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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 .. 31... January, 2018

To

The Pay & Accounts Officer (Sectt.)  
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation  
Ministry of Agriculture,  
16, Akbar Road Hutments,  
New Delhi 110 011

Subject: Soil Health Card Scheme under National Mission for Sustainable  
Agriculture (NMSA) – Release of Funds during 2017-18 – reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Department's letter No.14-1/2015 Fert.Use dated 25.04.2017 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. 5.45 lakh (Rupees Five lakh Forty Five Thousand only) as **2<sup>nd</sup> installment for the year 2017-18** to Government of **Himachal Pradesh** for implementation of the Soil Health Card Scheme during 2017-18 .

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

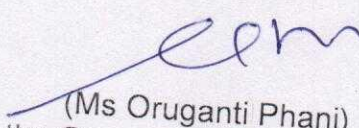
3601- Grant in aid to State Government (Major Head)  
06 – Centrally Sponsored Scheme (Sub Major Head)  
789- Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes (Minor Head)  
39- Green Revolution Krishonnati Yojna  
03- National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility  
390331- Grants-in-aid General

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. The physical and financial breakup for the activities to be taken up for the total grant released during the financial year including both Central and State share is given in **Annexure**.

- (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 21 of Register of grant of financial Year 2017-18 as per GFR 212 (4) (b).
- (xi) The Fresh/ 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) This sanction issues with the approval of Integrated Finance Division vide their Dy. No 10953/FTS/AS&FA dated 24.01.2018.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Ms Oruganti Phani)  
Under Secretary to the Government of India

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2. Office of the Director General of Audit, Central Expenditure, AGR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi 110 002
3. The Secretary (Agriculture & Horticulture), Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.

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Sl. No	Component	Physical	Rate (in Rs)	Total Allocation (In lakh)	1 <sup>st</sup> install- ment already released	2 <sup>nd</sup> installment to be released (Rs. In lakh)
1	2	3	4	5		6
1.	Soil Health Card Samples Analysis	50000	300/- sample	150.00	76.95	5.45
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> installment approved by IFD including 1% Admin charges</b>					34.08
	<b>To be released under SC Category (16%)</b>					<b>5.45</b>