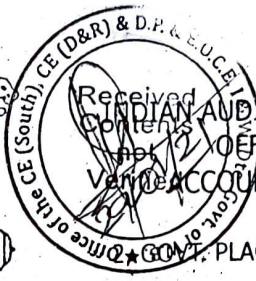


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Jalasampad Bhaban, Western Block, 1st. Floor,
Saltlake, Kolkata -700 091.

Subject : Audit Report in respect of World Bank assisted National
Hydrology Project (Loan No. 8725-IN) for the financial year
2019-2020.

Sir,

I am to forward herewith the Audit Report, duly incorporating the audit observations, in respect of World Bank assisted National Hydrology Project (Loan No. 8725-IN) for the financial year 2019-2020.

The receipt of the same may kindly be acknowledged.

Enclo: As stated.

Yours faithfully,

(Vinod Parihar)

Deputy Accountant General / AMG-IV

UD No. 32

Dated 02-02-2021

Copy with copy of enclosures to :-

1) SE, IPC-1
✓ EE, Burdwan Div & Planning Division for
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Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the Project Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the World Bank assisted National Hydrology Project (Loan No. 8725-IN), which comprise the Statement of Sources and Applications of Funds, Reconciliation of Claims to Total Applications of Funds and Management Assertion letter as furnished by the Project Authority for the year ended 31 March 2020. These statements are the responsibility of the Project's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the accompanying financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Auditing Standards promulgated by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. Those Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Our audit examines, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the sources and applications of funds of World Bank assisted National Hydrology Project (Loan No. 8725-IN) for the year ended 31 March 2020 in accordance with Government of India accounting standards.

In addition, in our opinion, (a) with respect to PFS, adequate supporting documentation has been maintained to support claims to the World Bank for reimbursements of expenditures incurred; and (b) except for ineligible expenditures as detailed in the audit observations, expenditures are eligible for financing under the Loan / Credit Agreement.

During the course of the audit, PFS and the connected documents were examined and these can be relied upon to support reimbursement under the Loan / Credit Agreement.

This report is issued without prejudice to CAG's right to incorporate the audit observations in the Report of CAG of India for being laid before Parliament / State Legislature.

Audit Observations :

A. Relating to financial year 2019-2020

The Project Financial Statement (PFS) in respect of World Bank assisted National Hydrology Project (Loan No. 8725-IN) for the financial year 2019-2020, furnished by the Project Authority disclosed a total expenditure of ₹ 24019920.00 and the entire expenditure have been admitted in audit. Details are given below:

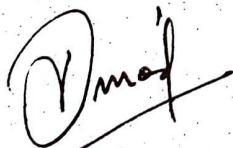
Out of ₹24019920.00, amount eligible for reimbursement stands at ₹ 12009960.00 in audit as shown below:- (in ₹)

Components	Expenditure incurred as per audit	Expenditure inadmissible in Audit	Expenditure admitted in audit	Percentage of reimbursement	Amt eligible for reimbursement.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4) (2 - 3)	(5)	(6)
Component A, B, C & D	24019920.00	-	24019920.00	50%	12009960.00
Total:	24019920.00	-	24019920.00		12009960.00

B. Adjustment in respect of earlier periods

The expenditure not admitted in audit in the previous years (2017-18 and 2018-19) has been claimed again by the Project Authority. The details of amount admitted/not-admitted are given below:

Initial year of expenditure	Expenditure not admissible (In ₹)	Reasons for not admitting the expenditure during the year of expenditure	Expenditure not admissible (2019-2020) (In ₹)	Expenditure admissible (2019-2020) (In ₹)	Reasons for not admitting/admitting the expenditure during 2019-2020
(1)	(4)	(5)	(6)		(7)
2017-18	10250.00	In violation of the memo of NPMU, MoWR, RD & GR dated 09.10.2017, which stipulates that the participant would have to make their own arrangement for boarding and lodging during the training period, participants were allowed food charges. Hence, the expenditure of ₹ 10,250.00 on food is held inadmissible.	10250.00	-	No further development during 2019-2020
	29050.00	Hiring charges (₹29050.00) incurred in excess of ceiling rates stipulated in Gazette Notification no. 3564-WT/3M-81/98 dated 24.11.2008 of Transport Department, GoWB.		29050.00	In view of the memo 112/IB dated 03.07.2015, the para may be dropped and hiring charges of ₹29050.00 is now eligible for reimbursement.
2018-2019	149708.00	Hiring charges (₹149708.00) incurred in excess of ceiling rates stipulated in Gazette Notification no. 3564-WT/3M-81/98 dated 24.11.2008 of Transport Department, GoWB.		149708.00	In view of the memo 112/IB dated 03.07.2015, the para may be dropped and hiring charges of ₹149708.00 is now eligible for reimbursement.



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[Date: 07.12.2020]