

No.1-5/2014-RFS-III
Government of India
Ministry Of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agri. Cooperation & Farmers Welfare
Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
Dated the 8th June., 2016

To

The Pay and Accounts Officer
Pay & Accounts Office (Sectt.II)
Ministry Of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agri. Cooperation & Farmers Welfare
16-A, Akbar Road Hutments, New Delhi.

Subject: Rainfed Area Development component of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) - Release of **First installment** of funds (**General Category**) to **Himachal Pradesh** Government as a Central Share during the year 2016-17.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to the payment of **Rs. 241.85 lakhs (Rupees Two hundred forty one lakh & eighty five thousand only)** to the State Government of **Himachal Pradesh** as a Central Share during 2016-17 for implementing the Rainfed Area Development (RAD) component under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA).

2. **RAD is being implemented on a prevailing funding pattern of assistance i.e. 90% Central Share & 10 % state share. Accordingly, State should invest the matching State share equal to the funds released by government of India while implementing RAD during 2016-17**

3. In accordance with the revised procedure, the Reserve Bank of India may please be advised for debiting the amount to the account of the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare and passing on the credit to the Central Accounts Section, Nagpur for transfer of funds to the State Government of **Himachal Pradesh**.

4. The release of funds is subject to the following conditions-

(a) The aforesaid grant-in-aid is a recurring one.

(b) State Government and Implementing Agency of the scheme should adhere to the cost norms and pattern of assistance and other procedures as prescribed in the NMSA Guidelines issued by the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare.

(c) Monthly progress report and cumulative monthly Physical and Financial Progress Reports indicating its unit cost norms, targets and corresponding achievements under various components be sent to this Division by 10th of the following month. **Further, progress report be submitted for the total amount, including Central & State share separately.**

(d) State Government of **Himachal Pradesh** will be required to utilize the funds in the current financial year for implementation of the Scheme as per the above mentioned sanction order and related detailed project documents and also furnish utilization certificates in the prescribed Performa at the end of the financial year 2016-17.

e) The activities proposed for water conservation & management related works , drought proofing measures etc. are eligible for implementation under Other Interventions of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana(PMKSY):Per Drop More Crop. PMKSY is an integrated scheme for irrigation development which is being implemented based on comprehensive planning of District Irrigation Plan (DIP)/ State Irrigation Plan (SIP) with mapping of resources from all states, central and externally aided programmes. The RAD clusters should take advantage of PMKSY intervention for water sector to compliment farming system. However, if the water related interventions are taken up in limited cases under RAD, these are required to be drawn from the DIP/SIP. Besides, these interventions are required to be approved by State Level Sanction Committee (SLSC) under annual Action Plan of PMKSY indicating the source of funding i.e. RAD. The progress and achievement also need to be reported in PMKSY portal & digital information to be uploaded on Bhuvan platform.

(f) State Implementing Authority shall maintain subsidiary accounts of Grant-in-aid received and get the accounts audited relating to released funds from a Chartered Accountant and furnish a copy each of the Audit Report, Audited Statement of Accounts, balance sheet, receipt & payment account and income & expenditure statement to DAC &FW as early as possible.

(g) This amount is released with reference to the Administrative Approval accorded vide letter 2-2/2016-RFS-III Dated:13.04.2016 and should be utilized as per the Guidelines National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture(NMSA). Further, State Government is advised to ensure that there is no duplication or overlapping of activities/areas covered under NMSA vis-à-vis existing schemes of Central or State Government.

(h) The accounts of the State Grantee Institution shall be open to inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India under the provision of CAG (DPC) Act, 1971, and internal audit by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry or Department, wherever the State(s)/institution is called upon to do so.

(i) Audited records of all assets, permanent or semi-permanent, acquired wholly or substantially out of the grant sanctioned to the Implementing Agency should be maintained as prescribed in form GFR-19A and shall be furnished to the Government annually by the end of June, following the financial year to which it relates. Such assets shall not, without prior approval of the Government of India be disposed of, encumbered or utilized for the purpose other than those for which the grant is made.

(j) At least 30% of the Budget allocation are earmarked for women beneficiaries/farmers. Further at least 50% of the funds will be utilized for small and marginal farmers.

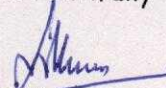
5. The expenditure shall be debited to Demand No. 1 - Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare. Category wise funds released and Head of Accounts to which it shall be debited are as under:

Name of Beneficiary/ State/Implementing Agency	Head of Account	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
Himachal Pradesh /State Government of Himachal Pradesh	3601-Grants in aid to State Government (Major Head) 02-Grants for State Plan Schemes 436-Crop Husbandry-Commercial Crops (Minor Head) 04-Krishonnati Yojana State Plan 02-National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture 040231-Grants in Aid General	241.85

6. This sanction issue with concurrence of Integrated Finance Division, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, vide their Dy No. 4679-FTS/AS&FA dated 06.06.2016

7. This sanction has been noted at Sl.No.7/2016-17 in the Register of Grant as mentioned in GFR-212 (4) (b)

Yours faithfully



(S N Meena)

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Copy for necessary action to:

1. The Principal Accounts Officer, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, 16-A, Akbar Road Hutments, New Delhi
2. O/o the Director General of Audit, Central Expenditure, AGCR Building, IP Estates, New Delhi-2
3. Agriculture Production Commissioner/ Commissioner and Secretary (Agriculture) /Secretary (Planning) /Secretary (Finance)/Director of Agriculture- Government of Himachal Pradesh.
4. Accountant General (A&E), Himachal Pradesh.
5. PPS to AS (DS)/ PS to JS(RFS)
6. Budget/B&A/ US Finance -VI/PC Division
7. Expenditure file Guard file/Spare copies/State files.