<u>Matching Grant Scheme-in-Aid for Development Works- (Government Share)</u> <u>Funding Pattern: 100% State</u>

With a view to give incentive to take up development projects in rural and urban areas, the scheme of Matching Grant was introduced in 1979-80. This scheme is executed under specific rules for projects, namely school buildings, veterinary dispensaries, hospitals, recreation centres, mahila mandal bhawans, harijan and backward chaupals and other development works through Panchayat/ Panchayat Samitis, PWD (B&R) and Local Committees. The Matching Grant Scheme has been introduced to a bridge the gap and enables the people to seek financial help equal to the amount raised by them as public contribution except in the case of girl's school, girl's colleges & hostels in the State, where the amount of grant is twice that of the contribution. This scheme has encouraged people's participation. The rural people themselves identify the projects and raise their public contribution and are associated throughout the implementation of the project. This scheme has evoked a big response from the people and every year there is an increase in the demand of this grant. Under this scheme, a budget provision of Rs.3 crore has been made by the State Government during the current financial year 2022-23, out of which an amount of Rs. 9.00 lacs has been sanctioned.

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