The Pay and Accounts Officer.
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,
New Delhi – 110 003.


Sir,
I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to release the payment of Rs. 72,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy-Two Lakh only) as the Grants-in-Aid (General) for the financial year 2018-19 to State Forest Development Agency, Shimla Himachal Pradesh for the implementation of Externally Aided GOI-UNDP-GEF Project: "Securing livelihoods, conservation, sustainable use and restoration of high range Himalayan ecosystems (SECURE Himalaya) in Himachal Pradesh.

2. The total amount Rs. 72,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy-Two Lakh only) is being released to the State Forest Development Agency, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh for the implementation of Externally Aided GOI-UNDP-GEF Project: "Securing livelihoods, conservation, sustainable use and restoration of high range Himalayan ecosystems (SECURE Himalaya) in Himachal Pradesh. The amount will be spent for the implementation of the project for the items of works, mentioned below:

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<td>Improved management of high range Himalayan landscapes for conservation of snow leopard and other endangered species and their habitats and sustaining ecosystem services.</td>
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<td><strong>Output 1.1:</strong></td>
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<td>Landscape level management strategies that integrate biodiversity, ecosystem services, climate mitigation, sustainable community resource use and socio-economic considerations in a gender responsive manner are developed discussed with stakeholders and supported.</td>
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<td>1.1.8 Identification of key primary and secondary stakeholders through stakeholder analysis, to assess their activities (commercial, sustenance, governance) related to natural resources and gauge the impact of their activities, policies and programmes on the status of these resources in the project landscape area. (In context of sustainable use of biological resources)</td>
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<td><strong>Output 1.2:</strong></td>
<td>Site specific participatory management plans for Protected Areas, and other Key Biodiversity Areas, including High Conservation Value Forests, Biodiversity Heritage Sites and biological corridors, and sustainable natural resource use areas designed and tested under community governance, management and enforcement regimes and are gender responsive and equity focused.</td>
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<td><strong>Output 1.3:</strong></td>
<td>Alpine meadows and sub-alpine forest restoration plans are developed and introduced to local communities to improve biological connectivity and habitat productivity and are gender responsive and equity focused.</td>
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<td><strong>Output 1.4:</strong></td>
<td>Biodiversity participatory monitoring for Snow leopard and associated species is developed, tested and adopted Indicator: Status of snow leopard populations in four project states</td>
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<td>1.2.3 State Biodiversity Board proposal on “Sustainable Livelihood Generation for Conservation of Biological Diversity through Participatory Involvement of Local Communities in Pangri and Lahaul regions of Himachal Pradesh” (3 year Project)</td>
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<td>1.3.2 Immunization of livestock in and around the landscape.</td>
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<td>1.4.1 Development of participatory monitoring protocols for snow leopard and all associated species.</td>
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| **Output 1.6:**  | 1.6.2 Exposure cum study visit to one or two snow leopard range countries under the Global Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Protection Programme (GSLEP) to learn their best practices and achievements under the following theme areas:  
- Engaging local communities and addressing human wildlife conflict  
- Managing habitat and prey  
- Combatting poaching and illegal trade  
- Building capacity and enhancing conservation policies and institutions Research and monitoring | 10.00 |
<p>| Capacity development plan for key government staff and community members for long-term effective conservation of biodiversity developed and implemented | <strong>A. Total of Outcome 1</strong> | 38.00 |
| <strong>Outcome 2:</strong> Improved and diversified livelihood strategies and improved capacities of community and government institutions for sustainable natural resource management and conservation. | <strong>Output 2.2:</strong> Pilot projects on sustainable community based natural resources management, and sustainable livelihood activities are supported | 5.00 |
| 2.2.1 Entry point activities related to conservation and livelihood with special focus on eco-tourism, sea buckthorn, medicinal and aromatic plants, support to mechanical farming, mechanized tiller, refrigerated van, zero budget natural farming etc. | <strong>B. Total of Outcome 2</strong> | 10.00 |
| 2.2.2 Support to the Special Area Development Authority (SADA) and District Administration, Lahaul for having improved system of Solid Waste Management and enhanced capacities and public awareness for the same. | <strong>Outcome 3:</strong> Enhanced enforcement, monitoring and cooperation to reduce wildlife crime and related threats. | |
| <strong>Output 3.3:</strong> Community based surveillance, monitoring and wildlife crime and conflict prevention system developed and tested. | 3.3.1 To commission a study on use and efficacy of modern tools and techniques in surveillance, monitoring and detecting trafficking and illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife parts and possibilities of introducing new technologies for surveillance and adopt progressively more sophisticated and powerful methods. | <strong>3.00</strong> |</p>
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<td>Output 3.4: Mechanisms for partnerships on inter-state and transboundary cooperation for tackling wildlife crime and improving species conservation in Himalayan ecosystem are developed and implemented.</td>
<td>3.4.1 To review and learn from the 'Kailash Sacred Landscape Conservation and Development Initiative (KSLCDI)' and Kangchenjunga Landscape Conservation and Development Initiative (KLCDI)'. (Workshop and Study Visit).</td>
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<td>Outcome 4: Effective Knowledge management and information systems established for promotion of sustainable management practices in the High range Himalayan ecosystems.</td>
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<td>Output 4.2: Communication strategy and awareness campaign to increase awareness on conservation, sustainable resource use and reduction of wildlife crime developed and implemented at national, state and local levels.</td>
<td>4.2.1 Organisation of awareness camps/study visits of villagers/wildlife awareness programme involving school children.</td>
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3. The funds, being released as mentioned above are provisional and subject to audit by CAG empanelled Chartered Accountant/Firm. Further, the funds would also be subject to adjustments as per the terms and conditions levied at the time of approval of financial assistance for the scheme.
4. The State Forest Development Agency, Himachal Pradesh should ensure that:

