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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate change
(Wild Life Division)

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Dated:23.06.2023

To,

The Sr. Accounts Officer (HQ)
O/o The Principal Account Office,
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
New Delhi 110003

Sub: CSS 'Development of Wildlife Habitats'-Simbalbara Wildlife Sanctuary, Renuka Wildlife Sanctuary, Chail Wildlife Sanctuary, Churdhar Wildlife Sanctuary, Gangul Siyabehi Wildlife sanctuary, Pong dam Wildlife sanctuary, Dhauladhar Wildlife sanctuary, Kalatop-Khajjiar Wildlife Sanctuary, Tundah Wildlife sanctuary, Kugti Wildlife sanctuary, Sechu Tuwannala Wildlife sanctuary, Great Himalayan National Park, Shimla water Catchment Wildlife Sanctuary, Daranghati Wildlife Sanctuary, Majathal Wildlife Sanctuary, Nargu Wildlife Sanctuary, Sainj Wildlife Sanctuary, Thirthan Wildlife Sanctuary, Kanwar Wildlife Sanctuary, Khokhan Wildlife Sanctuary, Bandli Wildlife Sanctuary, Shikari Devi Wildlife Sanctuary, Manali Wildlife Sanctuary, Kais Wildlife Sanctuary, LipaAsrang Wildlife Sanctuary, Rakshham-Chhitkul Wildlife Sanctuary, Rupi Bhawa Wildlife Sanctuary, Talra Wildlife Sanctuary, Kibber Wildlife Sanctuary, Pin Valley National Park and Chandratul Wildlife Sanctuary -Himachal Pradesh.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to the implementation of the above scheme during 2023-24 for **₹ 4,18,45,900.00 (₹ Four Crore Eighteen Lakh Forty Five Thousand Nine Hundred only)** as per details given in the annexure. The total cost of the scheme will be shared on 90:10 basis by the Government of India and the State Government of Himachal Pradesh as per the change in funding pattern. Accordingly, **₹3,76,61,310.00 (₹ Three Crore Seventy Six Lakh Sixty One Thousand Three Hundred Ten only)** would be the Government of India's share.

2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to sanction ₹ 94,15,328.00 (**₹ Ninety Four Lakh Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Eight only**) as first installment (25% of Centre Share) and release of **₹85,71, 278.00 lakh (₹ Eighty Five Lakh Seventy One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Eighty only)** after adjusting unspent balance of ₹ 8,44,050.00 lakh of financial year 2022-23, during the current financial year 2023-24 to the State Govt. of Himachal Pradesh subject to condition that the State Government of Himachal Pradesh would contribute 10% of the sanctioned amount as per the D.O.No.32/PSO/FS/2015 dated 28.10.2015 from Finance Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Depart of Expenditure.

3. The expenditure incurred is adjustable to the Demand No. 28 of Environment, Forests & Wildlife under the following heads during Financial Year 2023-24:

Scheme	Budget Head	Amount in ₹
Development of Wildlife Habitats	Major Head 3601, 06-Sub Major Head,101-Central Assistance/Share (Minor Head), 02.04.31-Grants-in-Aid General	60,00,278.00

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Development of Wildlife Habitats	Major Head 3601,06- Sub Major Head, 796-Tribal Area Sub Plan (Minor Head)-02-Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats (Sub Head), 02.03.31-Grants-in-Aid- General	25,71,000.00
Total		85,71,278.00

4. The payment sanctioned above is provisional and is subject to the adjustment on the basis of the audited figures of expenditure. Other terms and conditions of the payment are as follows:

- i) The grant sanctioned is subject to adjustment on the basis of the terms and conditions stipulated in the scheme.
- ii) The grant shall be utilized by 31st March 2024.
- iii) The Utilization Certificate in form of GFR 17 shall be submitted to this Ministry before any proposal for subsequent grant and in no case later than 31st March 2024.
- iv) Progress Report on physical achievement against the target set shall be submitted to the Ministry by 31st March 2024.
- v.) Instructions given vide Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure even OM even No. dated 23.3.2022, and later regarding 'Procedure for release of funds under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes and monitoring utilization of the funds released' shall be complied.

5. In accordance with the revised procedure, the Reserve Bank of India may please be advised for debiting the amount to the account of the Deptt. of Environment and Forests and passing on the credit to the Central Accounts Section, Nagpur for transfer to the State Govt. in the books of later.

6. The various works to be carried out should be in accordance with the provisions under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and the State Government must ensure that Orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court in I.A. No. 548 in Civil Writ Petition No. 202/95 are fully complied with while implementing the APO.

