

F.No. 9/12/2011-CS/BR
भारत सरकार/Government of India
पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

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Dated: 29.09.2016

To,


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

Sub: Release of Grant-in Aid to the Department of Forests, Government of Himachal Pradesh for the year 2016-17 for implementation of Management Action Plan (MAP) 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) 2015-16 for implementation in 2016-17 for conservation and management of Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve, Himachal Pradesh for an estimated amount of **Rs 129.157 lakhs (Rupees One Crore Twenty Nine lakhs Fifteen thousand seven hundred only)** including 10% Flexi-Funds i.e. 12.915 lakhs 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, 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 (copy enclosed). Accordingly, out of Rs. 129.517 lakhs, Centre's share is Rs. 115.242/- lakhs (Rs. One Core Fifteen Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand Two Hundred Only) after adjusting the unspent balance of Rs. 1.00 lakhs and the remaining Rs. 13.915/- lakhs is State Share. Approval of the President is also conveyed for release of 60% of Centre Share i.e. **Rs. 69.1452 lakhs (Rupees Sixty Nine lakhs fourteen thousand five hundred twenty only)** as first instalment. Funds should be utilized after putting matching share by the State i.e. 60% of State share equal to Rs. 8.349 lakhs (Rupees Eighty lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Nine Hundred only), as per instructions mentioned in the above order. In accordance with the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure's OM No. 55(5)/PF.II/2011 dated 06.01.2014, 10% of the released amount may be earmarked/ Utilized by the State Government towards flexi-funds component.
3. Previous Utilization Certificate for implementation of Management Action Plan (MAP) 2014-15 for Rs. 80.488/- lakhs (Rs. Eighty Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Only) is enclosed at **Annexure II**.
4. Implementing Agency (IA) of this Management Action Plan is Environment and Forest Department, Government of Tamil Nadu and funds shall be made available to the IA without delay or diversion for any other purpose.
5. The Sanction is subject to the terms and conditions detailed in **Annexure- III** attached with this Sanction.

6. The above mentioned grant is further subject to the following conditions:
- (i) The State Government is requested to constitute a Steering Committee for review and monitoring of the implementation of MAP 2016-17 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.
 - (ii) Information system on Project has to be developed and uploaded on website of the State.
 - (iii) 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.
 - (iv) 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.
 - (v) Local Level Committee for Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve, Himachal Pradesh, shall include a woman representative from Panchayat Raj Institution in the Committee for empowerment of women.
 - (vi) GFR is to be followed by the implementing agency along with the economy instructions issued by Government of India from time to time.
 - (vii) All transfer of funds to the implementing agencies by the State Govt. will be made through Bank Account and UCs in specified format are to be collected from all such Institutions.
 - (viii) Satellite photos with dates, latitude & longitude coordinates before and after implementation of project should be sent along with physical progress report.
 - (ix) The accounts duly audited by the Chartered Accountants and CAG, should be forwarded along with UC.
 - (x) Evidence of deposit of TDS/ Service Tax in case of contract payments and CST in case of purchase of leviable goods, should be submitted.
 - (xi) 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.
 - (xii) The funds should be utilized as per instructions of M/o Finance, D/o expenditure dated 28.10.2015 circulated vide No. 13-57/2013-PC dated 04.11.2015.
 - (xiii) Conformation with the Guideline for Flexi-fund with Centrally Sponsored Schemes issued by the Deptt. Of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance vide their O.M. No. 55(5)/ P.F. ii/2011 dated 6th January, 2014.
 - (xiv) The expenditure should not exceed the approved allocation of funds.
 - (xv) Management Action Plan shall be executed in full compliance with the Operational Guidelines of Biosphere Reserves.
 - (xvi) If the implementing agency does not use the fund for the purpose for which it was given, the same has to be refunded with interest.
 - (xvii) There should not be any overlapping of activities amongst the on-going projects in the Biosphere Reserve under CSS/CS/State Govt. Scheme.
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(xviii) All measurable parameters are to be adhered to.

(xix) After expiry of the financial year for which funds are sanctioned, funds should be utilized after seeking revalidation from the Ministry.

7. 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.
8. Noted at S. No. 12 in the Register of Grants 2016-17.
9. In accordance with the revised procedure, the Reserve Bank of India may please be advised for debiting the amount of Rs. 69.1452/- lakhs (Rs. Sixty Nine Lakhs Forteen Thousand Five Hundred Twenty 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.
10. The expenditure incurred will be debited to Major Head 3601.02.656.07.02.31-Grants-in-Aid General under Demand No. 27, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, during current financial year 2016-17.
11. 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.
12. Violation of any of the terms and conditions may result in recovery of the amount granted for the Scheme.
13. The Sanction has been issued under the powers delegated to the Ministries/ Departments with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide O/o Director (IFD) Dy. No. 102 date 28/9/2016.

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. Joint Adviser, Environment and Forest, NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi- 110 001.
8. MS(NTCA), National Tiger conservation Authority, B-1 Wing, 7th Floor, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110003.
9. IGF(PE), IGF(WL), Advisor (RD) Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi
9. Sanction folder/Guard file.


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