

Sanction Order No. 5/2017-18/FPD

F. No. 3-1/2017-FPD
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Protection Division)

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New Delhi - 110003
Dated: 28.04.2017

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

Subject: Ad-hoc release to the State of Himachal Pradesh under the CSS: Intensification of Forest Management Scheme for the financial year 2017-18.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval for an ad-hoc release of Rs. 105.00 lakhs under **CSS: Intensification of Forest Management Scheme** to the **State of Himachal Pradesh during 2017-18** for carrying out activities related to Forest Fire Prevention & Management. The amount includes 10% flexi funds.

2. 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):

Scheme	Budget Head	Amount (Rs. In lakhs)
Intensification of Forest Management Scheme	3601.06.101.01.02.31	63.00 /
Intensification of Forest Management Scheme	3601.06.101.01.02.35	42.00 /
	TOTAL	105.00 /

3. This ad-hoc release may specifically be utilized under the following activities only.

- Creation of fire line.
- Maintenance of fire line.
- Construction of watch towers.
- Engagement of fire watchers.
- Assistance to Joint Forest Management Committee (JFMC).
- Construction of water storage structure.
- Setting up of fire fighting cells.
- Procurement of fire fighting equipments.
- Fire mapping and preparation of fire management plan.
- Training & awareness.

4. This release of ad-hoc 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 share
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. Evidence of deposit of TDS/Service Tax in case of contract payments and CST in case of purchase of leviable goods.
- ix. The UCs (as prescribed in GFR-19A), Progress Report along with satellite photographs of physical deliverables with date and geo-graphical coordinates before and after implementation may be uploaded on the website.
- x. The fixed assets created out of this grant shall not be disposed off without concurrence of this Ministry.
- xi. The GFRs norms should be followed for purchase of equipments.
- xii. A separate bank account shall be opened for the purpose and the account shall be open for audit by C&AG
- xiii. The expenditure should not exceed beyond the approved allocation of funds.
- xiv. Copy of purchase of equipments may be furnished.
- xv. Measurable parameters for assessing outcomes / impact under the scheme / project are to be communicated to the Ministry.
- xvi. There should not be any overlapping of activities under the scheme with the activities on going scheme of Central / State Govt.
- xvii. 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.
- xviii. In case of employment through contract, copy of PF & ESI of employees shall be furnished.

5. The accounts of the Intensification of Forest 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. The "Intensification of Forest Management Scheme (IFMS)" is being restructured by the Ministry to focus on Forest fire prevention and management. The proposal is in the final stage of approval. As soon as the approval is obtained, the operational guidelines will be forwarded to the States. The states will prepare Annual Work Programme (AWP) for the amount allocated to the states and submit the AWP within one month of receipt of the operational guidelines.

The activities, as listed under para-3 of this sanction order, are common to IFMS and the proposed scheme. It is emphasized that this ad-hoc release alongwith the matching state-share can be utilized for activities, only which are enlisted in para-3. Also these activities (giving details of their locations, quantum, unit cost and estimate) should form part of the AWP to be submitted by the state Government.

8. It may please be noted that this ad-hoc release is 60% of the total approved allocation from central share for the State under the scheme for the year 2017-18. Release of the remaining balance based on AWP will be released only after receipt of Utilization Certificate (UC) and Progress Report (PR) of any fund released under IFMS in the previous year and also UC & PR for atleast 50 percent of ad-hoc money released.

9. This sanction issues with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change vide their **Dy. No. P-63298 (AS&FA) dated 25.04.2017** under the powers delegated to the Ministries/Departments.

Yours faithfully



(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.