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Government of India

Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
National Afforestation & Eco-Development Board
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Dated: 29/11/2018

To

The Pay & Accounts Officer,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan
JorBagh Road,
New Delhi – 110003

Subject: Sanction of Project under the National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme Committed Liability for implementation by State Forest Development Agency (SFDA) Himachal Pradesh Approval of work-programme and payment sanction during 2018-19 – General Categories- regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to the release of **Rs.292.45 lakh (Rupees two crore ninety two lakhs and forty five thousand only)** towards Grants-in-Aid to SFDA Himachal Pradesh project under the National Afforestation Programme Scheme for the financial year 2018-19 (Plan) Non-Recurring. The project shall be implemented by the SFDA for carrying out committed liability of 1562 hectares of Creation work, and maintenance of plantation for 1st year, 2nd year and 3rd year in 295 hectares respectively at a total cost of **Rs. 324.94 lakh (Rupees three crores twenty four lakhs and ninety four thousand only (General Category))**@ wage rate of Rs. 225/- for the year 2018-19. The 90% Central Share is Rs.292.45 lakh (General and SCSP Category).The FDA-wise approved work programme of SFDA, Himachal Pradesh is given in Annexure.

2. The utilisation certificate has been received for Rs.273.02 lakh (**General Category**). The unspent balance of Nil for General & SCSP Category is being adjusted in the current release.
3. **The Scheme will be implemented on the funding pattern between Centre and State of 90:10 for Himachal Pradesh State. The Central assistance is subject to the condition that a matching share should come from the State Govt. (retrospectively).**
4. The expenditure involved will be met from within the Sanctioned Budget Grant under No.27 Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change. Details of accounts for sanction amount and release amount under General, TSP and SCSP head for NAP Scheme is as follows:-

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Items	Head of Accounts	Amount released as Central Share
General	3601.06.101.01.01.31	292.45
SCSP	3601.06.789.01.01.31	0
TSP	3601.06.796.01.01.31	0
Total		292.45

5. 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 Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

6. The State Government of Himachal Pradesh would make provisions in their budget and on receipt of funds from RBI, release the grants of above funds within 15 days of the issue of this sanction letter to the SFDA, the details of which are given below, under intimation to this office.

Name and Address of SFDA	Name of Bank where A/c of SFDA held	Name and complete address of the bank branch	IFSC/MICR Code/ Bank Branch Code	Type of Account	Account No.
State Forest Development Agency Himachal Pradesh	UCO Bank	UCO Bank, New Himraus Building, Circular Road, Shimla -171001	UCBA 0001555 171028004/1555	Saving	155502 100005 64

7. SFDA Himachal Pradesh shall transfer the full amount earmarked for all FDAs within 7 days of receipt of funds from the NAEB, MoEF&CC based on the approved work programme. The funds received by the FDA from SFDA shall be deposited in its exclusive and separate current account in a Nationalized Bank, which would be operated jointly by its Chairperson and the Member Secretary. If the stipulation regarding joint signatures of the CEO and the Chairperson is found to cause undue delay in banking transactions especially in cases where the headquarters of the Chairperson and CEO are quite far apart, the SFDA may devise a mechanism to overcome the problem, ensuring adequate accountability at the same time.

8. All relevant documents/ certificates would be submitted by the implementing agency after completion of Annual Work Programme of 2018-19. The pattern of assistance is as per rules governing the Revised Operational Guidelines and as per the approval of the Ministry of Finance.

9. The grants-in-aid will be regulated in accordance with the provisions contained in the Guidelines of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi. The Grants-in-Aid is also subject to the Chapter 9 of the General Financial Rules, 2005, as amended from time to time, read with the Government of India's decisions incorporated there-under, and any other guidelines which may be issued in this regard, and in particular to the following conditions:-

- (i) The pattern of assistance of rules governing such grants-in aid have received the approval of the Ministry of Finance, as required under Govt. of the Decision No.(1) under DFPR – Rules 20.
- (ii) The Accounts of Himachal Pradesh SFDA shall be audited by C&AG or by any person authorized by him on his behalf in accordance with the provisions laid down in section 14 of the C&AG (DPC) 1971 as amended from time to time.
- (iii) The Accounts of Himachal Pradesh SFDA shall be open for inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the Comptroller and 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 or Department whenever it is called upon to do so.
- (iv) **The Himachal Pradesh SFDA shall furnish Utilization Certificate including the State's Share** along with its request for release of Grants-in Aid certifying that the fund released to them for which Utilization Certificates has been issued has been utilized exclusively in pursuance of objectives envisaged in the Rules/ Memorandum of SFDA and that the Grant shall be spent with the extant instruction/ rules and with the approval of competent authority in each case.
- (v) Noted at **Sl.No.10** in the Register of Grants (General & SCSP Categories).

