

F. No. MoEF&CC (NAEB): 35-10-1/2019-B-II
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
National Afforestation & Eco-Development Board
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Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110003

Dated: 31/10/2019

To

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

Subject: Sanction of Project under the National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme for implementation by State Forest Development Agency (SFDA) Himachal Pradesh Approval of work-programme and payment sanction during 2019-20 – 1st installment - regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to the release of **Rs.52.24 lakh (Rupees fifty two lakhs and twenty four thousand only)(Rs.45.42 lakh General category + Rs.6.82 lakh SCSP Category)** as first installment towards Grants-in-Aid to SFDA Himachal Pradesh project under the National Afforestation Programme Scheme for the financial year 2019-20 (Plan) Non-Recurring. The project shall be implemented by the SFDA Himachal Pradesh for carrying out advance work of 45 ha. and maintenance of plantation for 1st year and 3rd year in 1004 hectares and 38 hectares respectively at a total cost of **Rs. 77.40 lakh (Rupees seventy seven lakhs and forty thousand only) @** wage rate of Rs. 250/- for the year 2019-20. The 90% Central Share is Rs.69.66 lakh (Rupees sixty nine lakh and sixty six thousand only). The FDA-wise approved work programme of SFDA, Himachal Pradesh is given in Annexure.

2. The utilisation certificate has been received for Rs.167.13 lakh against the release funds of Rs.292.45 lakh (unspent balance of Rs.125.32 lakh has been revalidated) during 2018-19 from SFDA Himachal Pradesh is enclosed.

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.25 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	45.42
SCSP	3601.06.789.01.01.31	6.82
TSP	3601.06.796.01.01.31	0
Total		52.24

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 2019-20. 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.5** in the Register of Grants.
- (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 2019-20 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 31.03.2020.
 - b. Utilization Certificate of Grants-in Aid sanctioned during the year 2019-20 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. Para 10.1 of operational guidelines stipulate preparation of digitized map. The progress achieved on digitization of forest boundary may be obtained.

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.

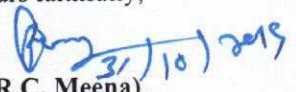
17. The SFDA will certify that the creation work has been carried out in the area where Geo references have been submitted for advance work during 2018-19. *Satellite photographs with dates and lat-long coordinates should be furnished before and after the implementation of each work of the scheme and 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, transparency 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/ 128618 dated 25/10/2019.

Encl.: as above.

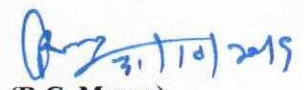
Yours faithfully,


(R.C. Meena)

Assistant Commissioner (Forestry)

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 2019-20

S.No.	Particulars	Rs. in Lakh	
			Total
1.	Cost of APO of 2019-20		77.40
2.	Central Share (90% of APO)		69.66
3.	Amount being released as first installment - (75% of S.N.2)	(Rs.45.42 lakhs Gen. Category + Rs.6.82 lakh SCSP Category)	52.24
4.	Unspent balance adjusted		Nil
5.	Amount to be released as first installment		52.24
6.	No. of FDAs - 16		

APPROVED WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2019-20 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. 250/-

Sl. No.	Item of work	Rate (in Rs.)	Physical & Financial target/outlay of 2019-20	
			Phy.	Fin.
1	2	3	4	5
1	Aided Natural Regeneration (200 plants/ha.)	9750		
	Admissible Rate:	32500		
	a) Advance Work	13000	5	0.65
	b) Creation	11375	0	0.00
	b) Maintenance I Year	3900	268	10.49
	II Year	2600	0	0.00
	III Year	1625	0	0.00
	Subtotal :	32500	273	11.14
2	Artificial Regeneration (1100 plants/ha.)	17100		
	Admissible Rate:	57000		
	a) Advance Work	22800	6	1.37
	b) Creation	19950	0	0.00
	b) Maintenance I Year	6840	224	15.32
	II Year	4560	0	0.00
	III Year	2850	8	0.23
	Subtotal :	57000	238	16.92
3	Bamboo Plantation (625 plants/ha.)	9300		
	Admissible Rate:	31000		
	a) Advance Work	12400	20	2.48
	b) Creation	10850	0	0.00
	b) Maintenance I Year	3720	26	0.97
	II Year	2480	0	0.00
	III Year	1550	0	0.00
	Subtotal :	31000	46	3.45
4	Pasture Development (400 plants/ha.)	11100		
	Admissible Rate:	37000		
	a) Advance Work	14800	7	1.04
	b) Creation	12950	0	0.00
	b) Maintenance I Year	4440	264	11.73
	II Year	2960	0	0.00
	III Year	1850	0	0.00
	Subtotal :	37000	271	12.77
5	Mixed Plantation (1100 plants/ha.)	17100		
	Admissible Rate:	57000		
	a) Advance Work	22800	7	1.60
	b) Creation	19950	0	0.00
	b) Maintenance I Year	6840	85	5.82
	II Year	4560	0	0.00
	III Year	2850	20	0.58
	Subtotal :	57000	112	8.00
6	Cane plantation (625 plants/ha.)	11100		
	Admissible Rate:	37000		
	a) Advance Work	14800	0	0.00
	b) Creation	12950	0	0.00
	b) Maintenance I Year	4440	1	0.04
	II Year	2960	0	0.00
	III Year	1850	0	0.00
	Subtotal :	37000	1	0.04
7	Regeneration H & S (2000 plants/ha.)	20400		

		Admissible Rate:	68000		
	a) Advance Work		27200	0	0.00
	b) Creation		23800	0	0.00
	b) Maintenance I Year		8160	136	11.09
	II Year		5440	0	0.00
	III Year		3400	10	0.34
			68000	146	11.43
	ST (A)			1087	63.75
					6.38
8	SMC 10%				6.38
9	OH 10%				0.90
10	EPA(@Rs.2000/- ha.)				13.65
	ST (B)				77.40
11	Amt. Sanc. A+B				69.66
12	Central share 90%				




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 31/10/15

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