7. The various works approved in the APO are to be executed as per the Sanctioned Schedule of Rates applicable in the area. The expenditure should also to be kept within the ceiling prescribed for each item of work and no funds to be diverted for expenditure without the prior approval of the Ministry.

8. The accounts of the State Govt. of Himachal Pradesh under scheme 'Development of Wildlife Habitats' shall be open for inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India under the provision of C&AG (DPC) Act, 1971 and internal audit party by the Principal Accounts Officer of the Ministry whenever it is called upon.

9. The approved land based activities should be undertaken only at the locations mentioned in the APO proposals submitted to the Ministry, which are also specified in the Annexure.

10. The grant sanctioned is further subject to the condition that:

- i. The expenditure is to incur as per the allocation of the funds.
- ii. All payments are to be made by bank transfer through DBT particularly of laboures and not cash payment is to be made.



- iii. GFR to be followed by implementing agency along with the economy instructions issued by Government of India from time to time.
- iv. Evidence of deposit of GST in case of contract payment and leviable goods are obtained along with UC and compliance of DBT scheme has to be ensured.
- v. In case of employment through contract, copy of PF & ESI contributions of employees to be furnished, wherever applicable.
- vi. UC to be submitted as prescribed in GFR 2017.
- vii. If the implementing agency does not use the fund for the purpose for which it was given, it has to be refund the same with interest.
- viii. There should not be any overlapping of activities under the projects with the activities of ongoing scheme of Centre /State Government.
- ix. The fixed asset created out of this grant shall not be disposed off without approval of this Ministry.
- x. A separate bank account shall be opened for the purpose and the account shall be opened for audit by Central Government of C&AG.
- xi. The Utilization Certificates with physical progress and photos of work to be submitted for each sanctuaries and uploaded on the website of the implementing agency as well as the Ministry for public access.
- xii. Strict economy should be observed so as to keep the actual expenditure to the minimum.
- xiii. The State Govt. Of Himachal Pradesh is advised to adopt corruption mitigation strategies while utilizing the funds.

11. **Details of number of persons hired/ mandays generated for carrying out the approved activities should clearly be indicated in the Expenditure Statement of each Sanctuary/National Park. Number of persons hired in various categories (ST/SC) should also be indicated in each Sanctuary/National Park.**

12. **Engagement of all daily wage labours/fire watchers etc should be strictly through DBT and monthly progress in this regard to be intimated to the Ministry.**

13. **The fund provided under compensation for loss due to wildlife is only to supplement the state fund. The State Government to funds the compensation amount as per the existing rules of the state.**

14. This issues with approval of the Competent Authority and the concurrence of Integrated Finance Divisions of this Deptt. vide their computer Dy No.135232, dated 19.06.2023 and IFD Unique No.44IFD/2023, dated 23.06.2023 under the power delegated to Ministries/Departments.

Yours faithfully,



(Dr. Rajendra Kumar)
Deputy Director

Copy To:

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2. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Himachal Pradesh.
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Annexure:

1. Simbalbara National Park

S.No.	Item of Work	Quantity & Rate (₹ in Lakh)	Release amount (₹ in lakh)
Non-Recurring Activities			
1	Construction of new Retaining Wall at Puruwala to Simbalbara road	2 no	1.60
2	Construction of new Check dam	30 no	1.80
Sub total			3.40
Recurring Activities			
3	Clearing of invasive species (new areas): 25%	40 ha @ 0.13881	5.54
4	Maintenance and painting of guard quarter	1 no	0.85
5	Maintenance of Forest Guard Hut	2 no	1.45
6	Maintenance & repair of solar fencing around the compound area , nursery , Forest Rest House Simbalbara	500 Rmt	0.90
7	Deployment of Fire watcher	600 md @0.00350	2.10
8	First Year Maintenance of cleared areas (25%)	19 ha @ 0.021	0.40
Sub Total			11.24
Grand Total			14.64
Central Share (90% of Grand total)			13.176
First installment (25%)			3.294

2. Renuka-ji Wildlife Sanctuary

S.No.	Item of Work	Quantity & Rate (₹ in Lakh)	Release amount (₹ in lakh)
Recurring Activities			
1	Clearing new areas off invasive species (75%)	4 ha @ 0.303216	1.21
2	Clearing new areas off invasive species (50%)	6 ha @ 0.23682	1.42
3	Clearing new areas off invasive species (50%)	5 ha @ 0.23682	1.18
4	Clearing of New Areas (25%)	5 ha @ 0.13895	0.69



