

BY SPEED POST/E-mail
Himachal Pradesh
(First Installment of Central Share
SCSP Category)

F.No.1-20/2020-SMAF (FTS-86759)
Government of India
Ministry Of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare
(NRM Division, Sub Mission on Agroforestry)

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.
Dated the 20th October, 2020

To

The Pay and Accounts Officer
Pay & Accounts Office (Sectt.II)
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare
320, Jeevan Tara Building, Sansad Marg, New Delhi.

Subject: Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF) under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) - Release of first installment of funds to Himachal Pradesh Government as a Central Share during the year 2020-21 – reg.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to the payment of first installment of **Rs.18.90 lakhs (Rupees Eighteen lakh and Ninety thousand only)** to the State Government of **Himachal Pradesh** as a Central Share during 2020-21 for implementing the Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF) under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA).

2. SMAF is being implemented in **Himachal Pradesh** on a prevailing funding pattern of assistance i.e. 90% Central Share & 10% state share. Accordingly, State should invest the matching State share to the funds released by Government of India while implementing SMAF during 2020-20.
3. In accordance with the revised procedure, the Reserve Bank of India may please be advised for debiting the amount to the account of the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare and passing on the credit to the Central Accounts Section, Nagpur for transfer of funds to the State Government of **Himachal Pradesh**.
4. The release of funds is subject to the following conditions-
 - a) The aforesaid grant-in-aid is a recurring one.
 - b) State Government and Implementing Agency of the scheme should adhere to the cost norms and pattern of assistance and other procedures as prescribed in the Operational Guidelines issued by the SMAF, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare.
 - c) Monthly progress report and cumulative monthly Physical and Financial Progress Reports indicating its unit cost norms, targets and corresponding achievements under various components be sent to this Division by 10th of the following month. **Further, progress report be submitted for the total amount, including Central & State share separately.**
 - d) State Government of **Himachal Pradesh** will be required to utilize the funds in the current financial year for implementation of the Scheme as per the above mentioned sanction order and related detailed project documents and also furnish utilization certificates in the prescribed Performa at the end of the financial **year 2020-21** in prescribed GFR-12C.

K. S. Chitra

के. एस. चित्रा / K. S. CHITRA

अपर सचिव / Under Secretary

भारत सरकार / Govt. of India

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय / Mo Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

कृषि सहकारिता एवं किसान उत्थान विभाग / Div Agri. Coopn. & Farmers Welfare

कृषि भवन, नई दिल्ली / Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

- e) Efforts be made to converse Micro-irrigation (central / State Govt. Schemes) activities with Block Plantation to achieve higher survival rate of plants. Specific convergence modules with different programmes of the DAC&FW needs to be worked out. State Government needs to identify area specific species compatible to crops/ cropping system. High water-guzzling plant species and species with high transpiration rate like Eucalyptus/ exotic species etc may be avoided and other local multipurpose species / options may be used ensuring farmers' choices are addressed in best possible manner. The progress and achievement also need to be reported in NMSA portal & Geo-tagging of the project area is to be ensured and uploaded in Bhuvan platform.
- f) State Implementing Authority shall maintain subsidiary accounts of Grant-in-aid received and get the accounts audited relating to released funds from a Chartered Accountant and furnish a copy each of the Audit Report, Audited Statement of Accounts, balance sheet, receipt & payment account and income & expenditure statement to DAC &FW as early as possible.
- g) This amount is released with reference to the Administrative Approval accorded vide **letter No. 8-1/2020-NRM-SMAF (FTS-82332) dated March 31, 2020** and should be utilized as per the Guidelines of SMAF. Further, State Government is advised to ensure that there is no duplication or overlapping of activities/areas covered under SMAF vis-à-vis existing schemes of Central or State Government.
- h) The accounts of the State Grantee Institution shall be open to inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India under the provision of CAG (DPC) Act, 1971, and internal audit by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry or Department, wherever the State(s)/institution is called upon to do so.
- i) Audited records of all assets, permanent or semi-permanent, acquired wholly or substantially out of the grant sanctioned to the Implementing Agency should be maintained as prescribed in form GFR-12C and shall be furnished to the Government annually by the end of June, following the financial year to which it relates. Such assets shall not, without prior approval of the Government of India be disposed of, encumbered or utilized for the purpose other than those for which the grant is made.
- j) At least 30% of the Budget allocation is earmarked for women beneficiaries/farmers. Further at least 50% of the funds will be utilized for small and marginal farmers.
- k) Expenditure be incurred as per provision of GFR, 2017
- l) All grantee institutions shall submit Utilization Certificates on PFMS.
- m) The further use of Grants in Aid being released by this sanction Order, is to be done through EAT module of PFMS. The utilization Certificate not supported by the EAT module data is likely to be rejected and expenditure is not to be treated as regular. The agency would be forced to refund the amount received as the expenditure not appearing in EAT module data is not be taken as expenditure incurred in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Sanction order.

5. The expenditure shall be debited to Demand No. 1 – Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare. Category wise funds released and Head of Accounts to which it shall be debited are as under:

Name of Beneficiary/ State/Implementing Agency	Head of Account	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
Himachal Pradesh /State Government of Himachal Pradesh	3601-Grants in aid to State Government (Major Head) 06-Centrally Sponsored Scheme (sub major head) 789-Special component Plan for Scheduled Caste (Minor Head) 39-Green Revolution Krishonnati Yojana 10-National Project on Agroforestry 391031-Grants in Aid General	18.90

K. S. Chitra
के. एस. चित्रा / K. S. CHITRA

अवर सचिव / Under Secretary
भारत सरकार / Govt. of India

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय / M/o Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
कृषि सहकारिता एवं किसान रल्याज विभाग / D/o Agri. Coopn. & Farmers Welfare
कृषि भवन, नई दिल्ली / Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

6. This sanction issue with concurrence of Integrated Finance Division, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, vide their **Note # 37 SS&FA dated 23.09.2020. The ECR entry no 360 dated 28.9.2020.**

7. This sanction has been noted at **Sl.No... 12/ 2020-21** in the Register of Grant as mentioned in GFR-234.

Yours faithfully,

K. S. Chitra

(K.S.Chitra)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

क. एस. चित्रा / K. S. CHITRA

अपर सचिव / Under Secretary

भारत सरकार / Govt. of India

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय / M/o Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

कृषि, सहकारिता एवं किसान कल्याण विभाग / Div. Agri. Coop. & Farmers Welfare

कृषि विभाग, नई दिल्ली / New Delhi

Copy for necessary action to:

1. The Principal Accounts Officer, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, 320, Jeevan Tara Building, Sansad Marg, New Delhi
2. O/o the Director General of Audit, Central Expenditure, AGCR Building, IP Estates, New Delhi-2
3. Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary (Agriculture)/ Principal Secretary (Planning) /Principle Secretary (Finance)/ Principal Secretary (Forest)/Government of **Himachal Pradesh.**
4. Nodal Officer (SMAF)-cum Divisional Forest Officer (Research), At kamody Sundernagar, Mandi District, Pin-175019, **Himachal Pradesh.**
5. Secretary, Department of Expenditure, North Block, New Delhi.
6. Accountant General (A&E), Shimla, Pin-171003, **Himachal Pradesh.**
7. PPS to JS(NRM)
8. Budget/B&A/ Assistant Director (Budget)
9. US Finance -IV/ PC Division
10. DDO, NMSA, RFS Division, DAC&FW
11. Senior Technical Director, NIC, DAC&FW with a request to upload it on Departmental Website *i.e.* www.nmsa.gov.in
12. Expenditure file/ Guard file.