

F. No. 13-8/2020 WL
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate change
(WL Division)

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Jorbagh Road, New Delhi -110003.
December 16, 2022

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, Gamgul 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, Lipa-Asrang 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-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the Government of India to the implementation of the above scheme during 2022-23 for **₹351.69323 lakh (₹ Three Hundred Fifty-One Lakh Sixty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Three 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, **₹316.52390 lakh (₹ Three Hundred Sixteen Lakh Fifty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Ninety 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 **₹79.13098 lakh (₹ Seventy Nine Lakh Thirteen Thousand Ninety Eighty only)** as first installment (25% of Centre Share) and release of **₹39.38098 lakh (₹ Thirty Nine Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Ninety Eight only)** after adjusting unspent balance of ₹39.75 lakh of financial year 2021-22, during the current financial year 2022-23 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 2022-23:

Scheme	Budget Head	(₹ in lakh)
Development of Wildlife Habitats	Major Head 3601, 06-Sub Major Head,101-Central Assistance/Share (Minor Head), 02.04.31-Grants-in-Aid General	27.57098
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	11.81
Total		39.38098

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4. During the financial year 2021-22, a total amount of ₹307.03lakh with ₹276.327 lakh (Central Share) was approved and sanction of ₹ 69.08 lakh (25%) and ₹ 46.745 lakh was released after adjusting unspent balance of ₹12.335 lakh to State Government of Himachal Pradesh under CSS-IDWH. The State Government submitted UC and Expenditure Statement as per which ₹29.335 lakh was utilized leaving behind an unspent balance of ₹39.745 lakh. Interest earned from the GIA during the year will be deposited by November 23,2023 to the Government.

5. 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 2023.
- 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 2023.
- iv) Progress Report on physical achievement against the target set shall be submitted to the Ministry by 31st March 2023.
- 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. This issues with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Divisions of this Deptt. vide their computer Dy No.135232, dated 06.12.2022 and IFD Unique No.174/IFD/2022, dated 15.12.2022 under the power delegated to Ministries/Departments.

Yours faithfully,



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Copy To:

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
2. The Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Himachal Pradesh.
4. The Accountant General of Himachal Pradesh.
5. The CWLW, Himachal Pradesh.
6. Dy. Director (Wildlife Preservation), Northern Region, New Delhi.
7. The Director of Audit, CW&MII, 3rd Floor, AGCR Bldg., IP Estate, New Delhi.
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1. Simbalbara National Park

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S.No	Item of Work	Quantity & Rate (₹ in Lakh)	Release amount (₹ in lakh)
	Non-Recurring Activities		
1	Const. of new Check dam	1 no	0.25

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2	Const. of new water pond	1 no	0.50
3	Camera Traps	10 no @ 0.20	2.00
	Sub total		2.75
	Recurring Activities		
4	Maintenance of Guard quarter	2 no	2.00
5	Clearing of Invasive Species (75%)	20 no	4.00
6	De-silting of water pond	3 no @ 0.15	0.45
7	De-silting & Maint . of WHS	4 no	0.90
8	Desilting of WHS	1 no	0.25
9	Maint of plantation(2018-19)	2 Ha. + 3 Ha. = 5 Ha.	0.35
10	Maint of plantation (2019-20)	4 ha	0.40
11	Maint. & repair of solar fencing around the compound area , nursery , FRH Simbalbara	500 rmt	0.50
12	Maint. & painting of Simbalbara NP Entrance Gate	1 no	0.50
13	Maint. & Repair/Service of Govt. Motar Cycle Vehicl	2 no	0.20
14	Deployment of anti-poaching / anti grazing	360 days @Rs.350	1.26
15	Network connectivity at Simbalbara Range	LS	0.10
16	Raising upgrading of Nurseries (Revalidation for the year 2021-22)	1 no	1.20
17	Maintenance of existing road from purwala to Simbalbare Const. of R/Wall (Revalidation for the year 2021-22)	3 no	1.50
18	Maint of solar light (Revalidation for the year 2021-22)	10 no	0.02556
19	Signage's (Revalidation for the year 2021-22)	10 no	0.50
	Sub Total		14.13556
	Grand Total		16.88556
	Central Share (90% of Grand total)		15.197
	First installment (25%)		3.79925
	Less unspent balance		2.903
	Net release		0.89625

2. Renuka-ji Wildlife Sanctuary-

S.No.	Item of Work	Quantity & Rate (₹in Lakh)	Release amount (₹ in lakh)
	Non-Recurring Activities		
1	Camera trap	LS	1.00

