carried out by the Chartered Accountant firms listed in the panel of the State Government or the AG's of the States. The audit report along with the action taken on the auditor's observations will be submitted by the District Collectors/District Magistrates through the State Governments with the proposals for release of the second installments in the 2018-19 and releases in 2019-20.

- Statutory audit shall be carried out by the State Accountant General and the AG's observations will be submitted by the DCs/DMs to the State Level Committee.
- Audit Report/Certificate, along with action taken on the observations made by the Accountant General will be submitted by the State Governments to MHA within a period of two years.

10. MONITORING AND REPORTING

- The District Level Committee will be responsible for implementation of the scheme and completion of the works/projects within the time-line fixed. Progress of the projects/works will be reviewed/monitored by DLC and reported to the State Level Committee on regular basis.
 - The State Level Committee (SLC) will also meet at least once in a quarter to review and monitor the physical and financial progress of projects, being undertaken under the scheme. States will send progress reports to MHA for perusal of the Central Level Committee (CLC), MHA.
 - At the Central level, the Central Level Committee (CLC), MHA will review and monitor the progress of the scheme and issue suitable directions, if required, to speed up the progress of the projects.
 - Monitoring of the Scheme would be done through Management of Information System (MIS) also.
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