

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
COMMERCE & INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT
ADMINISTRATION BRANCH**

NOTIFICATION

No. 324 - CI/O/ADN/GEN-INC/15/14

Dated, Kolkata, the 17th October 2014

EARLY PAYMENT OF ADMITTED INCENTIVES SCHEME 2014

It has been observed that amount of outstanding incentives had been increasing over a period of time during the last several years. Efforts have been made by the State Government to contain the increase in outstanding amount of admitted claims, while policy decisions have also been made to extend relief for admitted claims outstanding over certain period of time. It is, now, proposed to extend the optional benefit of early payment of admitted incentive claims, for providing liquidity support to the companies, at appropriate discount.

This Scheme may be called “Early Payment of Admitted Incentives Scheme 2014”

1. Eligibility:

1.1 The scheme is valid for the incentive claims admitted as IPA by WBIDC (West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation Limited) under WBIS-2000 (The West Bengal Incentive Scheme, 2000), WBIS-2004 (The West Bengal Incentive Scheme, 2004) and WBSSIS-2008 (The West Bengal State Support for Industries Scheme, 2008) as amended from time to time.

1.1.1 WBIS-2004 includes Electricity Duty Waiver amount as part of the total eligible amount of incentives. Hence, such units are eligible for disbursement of IPA, only after the quantum of waiver of Electricity Duty is ascertained from the concerned authorities by WBIDC. Accordingly application for early payment of IPA would be subject to receipt of the said

information regarding quantum of waiver of Electricity Duty from the concerned authorities.

1.2 All the Companies whose incentive claims have been admitted during the period mentioned here below and are otherwise eligible for disbursement, i.e., companies are awaiting disbursement as per the seniority of claims and availability of funds, can apply for early disbursement of IPA.

1.3 Claims which have been admitted for disbursement during preceding 36 months (thirty-six months) as on 15th September, 2014 will be eligible to apply for early disbursement, under the said scheme.

2. **Option for discounted early payment (against admitted incentives):**

2.1 This is a scheme to provide opportunity to companies with admitted claims for applying for early payment of admitted incentives at a discounted amount, as an optional scheme.

2.2 Early payment would attract discount at the simple rate of only 1.25% per month for unexpired maximum period of 36 months only, based on the month of admitted claim i.e. the older claims would attract lesser discount.

2.3 This is an optional and voluntary scheme to provide liquidity support to the Companies.

3. **Manner of discounting admitted claims**

3.1 Discount @1.25% (at the simple rate) would be applied for a maximum period of unexpired 36 months period of claim up to the month of application for early disbursement.

3.1.1 To give an example, if IPA claim of a Company had been admitted in the month January 2012 and said IPA remains undisbursed, the Company may apply for early disbursement of IPA. If the Company applies for early disbursement in the month of July, 2014, the company's IPA claim would be pending for 30 months (February, 2012 to July, 2014). In

such a case the company would be eligible to get disbursement of its Industrial Promotion Assistance after applying discount for period of 6 months only i.e. (6 months X 1.25% = 7.5%). Disbursements would be made in the month succeeding that of application.

3.1.2 It is clarified that only completed months, preceding the month of disbursement from the month of the admitted claim would be counted, as explained hereabove.

4. **Manner of application:**

The interested companies would be eligible to make online application for early payment of IPA through the website of WBIDC, to be followed by submission of relevant documents to the office of WBIDC Ltd.

The scheme would be opened in the month of October and close on 31st October 2014. This would be one-time scheme.

5. **Equal treatment of all pending IPA claims:**

In so far as future disbursements of incentive claims are concerned, equal priority would be accorded to all the outstanding claims, irrespective of certain applicants having availed of the option for early payment of outstanding amount of incentives. No priority will be accorded, in any manner whatsoever, to the applicant companies which have availed early payment of admitted claims at discounted rate. This is to ensure that no disadvantage is done to the Companies who decide not to opt for early payment scheme.

Thus whenever early payment is released to any Company, name of WBIDC-A/C IPA would get substituted in the list of seniority of claims and payment would be released by WBIDC, as per the seniority of all the IPA claims, as if no early payments had been made to any Company. WBIDC will realize the amount against such early payment cases, as per the seniority and standard criteria followed in these cases.

6. **Operating Agency** : The scheme will be operated by West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation Limited (WBIDC)
7. **Clarification** : Clarification, if required, will be given by Commerce & Industries Department, Government of West Bengal.
8. Concurrence is accorded by the Finance Department of Government of West Bengal vide its U.O. No. 17, Gr. H (Misc) dated 08.04.2014

Sd/-

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Copy forwarded for information and undertaking necessary action to:-

1. The OSD to the Hon'ble MIC, Commerce & Industries Department, Government of West Bengal
2. The Principal Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Finance Department.
3. The Managing Director, WBIDC Limited with further request to publish in the WBIDC website.
4. The Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, West Bengal.
5. The Director, Directorate of Industries, West Bengal.
6. Guard file.

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