

F.No. 09/08/2018-CS/BR
भारत सरकार/Government of India
पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

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New Delhi-110003
Dated: 19.02.2019


To
The Principal Pay and Accounts Officer,
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
New Delhi

Subject: Release of Grant-in Aid to the Department of Forests, Government of Himachal Pradesh for implementation of Management Action Plan (MAP) 2018-19 in Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve, Himachal Pradesh.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the approval of the President for the sanction of Grants-in-Aid for implementation of Management Action Plan (MAP) 2018-19 for conservation and management of Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve, Himachal Pradesh for an amount of **Rs 70,96,100 (Rupees seventy lakhs ninety six thousand one hundred only)** to the Department of Forests, Government of Himachal Pradesh to carry out their proposed item of activities as detailed in **Annexure – I** attached to this sanction letter.

2. As per the latest instructions issued by Min. of Finance, D/o Expenditure vide DO. No. 32-POS/FS/2015 dated 28th Oct, 2015 and DO No. 66(01/PF.II/2015 (Part) dated 16th July, 2016 the funding pattern for the Biosphere Reserves Scheme will be 90:10 for the 8 North East and 3 Himalayan States and 60:40 for the remaining States. Accordingly, out of Rs. 70,96,100, Centre's share is Rs. 63,86,490. Approval of the President is also conveyed for release of 60% of Centre Share i.e. **Rs. 38,31,800 (Rupees thirty eight lakhs thirty one thousand eight hundred only)** as first instalment. Funds should be utilized after putting matching share by the State i.e. 60% of State share.
3. Previous Utilization Certificate for implementation of Management Action Plan (MAP) of 2016-17 of Rs. 69,14,500/- is enclosed at **Annexure II**.
4. Implementing Agency (IA) of this Management Action Plan is Department of Forests, Government of Himachal Pradesh and funds shall be made available to the IA without delay or diversion for any other purpose.
5. The above mentioned grant is further subject to the following conditions:
 - (i) The activities approved in the MAP 2018-19 are to be implemented within the current financial year and the funds released are to be fully utilised in the CFY.
 - (ii) The State Government is requested to constitute a Steering Committee for review and monitoring of the implementation of MAP 2018-19 and periodically inform the same to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change. The monitoring mechanism so set up shall be intimated to this Ministry within one month from the date of this letter. The monitoring report duly ratified by the Steering Committee shall be submitted along with UC, reports of physical and financial targets achieved.

- (iii) Information system on Project has to be developed and uploaded on website of the State.
- (iv) The Management authority of the Biosphere Reserve (BR) will annually compile information on various schemes/ programmes being undertaken by the Agencies/ Department within the jurisdiction of the BR and reflect the same while formulating future plans for the BR.
- (v) Certificate of civil works is required to be submitted by the State Government mentioning, wherever applicable, that the rates are applicable as per the Schedule of States' Public Works Department.
- (vi) Local Level Committee for Sundarban Biosphere Reserve, Himachal Pradesh, shall include a woman representative from Panchayat Raj Institution in the Committee for empowerment of women.
- (vii) GFR is to be followed by the implementing agency along with the economy instructions issued by Government of India from time to time.
- (viii) All transfer of funds to the implementing agencies by the State Govt. will be made through Bank Account and UCs in specified format is to be collected from all such Institutions.
- (ix) Satellite photos with dates, latitude & longitude coordinates before and after implementation of project should be sent along with physical progress report and the same be uploaded in the website of State Govt. for public access (before and after implementation of the project).
- (x) The accounts duly audited by the Chartered Accountants and CAG, should be forwarded along with UC.
- (xi) Evidence of deposit of TDS/ Service Tax in case of contract payments and CST in case of purchase of leviable goods, should be submitted.
- (xii) Payment towards wages/ remuneration as well as other contractual obligation should be made through bank accounts of recipients and in compliance with Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme.
- (xiii) The expenditure should not exceed the approved allocation of funds.
- (xiv) Management Action Plan shall be executed in full compliance with the Operational Guidelines of Biosphere Reserves.
- (xv) There should not be any overlapping of activities amongst the on-going projects in the Biosphere Reserve under CSS/CS/State Govt. Scheme.
- (xvi) All measurable parameters are to be adhered to.
- (xvii) **Monthly data of beneficiary and fund utilized should be provided for uploading on DBT Bharat Portal.**
6. Further release of funds shall be made on receipt in prescribed proforma of Utilization Certificate, Progress Report on physical and financial targets achieved along with the latlongs embodied therein and Monitoring Report duly vetted by State Level Steering Committee.
7. Noted at S. No. 18 in the Register of Grants 2018-19.
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8. In accordance with the revised procedure, the Reserve Bank of India may please be advised for debiting the amount of **Rs. 38,31,800 (Rupees thirty eight lakhs thirty one thousand eight hundred only)** to the account of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and pass on the credit to the Central Accounts Section, Nagpur, for transfer to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh in the books of the latter.
9. The expenditure incurred will be debited to Major Head 3601.06.101.03.02.31-Grants-in-Aid General under Demand No. 27, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, during current financial year 2018-19.
10. The Government of India may depute any person to visit the site/Implementing Agency for the purpose of monitoring the project work. Full facility shall be provided by the Implementing Agency to the person deputed for inspection by the Government of India.
11. Violation of any of the terms and conditions may result in recovery of the amount granted for the Scheme.
12. The Sanction has been issued under the powers delegated to the Ministries/ Departments with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide O/o AS&FA Dy. No. 113370 dated 16.01.2019 .

