No: 14-15/2014 Fert. Use  
Government of India  
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare  
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare  
(Fert Use Cell/ INM Division)  

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi  
Dated the 4th January 2017  

To  
The Pay & Accounts Officer (Secr.)  
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare  
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare,  
16, Akbar Road Hutments,  
New Delhi 110 011  


Sir,  

I am directed to refer to this Department’s letter No.14-1/2015-Fert.Use dated 6th May 2016 conveying the Administrative Approval for implementation of Soil Health Management component under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) and to convey the sanction of the President for release of Rs.40,0545 lakh (Rupees Forty lakh Five Thousand Four hundred Fifty only) to Government of Himachal Pradesh for implementation of the scheme during 2016-17.  

2. The amount will be debited to the following Major Head under Demand No.1 Agriculture:-  
   3601- Grant in aid to State Government  
   02- Grant for State Plan Schemes.  
   437- Crop Husbandry – Manures and Fertilizers  
   02 – Krishonnati Yojna  
   01-National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility  
   020131- 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 concern implementing agency in accordance with the operational guidelines of the scheme already circulated to all States and are also available at DAC website: www.agricoop.nic.in). The physical and financial breakup for the activities to be taken up is given in Annexure.
(ii) The State Govt. negotiate rate for the procurement of refills at lower rate with IISS and also inform DAC&FW.

(iii) Initially GOI will sanction funds to States @ Rs. 0.86 lakh per unit. State Government to send separate proposal for the GOI share for the applicable tax.

(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 as prescribed in the form of GFR-19 and 19-A.

(vi) Assets permanent or semi-permanent acquired wholly or substantially out of the grant from the Government of India shall not, without prior approval of the Government of India, be disposed off, encumbered or utilized for the purpose other than those for which the grant is being sanctioned.

(vii) The accounts of the implementing agency shall be open to Internal Audit of the Principal Accounts Officer, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare 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.

(viii) Interest earned and unspent funds will be added to SHM component of NMSA Scheme fund for utilization on approved activities of the scheme.

(ix) 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.

(x) 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.

(xi) Strict economy should be observed so as to keep the expenditure to the minimum.

(xii) "This has been noted at S. No 27 of Register of grant of Financial Year 2016-17 as per GFR 212 (4) (b)." There is no UC pending except the fund (Rs. 140.658 lakh 2nd installment) released during 2016-17.

(xiii) 2nd installment will be considered only after furnishing UC and component-wise physical & financial progress of the past and present release and status of receipt of matching state share.
(xiv) This sanction issues with the approval of Integrated Finance Division vide their Dy. No 14451/FTS/AS&FA dated 20.12.2016.

Yours faithfully,

(Bherav Dutt)
Under Secretary to the Government of India

Copy to:-
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2. Office of the Director General of Audit, Central Expenditure, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi 110 002
3. The Secretary (Agriculture), Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. The Director of Agriculture, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
5. Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
6. Accountant General (A&E), Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla
7. The Advisor, Agriculture (Niti Commission), Yojna Bhavan, New Delhi.
8. Joint Secretary (INM), DAC.
9. ADC (INM)/ AC (INM)

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Annexure

Physical and financial breakup of components sanctioned to Himachal Pradesh during 2016-17.

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