i. All procurement/consultancies are awarded as per GFR 2017;

ii. The expenditure should be incurred during the financial year 2018-19 on the sanctioned items of work as enumerated in the above table and no deviation is made without the prior approval of this Ministry; in case there is any unspent balance at the end of financial year 2018-19, the same may either be re-validated for the next financial year with the due approval of this Ministry or it should be adjusted in the Grants-in-Aid (General) release of the next financial year.

iii. All payments are made by bank transfer through DBT particularly of labourers and no cash payment is to be made;

iv. There should not be any overlapping of activities under the project with the activities of ongoing scheme of Central/State Government;

v. If the implementing agency does not use the fund for the purpose for which it was given, it has to refund the same with interest;

vi. The expenditure to be incurred conforms to the extant norms/regulations of the Government of India and also to the procurement procedure/guidelines of the UNDP. Otherwise, it will not be reimbursable and remain outstanding against the State Forest Development Agency, Himachal Pradesh;

vii. The Fixed Assets created out of this grant shall not be disposed off without approval of this Ministry;

viii. In case of employment through contract; copy of PF & ESI contributions of employees shall be obtained, wherever applicable;

ix. The utilization certificates as per General Financial Rule-239 (Form # GFR-12C) along with physical/financial progress reports, Statement of Expenditure and photographs to be obtained and uploaded on the website of the implementing agency as well as of the Ministry for public access;

x. The interest accrued on the amount of Grants-in-Aid (General) is to be accounted as per the instructions of this Ministry;

xi. The State Forest Development Agency, Himachal Pradesh will provide quarterly physical and financial progress reports to this Ministry, and

xii. The members of scheduled caste/tribe communities are involved in all the ‘Securing livelihoods, conservation, sustainable use and restoration of high range Himalayan ecosystems (SECURE Himalaya) project activities and gender equality is maintained.

5. The sanction shall be subject to the provisions contained in the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, CRZ Notification, 2011, Wetland Rules, 2010, Forest Conservation Act 1980, Biological Diversity Act, 2002 along with the amendments from time to time and rules framed thereunder.

6. The funds are subject to terms and conditions contained in the signed Project Document between the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi – 110003; UNDP India and Government of Himachal Pradesh.

7. 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 and Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
8. The bank details of the Agency are given below:

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9. The expenditure involved is debited to the Major Head '3601' Grants-In-aid to States Governments (Major Head) 3601.06.102-Centrally Sponsored Schemes (Sub Major Head), 3601.06.102.10-Externally Aided Projects -- Grants for Centrally Sponsored Scheme (Minor Head), 3601.06.102.31-Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats (Sub Head), 3601.06.102.31.01-Development of Wildlife Habitats (Detailed Head), 3601.06.102.31.01.31 - Grants-in-Aid--General under Demand No. 27 of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for the year 2018-19.

10. This issues with the concurrence of the Integrated Finance Division of this Ministry vide their Dy. No. 83804/AS&FA dated 06.03.2019.