Yours faithfully


(DR. TASHI WANGDI)
DIRECTOR

Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Himachal Pradesh Forest Secretariat, Shimla – 171 002.
2. The Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla – 171 002.
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Himachal Pradesh, Talland, Shimla –171 001.
4. Accountants General, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla - 171 003.
5. Director of Audit, Commerce, Works & Misc.II, AGCR Building, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110 002.
6. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Talland, Shimla – 117 001.
7. Director of Audit, Commerce, Works & Misc.II, AGCR Building, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110 002.
8. Joint Adviser, Environment and Forest, NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi- 110 001.
9. MS(NTCA), National Tiger conservation Authority, B-1 Wing, 7th Floor, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110003.
10. IGF(PE), IGF(WL), Advisor (SCG) Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi
11. IFD/Sanction folder.


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ANNEXURE I

S. No.	Component/ Sub- component	Activity	Unit	Number	Unit Cost	Total financial cost
I. Awareness and Capacity building of Local Communities and Staff about CDBR						
1	Awareness and Capacity Building	i. awareness and capacity building of Forest and line Department,	No.	4	0.20	0.80
		ii. awareness and capacity building of Communities and local NGOs	No.	6	0.15	0.90
		Sub-Total				1.70
2.	Workshops & Training	i. Training of Front Line Staff	No.	3	0.20	0.60
		ii. Training of LLIC	No.	3	0.20	0.60
		Sub-Total				1.20
		Total				2.90
II Habitat restoration and Biodiversity Conservation						
1.	In-situ Conservation of endangered species	i. Improve critical habitats by creation of water bodies and shelter	No.	5	0.10	0.50
		ii. Improve water management by creating Zing system of channelizing in area outside the Pas.	No.	5	0.20	1.00
		Sub-Total				1.50
2	Ex-situ Conservation of herbs shrubs and Trees species	i. Development of nursery for propagation of local rare and endangered medicinal herbs, shrubs and trees.	No.	7	1.00	7.00
		ii. Development of degraded Pasture by sowing/planting grass Trigonella, Festuca etc.in patches	Ha	22	0.35675	7.849
		Sub-total				14.849
		Total				16.349
I. Protection of Habitat and reducing human-animal conflicts						
1.	Resource Protection	i. Engaging watchers for 3 months in every year to deter incidence of poaching and encroachment in Pas.	No.	720 mandays	170/- person	1.224
		i. Rock Art documentation	L/S	L/S	L/S	1.00
		Sub -Total				2.224
2.	Reduction of human-animal conflict	i. Compensation for Wild animal damages to live and crops	L/S	L/S	L/S	2.00

