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Himachal Pradesh
(1st Installment of Central Share
TSP Category)

7-12/2016-CC
Government of India
Ministry Of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare
(RFS Division)

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
Dated the 1st December, 2017

To

The Pay and Accounts Officer
Pay & Accounts Office (Sectt.II)
Ministry Of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare
16-A, Akbar Road Hutments, 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 2017-18.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to the payment of first installment of **Rs. 12.00 lakhs (Rupees twelve lakh only)** to the State Government of **Himachal Pradesh** as a Central Share during **2017-18** for implementing the Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF) under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA).

2. **SMAF is being implemented 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 2017-18**

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 SMAF Operational Guidelines issued by the 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 **2017-18** in prescribed GFR-19A. Second installment of the funds will only be released after receipt of the Progress Report and utilization certificate.

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 Annual Action Plan Approval accorded vide letter **7-12/2016-CC Dated 23.11.2017** and should be utilized as per the Guidelines Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (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-19A 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 are earmarked for women beneficiaries/farmers. Further at least 50% of the funds will be utilized for small and marginal farmers.

(k) Implementing agency should identify SC / ST beneficiaries amongst the total beneficiaries to achieve prescribed targets and book the amount of Grant-in-Aid released for SCs/STs under the relevant Head of Accounts. Implementing agency should invariably report the same on monthly basis.

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) 796-Tribal Area Sub-Plan (Minor Head) 43-Green Revolution-Krishonnati Yojana 10-National Project on Agroforestry 431031-Grants in Aid General	12.00

6. This sanction issue with concurrence of Integrated Finance Division, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, vide their **Dy No. 37124-FTS/AS&FA dated 30.11.2017**

7. This sanction has been noted at **SI.No.8/2017-18** in the Register of Grant as mentioned in GFR-212 (4) (b)

Yours faithfully,

Harit Kumar Shakya
1.12.17

(Harit Kumar Shakya)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Copy for necessary action to:

1. The Principal Accounts Officer, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, 16-A, Akbar Road Hutments, 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. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (HoFF), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Department of Forest, Talland, Shimla-171001 (H.P.)
5. Accountant General (A&E), Himachal Pradesh
6. PPS to CEO (NRAA)/ PS to JS(RFS)
7. Budget/B&A/ US Finance –II/PC Division
8. DDO, NMSA, RFS Division, DAC&FW
9. Expenditure file Guard file/Spare copies/State files.