

No: 16-15/2015 Fert. Use (i)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare  
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare  
(Fert Use Cell/INM Division)

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi  
Dated the ..12<sup>th</sup> September, 2019

To

The Pay & Accounts Officer (Sectt.)  
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation  
Ministry of Agriculture,  
Jeevan Tara Building, New Delhi

Subject: Soil Health Card Scheme under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) – Release of Funds during 2019-20 – reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Department's letter No.2-2/2018 Fert. Use dated 31.05.2019 conveying the Administrative Approval for implementation of Soil Health Card component under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) and to convey the sanction of the President to the release of an amount of Rs. **127.16** lakh (**Rupees One Crore Twenty Seven Lakh Sixteen Thousand only**) to Government of **Himachal Pradesh** for implementation of the Soil Health Card Scheme during 2019-20. The physical and financial breakup for the activities to be taken up during the current financial year is given in **Annexure**.

2. The amount will be debited to the following Major Head under Demand No.1 Agriculture:-

- 3601- Grant in aid to State Government
- 06- Centrally Sponsored Scheme (Sub Major Head)
- 101 – Central Assistance / share (Minor Head)
- 43- Green Revolution - Krishonnati Yojna
- 05-National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility
- 430531- Grants-in-aid-General

3. The expenditure to be incurred is subject to the following terms and condition:-

- (i) The grants shall be utilized by the concerned implementing agency in accordance with the operational guidelines of the scheme "Soil Health Card" of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture" (guidelines is available at DAC website: [www.agricoop.nic.in](http://www.agricoop.nic.in)).





- (ii) Financial assistance for various components shall be allowed as per cost norms in the operational guidelines of Soil Health Card scheme on 90:10 sharing pattern between Govt. of India and State Government.
- (iii) The matching state share corresponding to the central share may also be released as per guidelines.
- (iv) The implementing agency shall maintain proper accounts of the expenditure incurred and submit the statement of Audited accounts and utilization certificate to this Department as soon as possible along with progress report after close of the financial year. The implementing agency shall furnish quarterly progress report regularly with details of physical and financial target and achievement. They will also be responsible to monitor utilization of funds for SC/ST/Women beneficiaries and maintain database of the same.
- (v) The audited records of all assets (permanent or semi-permanent) acquired wholly or substantially out of the grant to the implementing agency should be maintained.
- (vi) The accounts of the implementing agency shall be open to Internal Audit of the Principal Accounts Officer, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation as well as Statutory Audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India at his discretion and he shall have the right to demand the production of books, accounts, connected vouchers and other documents and papers in the regard.
- (vii) Interest earned and unspent funds will be added to SHC component of NMSA Scheme fund for utilization on approved activities of the scheme.
- (viii) Revalidated amount of interest earned and unspent fund will be adjusted against future releases of first/second installment and allocation of current financial year will be reduced to that extent.
- (ix) Balance Sheet and Audited statement of accounts of State Governments/Implementing Agencies should clearly reflect amounts earned as interest and unspent balances, at beginning of financial year, so that these amounts are accounted in a transparent manner.
- (x) This has been noted at **S.No.19** of Register of grant of financial Year 2019-20 as per GFR 234 (i).
- (xi) Fresh release/2<sup>nd</sup> installment would be considered for release when the State Government provides Utilization Certificates in GFR 12-C (Revised copy enclosed) and physical & financial progress reports for past and present releases including unspent balances and also component-wise physical and financial target and achievement reports along with proof of contribution of equivalent state share.
- (xii) The Utilization Certificate to this effect will be submitted to this office in hard copy and also upload in the PFMS portal by the State Government.
- (xiii) "The further use of Grants in Aid being released by this sanction Order, is to be done through Eat Module of PFMS. The Utilization Certificate not supported by the EAT module data is likely to be rejected and expenditure is not to be treated as regular. The agency would be forced to refund the amount received as expenditure is not to be treated as regular not appearing in EAT module data is not to be taken as expenditure incurred in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Sanction Order".





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(xiv) This sanction issues with the approval of Integrated Finance Division vide their Dy. No 3239/AS&FA dated 04.09.2019.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Anil Jain)  
Under Secretary to the Government of India

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Accounts Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Jeevan Thara Building, New Delhi
2. Office of the Director General of Audit, Central Expenditure, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi 110 002
3. The Secretary (Agriculture & Horticulture), Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
5. The Director of Agriculture, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh Shimla.
6. Accountant General (A&E), Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
7. Joint Secretary (INM), DAC.

  
(Anil Jain)  
Under Secretary to the Government of India

**Annexure**

Sl. No	Component	Rate	Physical	Approved Amount GOI Share (90%)	Already Released	Fund to be released
<b>1<sup>st</sup> installment of 2019-20</b>						
1	Samples Testing	0.003	18725	50.56	-	37.92
2	Farmers Mela	1.00	79	71.10		53.33
3	Demonstrations	0.025	2123	47.77		35.83
4	Mission Management	2% of total cost	-	3.39		2.54
<b>Total (A)</b>				<b>172.82</b>	-	<b>129.62</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Installment of 2018-19</b>						
1	No of samples	0.003	50000	135.00	113.085	33.75
2	Trg for Soil Chemist	0.6	2	1.08		0.27
3	Asst. To Farmers	0.025	341	7.6725		1.92
4	Farmers Trg	0.24	3	0.648		0.16
5	Staff Trg	0.36	2	0.648		0.16
6	ICT	Lumpsum	0	1.41		0.35
7	Workshop	1.5	1	1.35		0.34
8	Mission Management	2% of total cost		2.96		0.74
<b>Total (B)</b>				<b>150.77</b>	<b>113.085</b>	<b>37.69</b>
<b>Grand Total (A+B)</b>						<b>167.31</b>
<b>To be released under Gen Cat (76%)</b>						<b>127.16</b>