

Sanction Order No. 37/2024-25/FPD
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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Protection Division)

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New Delhi - 110003.
Dated the 16th January, 2025

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

Subject: Assistance to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh for the Annual Plan of Operation (SCSP Works) during 2024-25 under the CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management – release of 1st installment-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority for the Annual Plan of Operation for the FY 2024-25 submitted by the Govt. of **Himachal Pradesh** under the **CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme**, for an amount of **Rs. 21.45 Lakh** (Rupees Twenty One Lakh and Forty Five Thousand only) on a 90%: 10% cost sharing basis as the Central Share and the State Share respectively.

2. I am further directed to convey the approval of the competent authority for sanction of **Rs. 9.655 Lakh** (Rupees Nine Lakh and Sixty Five Thousand and Five Hundred Only) **(50% of Central Share) and a net release of Rs. 1.275 Lakh** (Rupees One Lakh and Twenty Seven Thousand and Five Hundred Only) towards the 1st installment of Annual Plan Operation 2024-25, and after adjusting unspent balance of Rs. 8.38 Lakhs of APO 2023-24 (SCSP Works), **under the CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme** to the **State of Himachal Pradesh for the financial year 2024-25.**

3. The expenditure incurred is adjustable to the Demand No. 28. (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change) under the following Heads during the Financial Year 2024-25 (Plan):

Scheme	Budget Head	Amount (Rs. in Lakh)
Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme	3601.06.789.01.03.31	1.156
	3601.06.789.01.03.35	0.119
Unspent balance available with the State in respect of APO 2023-24 (SCSP Works).		8.38
TOTAL		9.655

4. The approved works 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 Plan of Operation sanctioned as given in **Annexure** and **no deviation from the approved items of expenditure** shall be made **without prior concurrence** of Government of India.

5. The released amount is to be utilized subject to adherence to the following terms and conditions:

- The sanction is provisional and is subject to adjustment on the basis of the audited figures of expenditure.


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- ii. State Government should make adequate Budget provisions 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 and Uttarakhand	90%	10%
Rest of the States	60%	40%

- iii. **The details of benefits to the scheduled caste population in terms of Number of scheduled caste people benefited by way of Number of man days of employment, amount of wages given etc. have to be submitted along with the utilization certificate, progress report etc.**
- iv. A separate bank account shall be opened for the purpose and the account shall be open for audit by the C&AG.
- v. The GFRs 2017 is to be followed along with the economic instructions issued by the Government of India from time to time.
- vi. All payments are to be made by bank transfer and no cash payment is made.
- vii. The payment for the engagement of labor for various works such as fire watchers, creation & maintenance of fire lines, etc., should be made only through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) and the details of the same with the supporting documents should be submitted along with the utilization certificate and progress report.
- viii. In case of employment through contract, a copy of the PF & ESI of employees shall be furnished, wherever applicable.
- 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 a Utilization Certificate and compliance with DBT scheme has to be ensured.
- x. The UCs (as prescribed in GFR-12 C of GFR 2017 under Rule 239), Progress Report along with satellite photographs of physical deliverables with date and latitude-longitude coordinates before and after implementation shall be submitted in time.
- xi. Color photographs with coordinates should be submitted for various activities.
- xii. A strict economy should be observed so as to keep the actual expenditure to a minimum. The works are to be executed as per the Sanctioned Schedule of Rates applicable in the area.
- xiii. The expenditure is to be incurred as per the allocation of funds. There shall be no diversion of earmarked funds from one item to another, except in case of unavoidable circumstances and only with the prior approval of MoEF&CC. 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.
- xiv. There should not be any overlapping of activities under the scheme with the activities of other ongoing schemes of the Central / State Govt.
- xv. The programme is to be monitored by State regularly and the **quarterly progress report** shall be submitted by the State on the progress of implementation of the scheme in the format given in Annexure-VII of the Operational Guidelines of the Scheme, for every quarter of the year.
- xvi. 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.
- xvii. Procurement of goods and services will be done through GeM.
- xviii. If any interest of central share is yet to be deposited, as per SNA 04(A) report, then the interest must be deposited in CFI fund.
- xviii. For the proposed infrastructure works including the construction of water tanks, the location of the site along with the details of GPS details may be submitted to this office.


