GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTORATE OF WELFARE OF PLAIN TRIBES AND BACKWARD CLASSES: RUKMINI NAGAR, GUWAHATI-6

No. DW/SD/ST-OBC/649/2018-19/79

Dated Guwahati, the 25th Feb/2019

To:	1. The Project Director,
	ITDP, 2. Sub-Divisional Welfare Officer

Sub: Grants to individual beneficiaries under WPT&BC for the year 2018-19 Sir.

With reference to the above matter, I would like to inform you that the Government in the Department of WPT & BC has taken initiative for distribution of various grants for the people belonging to ST / OBC communities of Assam in the area of agriculture, housing, education, etc. The grants under these schemes will go a long way in supporting the development activities of the target communities.

The Project Directors, ITDP (for ST beneficiaries) and SDWOs (for OBC beneficiaries) will be the implementing agencies for these grants. The items to be distributed by the Directorate of WPT & BC are as follows:

Education:

- 1) Laptops for ST / OBC students who are not covered under Anundoram Borooah Award scheme & matriculated during 2018. Considering the mis-match in demand and supply, the distribution of the Laptops will be carried out strictly in order of merit (i.e. percentage of marks secured by the students). Implementation will be done through AMTRON.
- 2) Tablet PC along with e-Text Books for ST / OBC students studying in class-IX & X which will consist of e-Text books with study materials (all digital textbook in three vernacular languages i.e. in Assamese, Bodo & Bengali) for assisting them in preparation for matriculation.
- 3) Exercise Books for ST / OBC students studying in Classes I to X.
- 4) Uniform Kit (Sports) ST / OBC students. (Kit comprises of Track Suits and one pair of Sports Shoes)

Housing:

- 1) GCI sheets for shelter unit of ST / OBC families who have not received similar benefit from other Departments.
- 2) Drinking water filters for ST / OBC families for providing drinking water facilities.
- 3) Home Solar lighting system for ST / OBC families for providing lighting facilities in non-electrified area.

Agriculture:

- 1) Vegetable Seeds, Fertilizers and Organic soil enrichers for ST / OBC farmers.
- 2) Power Tillers for ST / OBC farmers for mechanization of agriculture.

Women empowerment:

1) Fashion Design Machine and sewing machine for ST / OBC women for supporting income generation and encouraging economic independence among women.

The effective implementation of the schemes depends upon timely selection of beneficiaries and therefore LAC Level Selection Committee (LACLSC) LAC-wise has been created comprising of the following members:

1. Chairman: Deputy Commissioner/Principal Secretary (For 6th Schedule Autonomous Councils) or Official to be nominated by DC/Principal Secretary

2. Member Secretary: Project Director, ITDP (For ST only)/ Sub-Divisional

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Welfare Officer (for OBC)/ any Officer to be authorized by the Principal Secretary (For 6th Schedule Autonomous Councils)

3. Member: 2(Two) social workers (representative) from ST / OBC community nominated by the district-in-charge Minister of the respective district/ Chief Executive Member of the Autonomous Councils where district-in-minister is not available. It is to be stated here that Govt vide its order No. TAD/BC/303/2017/35 dated 20-02-2019 has notified CEM of autonomous councils to nominate members in districts where district-in-charge minister is not available.

The allocation for the grants has been done on the basis of population and the same are enclosed with this letter. The Beneficiary list approved by the LACLSC will be finalized subject to final approval of the district-in-charge Minister / CEM.

We have divided our districts into four zones for delivery of the items: (A) Lower Assam; (B) Central & Upper Assam; (C) BTAD; and (D) Barak Valley. The list of districts/ITDPs and SDWOs falling within these four zones are enclosed with this letter.

Immediate steps to be taken up by PD, ITDP and SDWOs are the following:

- 1. Notify the LAC Level Selection Committee (LACLSC).
- 2. Selection of beneficiaries through LACLSC.
- 3. Identification of the receiving point/ godown address for the items to be received and stored for distribution to beneficiaries.
- 4. Nominating a Contact Person for coordinating the receipt and storage of grant items of your ITDP / SDWO as the case may be.

All these actions should be taken up immediately and the entire process of selection of beneficiaries must be invariably completed within the first week of March, 2019 before the model code of conduct comes into force.

In case of power-tillers, as the beneficiaries are required to deposit 20% of the cost, their names and contact numbers should reach this Directorate by March 10, 2019 so as to facilitate drawal of the fund from Govt.

For more details please visit our official website. You may also contact Sri Jadav Pegu, Dy. Director (94350-26308) for Zone B and C; Sri G.C. Mili, Jt. Director (94353-43503) for Zone A and Sri P.P. Barkakati, RA (96784-56196) for Zone D.

Enclo: Guidelines, allocations, delivery details, etc.

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Dated Guwahati, the 25th Feb/2019

Yours faithfully

- 1. The Principal Secretary, BTC / Karbi Anglong / Dima Hasao autonomous councils for favour of information and necessary action.
- 2. Deputy Commissioner, all districts for favour of information and necessary action.
- 3. The Joint Director/ Deputy Director, WPT&BC for necessary action.
- 4. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Minister, WPT & BC for favour of information.
- 5. Sri P.P. Barkakati, RA for necessary action.
- 6. The Monitoring Cell, Directorate of WPT&BC for information and necessary action.
- 7. File copy.

Director, WPT & BC, Assam