		ii. Miscellaneous activities as evolved during micro planning	L/S	L/S	L/S	1.05
		Sub-Total				3.05
3	Sustainable Eco-developmental activities	i. Plantations by School Children	No.	20	L/S	0.010
		ii. Enrichment plantation of Hippohae and medicinal species	Ha.	14	0.367	5.138
		Sub-Total				5.148
		Total				10.422
IV. Enhancing and conservation of Natural resources and watershed management						
1	Water conservation	i. Repair of existing buris and wells	No	04	0.10	0.40
		ii. Snow and Water harvesting by creating artificial glaciers	No	04	0.25	1.00
		Sub-total				1.40
2.	Soil and moisture conservation	i. C/O Brush wood Check Dams	No	1000	L/S	1.00
		ii. C/O Small Check Dams & Check walls.	No	1000	L/S	1.60
		iii. Mulching & Bio-Engine-erring.	ha	80	L/S	1.00
		Sub-Total				3.60
		Total				5.00
V. Reducing human dependency on CDBR by Socio-economic development						
1	Entry Point Activities	i. Small water lifting scheme	No	L/S	L/S	1.00
		ii. Community-based ecotourism	No	L/S	L/S	1.00
		iii. Solar Lights	No	L/S	L/S	1.00
		iv. Soil waste management practice	No	L/S	L/S	0.25
		Sub -total				3.25
2.	Household support	i. C/O Water Tank etc.	No	4	L/S	0.25
		ii. Carpet weaving	No	12	L/S	0.25
		Sub -total				0.50
3	Promotion of farm cultivation on Arable land	i. i. Promotion of high value crops by distribution of quality seed of peas, Potato, Zeera Vegetables, etc.	Ha	02	L/S	0.05
		ii. Promotion of traditional crops i.e. Distribution of quality seed of Barley, Buck wheat etc.	ha	02	L/S	0.05
		iii. Cultivation of High value Medicinal and Aromatic plants	Ha	02	L/S	0.70
		iv. Promotion of Apple etc.	ha	01	L/S	0.50
		Sub total				1.30

4	Animal Husbandry	i. Migratory and domestic Live stock health care	L/S	L/S	L/S	0.02
		ii. Stall feedings Multiple dodder options/silage	L/S	L/S	L/S	1.68
		Sub-Total				1.7
		Total				6.75
VI. Monitoring and evaluation						
1	Monitoring and evaluation	i. Track the impact of restoration measures in the core areas.			L/S	1.00
		ii. Development of web site application and state application Centre and GIS of FD.			L/S	1.00
		Sub total				2.00
2	Mid Term Evaluation	i. Yearly monitoring and evaluation			L/S	0.50
		Sub total				0.50
		Total				2.50
VII. Research and Studies						
1	Documentation	i. Base line survey flora and fauna on wildlife and impact of climate change	L/S	L/S	L/S	0.40
		ii. Identify and manage traditional migratory routes in range	L/S	L/S	L/S	0.20
		iii. Socio-economic and forest dependency surveys of village communities	No.	08	L/S	0.20
		iv. Preparation of document for World Network of Biosphere Reserves.	L/S	L/S	L/S	25.00
		Sub Total				25.80
2	Studies	i. Dissemination of best practices of bio-diversity conservation			L/S	0.04
		ii. Study of dying insect attack and deformation of Salix & Popular trees			L/S	0.40
		Sub-total				0.44
3.	Research	i. Assessment & monitoring of retreating glaciers			L/S	0.30
		ii. EIA study and carrying Capacity for Eco-Tourism			L/S	0.25

		iii. Impact study of climate change on natural resources			L/S	0.25
		Sub-Total				0.8
		Total				27.04
		G.TOTAL (I TO VIII)				70.961

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FORMAT FOR UTILIZATIONS CERTIFICATE

Form GFR 19-A

(See Government of India's Decision (1) below Rule 150)

Form of utilization Certificate

Sr. No.	Letter No. and date	Amount (Rs. In Lakh)	Particulars
1	F.No.13-8/2016 WL-1/80 dated 8.9.2016 F. No. 9/12/2011- CS/BR Dated 29-9-2016	69.145	Certified that out of Rs. 69,14,500/- (Rs. Six Nine Lacs Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred) only sanctioned during the year 2016-17 in favour of Divisional Forest Officer, Spiti wild Life Division, Kaza in respect of under this Ministry/Department letter No. given has been utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned and that the balance of Rs. NIL remaining unutilized at the end of the year has been surrendered to government.

2. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which the grant—in-aid was sanctioned have been duly fulfilled/are being fulfilled and that I have exercised the following checks to see that the money was actually utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned.

Kind of checks exercised:-

100% checking by the Forest Guard/Deputy Ranger

50% checking by Range Officer

Random Check by the DFO/ACF while on tour to the sanctuary area.

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(DR. TASHI WANGDI)
निदेशक/विज्ञानिक/डिरेक्टर/Scientist 'F'
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भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली
Govt. of India, New Delhi

Signature:

Divisional Forest Officer

Spiti Wild Life Division, Kaza
Distt. Lahaul & Spiti (H.P.)

Date:

Divisional Forest Officer
Spiti Wild Life Division
Kaza L&S (H.P.)

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