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1	Construction of check walls at Siling, Monto Takshan	8 no @ 0.30, 2 no @ 0.25	0.74
2	Construction of Cattle Pond at Tangti Chetang and Thango	2 no @ 1.00	2.00
3	Construction of Bankar at Tangti Ched	1 no	2.00
4	Camera traps	5 no @ 0.20	1.00
	Sub total		5.74
	Recurring Activities		
6	Maintenance of cattle pond at Kawacho	1 no	0.40
7	Maintenance of Inspection path from Chedang to Law	700 mtr	1.00
8	Abundance survey of faunal species	2 times @ 0.30	0.60
9	Mobile connectivity to field staff	6 person for 12 month @ ₹500/	0.36
10	Workshop on wildlife issues	1 no	1.00
11	Preventive measures against poaching-hiring of daily wagers/ vehicles.	LS	1.00
12	Improvement of Inspection hut	1 no	2.00
13	Brouchers/pamphlets	LS	0.50
14	Entrance Arch	1no	5.00
15	Information Board	4 no @ 0.25	1.00
	Sub Total		12.86
	Grand Total		18.60
	Central Share (90% of Grand total)		16.74
	First installment (25% of central share)		4.185

31. Chandratat Wildlife Sanctuary

S.No.	Item of Work	Quantity & Rate (₹ in Lakh)	Release amount (₹ in lakh)
Non Recurring Activities			
1	Construction of check walls to protect the lake from siltation.	10 no @ 0.30	3.00
2	Construction of check walls for gully plugging.	10 no @ 0.30	3.00
	Sub total		6.00
Recurring Activities			
3	Maintenance of waste management pits near camp site, taxi stand and lake site.	3 no @ 0.50	1.50
4	Maintenance of approach path to Chandertal and walking trail around Taal	4.5 km @ ₹6667	3.00

5	Maintenance of water ponds in sanctuary area	2 times @ 0.50	1.00
6	Abundance survey of faunal species	2 times @ 0.50	1.00
7	Mobile connectivity to field staff	6 person x 12 month @ ₹500/-	0.36
8	Preventive measures against poaching-hiring of daily wagers/ vehicles.	LS	1.00
9	Maintenance of water management pits near camp site taxi stand lake site	8 no @ 0.25	2.00
Sub Total			9.86
Grand Total			15.86
Central Share (90% of Grand total)			14.274
First installment (25% of central share)			3.5685

The gist of the financial allocation to 31 Protected Areas in Himachal Pradesh being released during the financial year 2023-24 is as under

Sl. No	Name of the Area	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
1	Simbalbara Wildlife sanctuary	14.64
2	Renuka Wildlife sanctuary	18.76
3	Chail Wildlife sanctuary	12.38
4	Churdhar Wildlife sanctuary	12.525
5	Gangul Siyabehi Wildlife sanctuary	6.10
6	Pong dam Wildlife sanctuary	25.1
7	Dhauladhar Wildlife sanctuary	24.65
8	Kalatop-Khajjiar Wildlife sanctuary	8.00
9	Tundah Wildlife sanctuary	1.40
10	Kugti Wildlife sanctuary	2.70
11	Sechu Tuwan nala WLS	5.30
12	Great Himalayan NP	22.34
13	Shimla water Catchment Wildlife sanctuary	10.57
14	Daranghati Wildlife sanctuary	26.2
15	Majathal Wildlife sanctuary	14.46
16	Nargu Wildlife sanctuary	5.00
17	Sainj Wildlife sanctuary	18.07
18	Thirthan Wildlife sanctuary	13.95
19	Kanwar Wildlife sanctuary	5.00
20	Khokhan Wildlife sanctuary	4.00
21	Bandli Wildlife sanctuary	17.2
22	Shikari Devi Wildlife sanctuary	16.46
23	Manali Wildlife sanctuary	6.016
24	Kais Wildlife sanctuary	11.168
25	Lipa Asrang Wildlife sanctuary	17.87
26	Rakshham Chhitkul Wildlife sanctuary	22.5
27	Rupi Bhawa Wildlife sanctuary	13.69
28	Talra Wildlife sanctuary	12.05
29	Kibber Wildlife sanctuary	15.9
30	Pin Valley NP	18.6

31	Chandratal Wildlife sanctuary	15.86
	Grand Total	418.459
	Central share in APO (90% of total APO)	376.6131
	First installment (25% of central share)	94.15328
	Adjusted less unspent balance	8.4405
	Net release	85.71278


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