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- xix. The fixed assets created out of this grant shall not be disposed of without the concurrence of this Ministry.
- xx. The outcome of the money released under the Scheme should be submitted as per the format given below:

Outcome	Indicator	Periodicity	Data Source/Method	Responsible Agency
Reduction in fire incidences	Number of forest fires	Annual	Satellite data	FSI, Dehradun
Reduction in damage to forest resources	Total estimated area affected due to forest fire	Annual	Satellite data and Information from States/UTs	FSI, Dehradun and States/UTs
Capacity development for forest fire fighting	The number of field forest staff and members of JFMCs / villages trained.	Annual	State / UT Forest Departments	State / UT Forest Departments

- xxi. The State shall carry out monitoring & evaluation of the works undertaken. The proposal for 2nd installment should also include the details of the mid-term monitoring & evaluation report, the number of alerts, actual fire incidences, and the losses due to the forest fire.

6. 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, 1971 and internal audit party by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry whenever it is called upon.

7. 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 the Government of **Himachal Pradesh** and to debit the amount from the Account of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

8. This issues with the concurrence of the Internal Finance Division vide their **Dy. No. E-135665 dated 31.12.2024 and Unique ID No. 403/IFD/2024** under the powers delegated to the Ministries/Departments.

Annexure: Approved Annual Plan Operation 2024-25 (SCSP Works).

Yours faithfully,


(Ravinder Singh)

Assistant Commissioner (Forestry)

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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. Sr. PPS to AS&FA, MoEF&CC
8. Consultant (IT), MoEF&CC (for uploading on Ministry's website)
- 9.. Sanction folder.


Centrally Sponsored Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme (FPM)

Annual Plan Operation for the year 2024-25 (SCSP Works)

Name of the State / UT : Himachal Pradesh

(Rs. in Lakh)


S.No.	Items	Proposed by State Govt.				Recommended by division		Remarks
		Unit	Unit Cost	No. of Units	Total Cost	No. of Units	Total Cost	
1	Procurement of fire fighting equipments	Nos	LS	LS	30.00	LS	5.00	
2	Controlled burning fire line creation and maintenance	Hac.	0.005	2000	10.00	200	1.00	
(a)	Fire line creation	Km	0.500	-	0.00		0.00	
(b)	Fire line maintenance	Km	0.035	550	19.25	50	1.75	
2	Water Storage structure	Nos	2.000	5	10.00	1	2.00	
3	Soil & Moisture Conservation (SMC) work in High risk areas	Nos	1.50	80	120.00		0.00	
4	Engagement of fire watchers	Man days	0.00400	40000	160.00	2000	8.00	
5	Awareness campaign	Nos	0.25	20	5.00	1	0.25	
6	Training and capacity building on fire fighting methods for Frontline staff, NGOs and village communities	Nos	1.00	30	30.00	1	1.00	
7	Incentivizing Villages/Communities for protection against forest fire, under the participatory forest management approach	Nos	0.10	76	7.60	5	0.50	
	Total				391.85		19.50	
	Imprest Money (guidelines at Annexure-I) (5%)				19.59		0.98	
	Monitoring and review (guidelines at Annexure-II). 2%				7.84		0.39	


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Short term research/survey on forest fire related issues (guidelines at Annexure-III). 3%				11.76		0.59	
Grand Total				431.04		21.45	

Tentative allocation Rs. 34.67 Lakhs

Central share (90%) : 19.31 Lakh
State share (10%) : 2.15 Lakh
Total : 21.45 Lakh


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