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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(WL Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
Ali Ganj, Jor Bagh Road,
New Delhi – 110 003
Dated: 12.03.2018

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

Sub: Release of Grants-in-Aid for the financial year 2018-19 to the State Forest Development Agency, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh for the implementation of Externally Aided Project of GOI-UNDP-GEF "Securing livelihoods, conservation, sustainable use and restoration of high range Himalayan ecosystems (SECURE Himalaya) in Himachal Pradesh- reg.

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:

Amount in Rs. (Lakh)		
EXPECTED OUTPUTS	ACTIVITIES	Grants-in-Aid (General) from MoEF&CC
Outcome 1: Improved management of high range Himalayan landscapes for conservation of snow leopard and other endangered species and their habitats and sustaining ecosystem services.		
Output 1.1: 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.	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)	2.00

Amount in Rs. (Lakh)		
EXPECTED OUTPUTS	ACTIVITIES	Grants-in-Aid (General) from MoEF&CC
Output 1.6: Capacity development plan for key government staff and community members for long-term effective conservation of biodiversity developed and implemented	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
A. Total of Outcome 1		38.00
Outcome 2 : Improved and diversified livelihood strategies and improved capacities of community and government institutions for sustainable natural resource management and conservation.		
Output 2.2: Pilot projects on sustainable community based natural resources management, and sustainable livelihood activities are supported	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.	5.00
	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.	5.00
B. Total of Outcome 2		10.00
Outcome 3: Enhanced enforcement, monitoring and cooperation to reduce wildlife crime and related threats.		
Output 3.3: 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.	3.00

		Amount in Rs. (Lakh)
EXPECTED OUTPUTS	ACTIVITIES	<u>Grants-in-Aid (General) from MoEF&CC</u>
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	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)	2.00
C. Total of Outcome 3		5.00
Outcome 4: Effective Knowledge management and information systems established for promotion of sustainable management practices in the High range Himalayan ecosystems		
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	4.2.1 Organisation of awareness camps/study visits of villagers/wildlife awareness programme involving school children.	1.00
D. Total of Outcome 4		1.00
Project Management	Inception Workshop	5.00
	Hiring and Furnishing of Office Space for SPMU	5.00
	Hiring vehicle for SPMU on monthly contract basis	4.00
	Printing & Stationary	2.00
	Contingency	2.00
E. Total of Project Management		18.00
(A+B+C+D+E) Grand Total		72.00

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.

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No. WLM/UNDP-GEF-SECURE Himalayas Project/ 15416
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, Aliganj,
New Delhi- 110003.

Dated: Shimla-1, the 26th Dec 2018

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

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Kindly refer to the various correspondence resting with you on the above subject and latest letter F. No. 1-24/2014 (WL) (P) Vol I dated 19th April, 2018.

2 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.

3 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)
Aranaya Bhawan, Talland, Shimla- 171001 (HP).
- **Bank Name:** UCO Bank, HP MIDC, Shimla-171001 (HP).
- **Account No.:** 15550210000564
- **IFSC Code:** UCBA0001555

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

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4. Addl. PCCT/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,

Encl: As above.


Principal C.C.F. (Wildlife),
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla

Encls: No. WLM/UNDP-GEF-SECURE Himalayas Project/10217-52 Dated: 26.10.2018

Copy alongwith proceeding is forwarded to:-

1. Principal CCF (HoFF), 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, o/o Pr.CCF(WL), Shimla.
4. CEs, Kullu and Chamba.
5. DFOs Pangi and Lahaul for necessary action.
6. Ms. Richa Banchra, HPFS, ACF, SFDA, Mist Chamber, Khalini, Shimla-2.

For information and necessary action please.

Encl: As above


Principal C.C.F. (Wildlife),
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla

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Annexure-A

**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 -

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1) Sh. Nagesh Guleria, IFS | CCF Wildlife O/o Pr, CCF (WL), HP |
| 2) Dr. Sushil Kapta, IFS, | CCF Wildlife (South), Shimla |
| 3) Sh. A. K. Anand, HPFS, | DFO Pangi, |
| 4) Ms. Richa Banertha, HPFS | ACF FDA |

The meeting started with brief introduction about the GOI-UNDP-GEF-SECURE Himalayas Project by Dr. Sushil Kapta. He gave the back ground 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 Banertha 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 HP is to be formed immediately by incorporating the other line departments as well. It was informed that the Uttranchal 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, WII, 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.

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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) Aranaya Bhawan, Talland, Shimla-171001 (Himachal Pradesh) has this *eighteenth* day of March Two Thousand and Ten (18-03-2010) 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.



AJV
(Dr. AJV Prasad) IAS
Registrar of Societies
Himachal Pradesh

Amendment Fee of Rs 500 /-
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Dated 4th February, 2010



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- (3) बचत बैंक खाता के प्रचलित नियम शाखा से अनुरोध कर प्राप्त किये जा सकते हैं।

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Message of gauravjoshi1

Subject: Fund flow Details of Himachal Pradesh

From: Manoj Thakur <manoj.thakur@undp.org> on Mon, 11 Mar 2019 12:57

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,

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