- (vi) Himachal Pradesh SFDA will spend Grants-in Aid exclusively in pursuance of the objectives envisaged in Rules/Memorandum of SFDA, for the purpose it is being sanctioned. Performance cum achievement report of SFDA shall be furnished within prescribed time limit.
- (vii) Grants-in Aid to Himachal Pradesh SFDA is subject to the Economy Instruction issued from time to time by the Ministry of Finance or by any Competent Authority so designated.
- (viii) Grants-in Aid shall be utilized before the end of the current financial year 2018-19 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by Himachal Pradesh SFDA to the Government of India.
- (ix) Himachal Pradesh SFDA will maintain and will present their annual accounts in the standard format as required under GFR 209(xiii).
- (x) In case of Non-recurring Grant for specified object :-
 - a. Himachal Pradesh SFDA will have to spend the amount sanctioned to them up to 31.03.2019.
 - b. Utilization Certificate of Grants-in Aid sanctioned during the year 2018-19 from Himachal Pradesh SFDA would have to be submitted as required under GFR 202(1) read with the Form GFR 19-A.

10. Himachal Pradesh SFDA will take necessary steps to ensure the minimum survival of plants after planting under the NAP Scheme from the end of 1st to fifth year as fixed for various FDAs vide our O.M.No.8-1/2005-B-I dated 26.11.2009 and 16.12.2009. The survival percentage of plantation should be reflected in the last Quarterly Progress Report submitted ending 31st March to this Ministry.

11. The project will be implemented by the implementing agency in the identified area only strictly as per the Revised Operational Guidelines-2009 of National Afforestation Programme Scheme. Including the following:-

- a) The SFDA should confirm that MoU between FDA and JFMC/EDCs as well as between FDA and SFDA as per para 2.2 of operational guidelines.
- b) The SFDA will ensure complete compliance with operational guidelines of NAP and conditions mentioned in the previous sanction orders.

12. The SFDA Himachal Pradesh should utilize the funds released under SCSP category to the areas of dominant population.

13. The payment sanctioned above is provisional. The final adjustment will be made after receipt of the item wise physical and financial Progress Report, utilization certificate and Audited Expenditure figures from the implementing agency. The Progress Report of each quarter is to be sent regularly.

14. The implementing agency is requested to ensure that the Central assistance being released will be gainfully utilized in furtherance of the approved work programme without any time overrun under the project/scheme. The proposed area coverage under the work programme should not be over-lapping with any other Central/State scheme and there should be no duplication of central / external assistance in any case.

15. The implementation of the project and maintenance of plantations raised there under that spill over to the next year shall be the responsibility of the State Government unless the NAP scheme is continued.

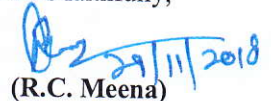
16. As per Para 9.2, the SFDA has to commission independent evaluation of each FDA project twice during the project cycle. The evaluation report of the Action Taken Report could be mandatory for release of second installment.

17. The SFDA will certify that the creation work has been carried out in the area where Geo references have been submitted for advance work during 2017-18. *Satellite photographs with dates and lat-long coordinates should be furnished before and after the implementation of each work of the scheme and furnished with the physical progress report. (Say before and after completing Advance Work, Creation and maintenance separately).*

18. Himachal Pradesh SFDA has to provide measurable outcome (quantified) in terms of per percentage increase in plantation area, number of saplings planted (created) under survival rate (in percentage) in the progress report.
19. The amount released through this sanction has to be utilized for General/SCSP dominant areas only.
20. Evidence of deposit of TDS/Service tax in case of contract payments and CST in case of purchase of leviable goods.
21. The UC and physical progress reports (including photographs) to be uploaded in the website of the MoEF&CC and the state govt. for public access (before and after implementation of the project)
22. In pursuance of the policy of the Government on Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), with the objective of accurately targeting the intended beneficiaries and enhancing efficiency, transferency and accountability, it is advised to make payments directly through the Bank accounts of beneficiaries by linking with the Aadhar Identification Number.
23. The sanction issues under the power delegated to the National Afforestation & Eco-Development Board and with the concurrence of the Finance Division vide their Dy.No. AS&FA/114536 dated 13/11/2018

Encl.: as above.