3	Repair of water pond at Chedang 32°03'38.81"N, 78°07'03.3"E	1 no	0.30
4	Maintenance of cattle pond at Kawacho 32°03'44.9"N, 78°07'28.5"E	1 no	0.40
5	Maintenance of Inspection path from Chedang to Law 32°03'25.9"N, 78°07'28.5"E	700 mtr	0.10
6	Abundance survey of faunal species	2 times @ 0.30	0.60
7	Mobile connectivity to field staff	6 person for 12 months @ ₹500	0.36
8	Combing operations to search traps/nets	LS	1.00
9	Awareness programmes/ celebration of wild life week	5 no @ 0.20	1.00
10	Workshop on wildlife issues	1 no	0.50
11	Preventive measures against poaching- hiring of daily wagers/ vehicles.	LS	1.50
12	Mobile connectivity to field staff (Revilidation for the year 2021-22)	5 person @Rs.500	0.11778
13	Maintenance of water pond Gialday Yenum. 32°0'31.1"N, 78°04'43.1"E (Revilidation for the year 2021-22)	4 no @ 0.60	0.20
14	Maintenance of Mud Farka foot bridge N31°57'16.7", E78°01'43.5" (Revilidation for the year 2021-22)	LS	1.00
15	Maintenance of foot pat Teha- Poleley 32°02'961"N, 78°01'213"E- 32°05'24.2"N, 78°59'20.4"E (Revilidation for the year 2021-22)	LS	1.00
Sub Total			8.07778
Grand Total			11.87778
Central Share (90% of Grand total)			10.690
First installment (25% of central share)			2.6725

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 lake from siltation. 32°27'10.26"N, 77°38'52.36"E	10 no @ 0.30	3.00
2	Construction of check walls for gully plugging. 77°38'30.97"E, 32°26'27.348"N	3 no @ 0.30	0.90
Sub total			3.90

Recurring Activities			
3	Maintenance of water ponds in sanctuary area 32°26'03"N, 77°37'05"E	2 no @ 0.40	0.80
4	Mobile connectivity to field staff	6 person for 12 months 2Rs.500	0.36
5	Combing operations to search traps/nets	LS	1.00
6	Workshop on wild life issues	2 no @ 0.50	1.000
7	Preventive measures against poaching- hiring of daily wagers/ vehicles.	LS	1.00
8	Maintenance Of waste management pits near camp site, taxistand and lake site. 32°27'10.6"N, 77°38'52.36"E (Revilidation for the year 2021-22)	3 no @ 0.25	0.75
9	Maintenance of approach path to Chandertal and walking trail around Taal (Revilidation for the year 2021-22)	1.3 km	0.89222
10	Abundance survey of faunal species (Revilidation for the year 2021-22)	2 times @ 0.30	0.60
11	Awareness programmes/ celebration of wild life week (Revilidation for the year 2021-22)	3no @ 0.15	0.10
Sub Total			6.50222
Grand Total			10.40222
Central Share (90% of Grand total)			9.361998
First installment (25% of central share)			2.34049

The gist of the financial allocation to 31 Protected in Himachal Pradesh being released during the financial year 2022-23 is as under

Sl. No	Name of the Area	Amount (₹ in lakh)
1	Simbalbara Wildlife sanctuary	16.88556
2	Renuka Wildlife sanctuary	7.77291
3	Chail Wildlife sanctuary	12.89756
4	Churdhar Wildlife sanctuary	7.70
5	Gangul Siyabehi Wildlife sanctuary	9.80
6	Pong dam Wildlife sanctuary	22.12556
7	Dhauladhar Wildlife sanctuary	15.38778
8	Kalatop-Khajjiar Wildlife sanctuary	6.75

9	Tundah Wildlife sanctuary	3.25
10	Kugti Wildlife sanctuary	6.20
11	Sechu Tuwan nala WLS	6.10
12	Great Himalayan NP	18.75176
13	Shimla water Catchment Wildlife sanctuary	11.82
14	Daranghati Wildlife sanctuary	12.554
15	Majathal Wildlife sanctuary	12.2222
16	Nargu Wildlife sanctuary	10.771
17	Sainj Wildlife sanctuary	10.95
18	Thirthan Wildlife sanctuary	11.245
19	Kanwar Wildlife sanctuary	11.62
20	Khokhan Wildlife sanctuary	12.29
21	Bandli Wildlife sanctuary	12.084
22	Shikari Devi Wildlife sanctuary	17.775
23	Manali Wildlife sanctuary	12.20
24	Kais Wildlife sanctuary	10.00
25	Lipa Asrang Wildlife sanctuary	8.32556
26	Rakshham Chhitkul Wildlife sanctuary	10.25778
27	Rupi Bhawa Wildlife sanctuary	9.87756
28	Talra Wildlife sanctuary	10.33778
29	Kibber Wildlife sanctuary	11.46222
30	Pin Valley NP	11.87778
31	Chandratal Wildlife sanctuary	10.40222
	Grand Total	351.69323
	Central share in APO (90% of total APO)	316.52390
	First installment (25% of central share)	79.13098
	Adjusted less unspent balance	39.75
	Net release	39.38098


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