11. This sanction has been noted at Sl. No. 1 in the register of Grants in Aid for the GOI-UNDP-GEF "Securing livelihoods, conservation, sustainable use and restoration of high range Himalayan ecosystems (SECURE Himalaya) project for the financial year 2018-19 and the sanction ID has been generated and enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. R. Gopinath)
Joint Director (WL)

Copy to:
1. Principal Secretary (Finance Department), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.
2. Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.
3. PCCF (WL), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. Nodal Officer (SECURE Himalayas, Himachal Pradesh) and the Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF), Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.
6. The Principal Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110002
7. The Plan Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, North Block, New Delhi-110001
8. The Adviser (Environment, Forests and Climate Change), Planning Commission, Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
9. IFD, MoEF&CC, New Delhi-110003
10. Ms. Francine Pickup, Country Director, UNDP India, Lodhi Estate 55, New Delhi-110001
11. Ms. Ruchi Pant,
12. Mr. Gaurav Joshi, Consultant, Admin & Finance, UNDP, New Delhi-110003
13. Guard File

(Dr. R. Gopinath)
Joint Director (WL)
No: WLM-UNDP-GEF-SECURE Himalayas Project/15145
ILP FOREST DEPARTMENT
(WILDLIFE WING)

From:
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife),
and Chief Wildlife Warden, Himachal Pradesh,
Shimla-171001.

To:
The Addl. Director General of Forests (Wildlife),
Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aligari,
New Delhi-110003.

Dated: Shimla-1, the 26th April, 2018

Subject:- GOI-UNDP-GEF-SECURE Himalayas Project- reg.


In this regard it is submitted that a meeting to sort out certain issues pertaining to the Project was held on 24-05-2018 under the chairmanship of Principal CCF (Wildlife), HP. The minutes of the same are enclosed herewith as Annexure-A.

This has been decided that Fund Flow Mechanism of Project will be through State Forest Development Agency (SFDA) which is a Registered Body under HP Societies Registration Act, 2006. The copies of Registration Certificate and Bank Account details of the Society are enclosed as Annexure-B as under:-

- **Registration No.** 353/2010
- **Name and Style:** State Forest Development Agency (SFDA)
  Aramaya Bhawan, Talland, Shimla-171001 (HP).
- **Bank Name:** UCO Bank, HPMIDC, Shimla-171001 (HP).
- **Account No.:** 15550210000564
- **IFSC Code:** UCBA0001555

Therefore, funds may kindly be transferred in the account of above Society.

Cond. P/2
4. Addl. PCCF/CCF (Headquarter) in the office of Pr. CCF (WL) cum Chief Wildlife Warden is proposed as Nodal Officer for the Project.

5. As regards Annual Work Plans (AWPs), these are under preparation and will be submitted shortly.

6. The State Level Project Steering Committee (SLPSC) and other committees are under finalization stage and will be intimated as soon as the same are notified by the Government.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Principal CCF (Wildlife),
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla

Encl: As above.

Endst. No. WLM/UNDP-GEF-SECURITY Himayala Project/ 1044/3/96 Dated: 2.6.95

Copy along with proceeding is forwarded to:-
1. Principal CCF (HoTF), HP, Shimla for information and necessary action please.
2. Ms. Ruchi Pant Programme Analyst, UNDP-India, 55, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi
3. Sh. Manoj Thakur, State Project Officer, c/o Pr. CCF (WL), Shimla.
4. CFs Kullu and Chamba
5. DFOs Pangi and Lahaul for necessary action.

For information and necessary action please:

[Signature]

Encl: As above
PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF
Dr. RAMESH C. KANG, IFS, PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
(WILDLIFE), HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA IN HIS OFFICE CHAMBER ON
24.05.2018.

Following attended the meeting -

1) Sh. Nagesh Gulera, IFS
2) Dr. Sushil Kapta, IFS.
3) Sh. A. K. Anand, HPFS.
4) Ms. Richa Banchta, HPFS

CCF Wildlife O/o Pr. CCF (WL), HP.
CCF Wildlife (South), Shimla
DFO Pangi,
ACF FDA

The meeting started with brief introduction about the GOI-UNDP-GEF-SECURE
Himalayas Project by Dr. Sushil Kapta. He gave the background of the Project, various
meetings held at Govt. of India level and till date progress. Then the agenda items were
taken up one by one as under.

