

**Sanction Order No. 44/2017-18/FPD**

F. No. 3-22/2007-FPD (Pt.)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Protection Division)

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Dated: 27.03.2018

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

**Subject: Release of remaining amount to the State of Himachal Pradesh under the CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme for the financial year 2017-18.**

Sir,

In continuation of this Ministry's letter no. 3-1/2017-FPD number dated 28.04.2017 and letter of even number dated 28.02.2018, I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the Annual Plan Operation for financial year 2017-18 of **State of Himachal Pradesh** to focus mainly on forest fire under **CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme**, at a total cost of **Rs. 311.00 lakhs** (excluding flexi funds) (Rupees Three hundred eleven lakhs only) on 90%: 10% cost sharing basis as Central Share and State Share.

2. I am further directed to convey the approval of competent authority for sanction and net release of **Rs. 102.45 lakhs (Rupees One hundred two lakhs and forty five thousand only)** as the **release of remaining amount** of Central Share of Approved Annual Plan Operation 2017-18 under **CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme** to the **State of Himachal Pradesh during 2017-18**.

3. The expenditure incurred is adjustable to the Demand No. 27. (Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change) under the following heads during Financial Year 2017-18 (Plan):

| <b>Scheme</b>   | <b>Budget Head</b>          | <b>Amount (Rs. In lakhs)</b> |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Forest Fire Prevention &amp; Management Scheme</b> | <b>3601.06.789.01.02.31</b> | <b>69.20</b>                 |
| <b>Forest Fire Prevention &amp; Management Scheme</b> | <b>3601.06.789.01.02.35</b> | <b>33.25</b>                 |
|   | <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>102.45</b>                |

4. The various works approved in the APO are to be executed as per the Sanctioned Schedule of Rates applicable in the area. The aforesaid amount may be spent in accordance with the Work Programme sanctioned as given in **Annexure** and no deviation from the approved items of expenditure shall be made without prior concurrence of Government of India.


  
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4. This release amount is subject to adherence of following terms and conditions:

- i. The sanction is provisional and is subject to adjustment on the basis of the audited figures of expenditure.
- ii. State Government should make adequate Budget provision to contribute its share as per the revised funding pattern as communicated by the D/o Expenditure vide D.O. No. 32/PSO/FS/2015 dated 28.10.2015. The funding pattern (matching share of states) as per the category of states, is as below:

| Category of States/UTs   | Central Share | State hare |
|--|---------------|------------|
| Union Territories  | 100%          | 0          |
| NE states and Special category states of Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand | 90%           | 10%        |
| Rest of the states   | 60%           | 40%        |

- iii. Strict economy should be observed so as to keep the actual expenditure to the minimum.
- iv. The works are to be executed as per the Sanctioned Schedule of Rates applicable in the area.
- v. The infrastructure created will be fully utilized for the purpose for which they have been sanctioned and all recurring cost in respect of all items sanctioned will be borne by the State Government.
- vi. Utilization of flexi funds as per M/o Finance, D/o Expenditure O. M. dated 06.09.2016.
- vii. Full utilization of funds for completion of the proposed activities and also that payment towards wages/remuneration as well as other contractual obligations are made through bank accounts and no cash payment is to be made.
- viii. The GFRs norms should be followed along with the economic instructions issued by Government of India from time to time.
- ix. Evidence of deposit of TDS/Service Tax in case of contract payments and CST in case of purchase of leviable goods are obtained along with Utilization Certificate and compliance of DBT scheme has to be ensured.
- x. In case of employment through contract, copy of PF & ESI of employees shall be furnished, wherever applicable.
- xi. The UCs (as prescribed in GFR-19A), Progress Report along with satellite photographs of physical deliverables with date and latitude-longitude coordinates before and after implementation may be uploaded on the website.
- xii. If the implementing agency does not use the fund for the purpose for which it was given, it has to refund the same with interest.
- xiii. There should not be any overlapping of activities under the scheme with the activities on going scheme of Central / State Govt.
- xiv. The fixed assets created out of this grant shall not be disposed off without concurrence of this Ministry.
- xv. A separate bank account shall be opened for the purpose and the account shall be open for audit by C&AG.
- xvi. Measurable parameters for assessing outcomes / impact under the scheme / project are to be communicated to the Ministry.

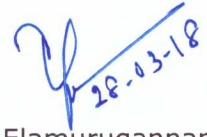
  
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5. The accounts of the Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme shall be open for inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India under the provision of C&AG (DPC) Act, 1972 and internal audit party by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry whenever it is called upon.

6. In accordance with the revised procedure the Reserve Bank of India may please be advised to pass on the credit to the Central Accounts Section, Nagpur for transferring the funds to the accounts of Government of **Himachal Pradesh** and to debit the amount to the Account of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

7. This sanction issues with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change vide their **Dy. No. P-102675 (AS&FA) dated 26.03.2018** under the powers delegated to the Ministries/Departments.

Yours faithfully

Handwritten signature in blue ink, with the date 28-03-18 written below it.

(S. Elamurugannan)  
Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FPD)

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
2. The Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
3. The Secretary, Forests Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. The Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Central Accounts Section, Nagpur.
5. Director Audit, Scientific Deptt. AGCR Building, New Delhi.
6. Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Expenditure, Plan Finance Division, New Delhi.
7. Sanction folder.