Yours faithfully,


(R.C. Meena)

Assistant Commissioner of Forests

Copy to: -

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla
2. The Secretary, Forest Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
3. The Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. The Secretary, Planning Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
5. The Accountant General (A&E), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
6. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/ Nodal Officer of NAP, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
7. Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Plan Finance Division, New Delhi.
8. The Manager, Reserve Bank of India, central account Section, Nagpur.
9. Principal Director (Audit), Scientific Department, AGCR Building, New Delhi-2.
10. I.G.F.(NAEB),
11. The US (IFD), NAEB.
12. The D.D.O (Cash), NAEB.
13. ACF, NAEB
14. DPA, NAEB
15. Budget and Accounts Division, Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi.
16. Sanction Folder/ Guard File.


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Details of 2018-19

S.No.	Particulars	(Rs. in Lakhs) Total
1.	Cost of APO of 2018-19	324.94
2.	Central Share (90% of APO)	292.45
3.	Unspent balance adjusted	0
4.	Amount being released as first installment	292.45

Annexure-I

APPROVED WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2018-19 FOR (GENERAL & SCSP CATEGORY)
Central Sector Scheme "National Afforestation Programme" (NAP)
Agency - State Forest Development Agency, Himachal Pradesh
State-Himachal Pradesh

Approved Wage rate : Rs. 225/-

Sl. No.	Item of work	Rate (in Rs.)	Physical & Financial target/outlay of 2018-19	
			Phy.	Fin.
1	2	3	4	5
1	Aided Natural Regeneration (200 plants/ha.)	9750		
	Admissible Rate:	29250		
	a) Advance Work	11700	0	0.00
	b) Creation	10238	345	35.33
	b) Maintenance I Year	3510	0	0.00
	II Year	2340	17	0.40
	III Year	1463	39	0.57
	Subtotal :	29250	401	36.30
2	Artificial Regeneration (1100 plants/ha.)	17100		
	Admissible Rate:	51300		
	a) Advance Work	20520	0	0.00
	b) Creation	17955	432	77.59
	b) Maintenance I Year	6156	10	0.62
	II Year	4104	18	0.74
	III Year	2565	45	1.16
	Subtotal :	51300	505	80.11
3	Bamboo Plantation (625 plants/ha.)	9300		
	Admissible Rate:	27900		
	a) Advance Work	11160	0	0.00
	b) Creation	9765	45	4.38
	b) Maintenance I Year	3348	0	0.00
	II Year	2232	30	0.67
	III Year	1395	10	0.14
	Subtotal :	27900	85	5.19
4	Pasture Development (400 plants/ha.)	11100		
	Admissible Rate:	33300		
	a) Advance Work	13320	0	0.00
	b) Creation	11655	452	52.70
	b) Maintenance I Year	3996	0	0.00
	II Year	2664	0	0.00
	III Year	1665	36	0.60
	Subtotal :	33300	488	53.30
5	Mixed Plantation (1100 plants/ha.)	17100		
	Admissible Rate:	51300		
	a) Advance Work	20520	0	0.00
	b) Creation	17955	133	23.88
	b) Maintenance I Year	6156	0	0.00
	II Year	4104	30	1.23
	III Year	2565	19	0.49
	Subtotal :	51300	182	25.60
6	Cane plantation (625 plants/ha.)	11100		
	Admissible Rate:	33300		
	a) Advance Work	13320	0	0.00
	b) Creation	11655	1	0.12
	b) Maintenance I Year	3996	0	0.00
	II Year	2664	0	0.00
	III Year	1665	7	0.12
	Subtotal :	33300	8	0.24
7	Regeneration H & S (2000 plants/ha.)	20400		
	Admissible Rate:	61200		
	a) Advance Work	24480	0	0.00
	b) Creation	21420	154	33.00
	b) Maintenance I Year	7344	0	0.00
	II Year	4896	10	0.49
	III Year	3060	24	0.73
	Subtotal :	61200	188	34.22
	ST (A)		1857	234.96
8	SMC 15%			35.24
9	OH 10%			23.50
10	EPA(@Rs.2000/- ha.)			31.24
	ST (B)			89.98
11	Amt. Sanc. A+B			324.94
12	Central share 90%			292.45


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