AGENDA ITEM No.1- FUND FLOW MECHANISM:

In the National Project Steering Committee (NPSC) meeting held on 10.01.2018, it has been
desired that a Special Purpose Vehicle is to be created. In this regard, a file was moved to
PCCF (HoFF) for creation of separate Budget Head and the same was referred to the Govt.
of Himachal Pradesh. However, subsequently the Addl. Director General (Wildlife), Govt.
of India suggested to follow the mechanism of State Forest Development Agency (SFDA)
or Foundation or Society. In view of the ongoing FDAs in both Pangi and Lahaul Divisions,
it was decided to follow the system of SFDA. It was also discussed by Pr. CCF (WL) with
ADG (WL), MoEF, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

Ms. Richa Banchta gave the Registration details of State Forest Development Agency and
its operational Account in UCO Bank, Shimla. As such it was decided that intimation along
with details of HPSFDA will be given to the ADG (Wildlife), MoEF, Govt. of India for fund
flow mechanism.

It was informed that the UNDP has already appointed a State Project Officer who has joined
in the office of PCCF (WL) HP Shimla and will be coordinating between field activities
and UNDP
AGENDA ITEM No.2- FORMATION OF STATE LEVEL PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE (SLPSC):

As per project document, a State Level Project Steering Committee (SLPSC) under the chairmanship of ACS (Forests) to the Govt. of H.P is to be formed immediately by incorporating the other line departments as well. It was informed that the Utranchal has already prepared draft for same and it was decided that we will also follow the same pattern for the State of Himachal Pradesh and a proposal in this regard will be sent to Govt. of H.P. for notification of State Level Project Steering Committee. The PCCF (WL) will be the Member Secretary of this committee.

AGENDA ITEM No. 3- FORMATION OF STATE LEVEL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (SLTC):

It was decided that State Level Technical Committee (SLTC) will also be formed under the Chairmanship of PCCF (Wildlife) in which representatives of UNDP, WIF, WWF will be members of this committee. CCF, Wildlife o/o Pr.CCF (WL), HP will be the Member Secretary.

AGENDA ITEM No.4- FORMATION OF STATE LANDSCAPE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE (SLPIC):

A Committee in this regard will be formed at Project Landscape Level under the chairmanship of R.C. Pangri and D.C. Lahaul. DFOs (T) Pangri and Lahaul, representative of UNDP, representative of Village Development Committees as its members. DFO (T) of concerned area will be Member Secretary of this Committee.

AGENDA ITEM No. 5- STATE NODAL OFFICER FOR THE PROJECT:

It was decided that APCCF, CCF (HQ) in the office of Pr. CCF (Wildlife)-cum-Chief Wildlife Warden, Himachal Pradesh will be the Nodal Officer for this Project.

AGENDA ITEM No. 6-ANNUAL WORK PLANS (AWPs):

It was decided that the Annual Work Plan will be prepared in consultation with the State Project Officer in which the provisions for activities like, capacity building, entry point activities, preparation of Micro Plans to address livelihood issues will be incorporated. However, since this is the first year of project implementing, DFOs will be consulted for tentative projections of the expenditure likely to be made during current calander year.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.
Registration No: 353/2010

Certificate of Registration of Societies

H.P Societies Registration Act 2006
(Act No. 25 of 2006)

I hereby certify that State Forest Development Agency (SFDA) Aranya Bhawan, Talland, Shimla-171001 (Himachal Pradesh) has this eighteenth day of March Two Thousand and Ten (ie. 03-2010) been registered under the provisions of Himachal Pradesh Societies Registration Act, 2006 (Act No. 25 of 2006).

Given under my hand and seal at Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.

[Signature]
(Dr. Ajv Prasad) IAS
Registrar of Societies
Himachal Pradesh

Amendment Fee of Rs 500/-
Deposited vide challan No.2
Dated 4th February, 2010

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Subject: Fund flow Details of Himachal Pradesh

From: Manoj Thakur <manoj.thakur@undp.org> on Mon 11 Mar 2019 12:57:23
To: "gauravjoshi1@rediffmail.com" <gauravjoshi1@rediffmail.com>
Cc: "nagesh_guleria@yahoo.com" <nagesh_guleria@yahoo.com>, Krishna Kumar <krishna.kumar@undp.org>

2 attachment(s) - SFDA_Nomination_Letter.pdf (2.37MB), Fund_flow_details.pdf (582.34KB)

Dear Gaurav Ji,
As per your telephonic conversation with Guleria sir, Please find attached the relevant documents for your ready reference.

Regards.

Manoj Thakur
State Project Officer (SECURE Himalaya)
Forest Headquarters (Wildlife Wing)
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Website: www.in.undp.org