State Urban Development Agency, Health Wing, West Bengal

Sub.: Seeking grant for establishment of additional six nos. of Sub-Centres under IPP-VIII (Extn.) by Darjeeling Municipality.

Enclosed the communication of the Chairman, Darjeeling Municipality bearing no. IPP-VIII/Acs/Revamp/SHPs/008/Ekd dt. 14/26.08.2008 which speaks for itself.

This is to mention here that 16 Sub-Health Post (SHP) had been established in the year 2002, at Darjeeling Municipality under IPP-VIII (Extn.) to cover 31,534 beneficiaries. Now the Chairman sought grant of additional 6 nos. of SHP as to reach the services to the scattered areas where the BPL families reside.

The table below will show the no. of wards, BPL population covered earlier, no. of existing HHWs & SHPs and the BPL population enumerated by the recent survey (year 2006).

No. of Wards	Population covered earlier	No. of existing HHW	No. of existing SHP	BPL population as per survey 2006
32	31,534	78	16	15,356

It may be mentioned here that due to difficult terrain in the hill area no. of HHWs and SHPs were provided at enhanced rate i.e. approx 400 population per HHW instead of 1,000 population; and approx 1900 population per SHP instead of 5,000 population.

For each of the additional SHPs, there will be consequent requirement of additional no. HHWs & FTSs, medicines, contingent expenses and other logistics.

In view of all above, advice may kindly be given whether additional no. of SHPs would be allowed to Darjeeling Municipality as sought for by the Chairman.

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State Urban Development Agency, Health Wing, West Bengal

Sub.: Payment of salary to the Accountant and Night Guard under `. IPP-VIII (Extn.) - Darjeeling Municipality.

Enclosed the communication of Executive Officer, Darjeeling Municipality bearing no. IPP-VIII/Acs/Misc/2008-09/Ekd dt. 1st November, 2008 feceived by this office on 31.12.2008.

The main contents of his communication are as under:

a) Payment of salary to Accountant @ Rs. 4,500/- and payment of honorarium to additional two nos. of Night Guard out of the fund of IPP-VIII (Extn.).

It is observed by this office that Darjeeling Municipality are paying salary to the Accountant and honorarium to additional two nos. of Night Guard as mentioned above out of the fund of IPP-VIII (Extn.) and sending SOEs to this office acceptance. In this regard, this office communication bearing nos. SUDA-15/98 (Pt. VI)/69, /04 and /21 dt. 06.12.2007, 22.04.2008 & 18.07.2008 respectively are enclosed wherein extra payment of salary & honorarium were disallowed.

This is to mention here that Dept. of Municipal Affairs in its clarification no. 1184/MA/N/C-10/1G-7/2002 dt. 16th November, 2004 has sanctioned only one Night Guard per Maternity Home and no post of Accountant as such.

Though Darjeeling Municipality is having one Maternity Home (non-functioning), in spite of that they are paying honorarium to 3 nos. of Night Guard.

Though there is no sanctioned post of Accountant for the O & M phase of IPP-VIII (Extn.), the Municipality in its LCC meeting has decided to pay salary to the Accountant & Night Guards.

b) Payment of conveyance allowance was disallowed vide this office no. 15/98 (Pt. VI)/08/21 dt. 18.07.2008 due to non-submission of copy of the related receipt which is not at all an issue. The Municipality did not send the said voucher for acceptance. See such for of vr., The assistance will be allowed.

Under the circumstances stated above, advice may kindly be granted whether the payment of salary to the Accountant and additional two nos. Night Guard could be paid by the Municipality out of IPP-VIII (Extn.) of fund as special case without creating any precedence or disallow the expenditure on this account.

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