

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

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Dated: 18.02.2022

To,

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

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the Government of India to the implementation of the above scheme during 2021-22 for **Rs. 307.03 lakh (Rupees Three Hundred Seven Lakh Three Thousand 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, **Rs. 276.327 lakh (Rupees Two Hundred Seventy Six Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Seven Hundred only)** would be the Government of India's share.

2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President to sanction ₹ 69.08 lakh as first installment and release of **₹ 56.745 lakh (Rupees Fifty Six Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Five Hundred only)** after adjusting unspent balance of ₹ 12.335 lakh of financial year 2020-21, during the current financial year 2021-22 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, Department of Expenditure.

3. The expenditure incurred is adjustable to the Demand No. 27 of Environment, Forests & Wildlife under the following heads during Financial Year 2021-22:

Scheme	Budget Head	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
Development of Wildlife Habitats	Major Head 3601, 06-Sub Major Head, 101- Central Assistance/Share (Minor Head), 02.04.31- Grants-in-Aid General	45.585


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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	11.16
Tota		56.745

4. During the financial year 2020-21, APO was approved for total amount of ₹ 248.4302 lakh including ₹ 223.58718 lakh (as Central Share). The amount released was ₹ 187.63518 lakh after adjusting the unspent balance of ₹ 35.952 lakh from FY 2019-20, to State Government of Himachal Pradesh under CSS-IDWH. The State Government of Himachal Pradesh now submitted UC and Expenditure Statement as per which ₹ 211.25218 lakh was utilized leaving behind an unspent balance of ₹ 12.335 lakh which is adjusted in the CFY 2021-22.

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 2022.
- 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 2022.
- iv) Progress Report on physical achievement against the target set shall be submitted to the Ministry by 31st March 2022.
- v.) As per the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure even OM even No. dated 23.3.2021, regarding 'Procedure for release of funds under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes and monitoring utilization of the funds released', point no. 13 shall be compiled immediately w.r.t. return of any unspent balance lying with IAs to account of SNA.

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.


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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 leviabale 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.

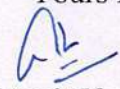
12. **Details of number of persons hired/ mandays generated for carrying out the approved activities should clearly be indicated in the Expenditure Statement of each Sanctuary/National Park. Number of persons hired in various categories (ST/SC) should also be indicated in each Sanctuary/National Park.**

13. **Engagement of all daily wage laboures/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/JS&FA, dated 11.02.2022 under the power delegated to Ministries/Departments.


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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, N.Delhi.
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Annexure:**1. Simbalbara National Park**

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S.No.	Item of Work	Quantity & Rate (Rs. in Lakh)	Release Amount (Rs. in lakh)
Non-Recurring Activities			
1	Construction of new WHS	3 no	2.85
	Sub total		2.85
Recurring Activities			
2	Raising/ upgrading of nursery	1no	1.20
3	Maintenance of existing road from puruwala to Simbalbara Construction of R/wall	LS	1.50
4	Repair/ Maintt. of Staff Quarter	4 no @ 0.75	3.00
5	Maintt. of fire line	31.5 km	1.75
6	Engagement of fire watchers	420 md	1.00
7	Engagement of Anti poaching/Anti grazing	420 md	1.00
8	Maintenance of solar light	10 no	0.10
9	Signages	10 nos	0.50
	Sub Total		10.05
	Grand Total		12.90
	Central Share (90% of Grand total)		11.61
	First instalment (25% of central share)		2.903
	Less unspent balance		0.018
	Net released		2.885

2. Renuka-ji Wildlife Sanctuary


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8	Maintenance of Mud Farka foot bridge N31°57'16.7", E78°01'43.5"	1 no	1.00
9	Maintenance of foot path Teha- Pololey 32°02'961"N, 78°01'213"E- 32°05'24.2"N, 78°59'20.4"E	4 km	2.00
10	Maintenance of Hensa Dogri to Markeya 32°52'4.02"N, 78°01'57.5"E	3 km	1.50
11	Abundance survey of faunal species	2 times @ 0.30	0.60
12	Mobile connectivity to field staff	6 person for 4 months @ Rs.500/-	0.12
13	Combing operations to search traps/nets	LS	1.00
14	Awareness programmes/ celebration of wild life week	5 no	0.10
15	Workshop on wildlife issues	1 no	0.50
Sub Total			7.27
Grand Total			13.27
Central Share (90% of Grand total)			11.943
First instalment (25% of central share)			2.986

31. Chandratat Wildlife Sanctuary

S.No.	Item of Work	Quantity & Rate (Rs. Lakh)	Release in amount (Rs. 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	2 no @ 1.00	2.00
2	Construction of check walls for gully plugging. 77°38'30.97"E, 32°26'27.348"N	2 no @ 0.50	1.00
Sub total			3.00
Recurring Activities			
3	Maintenance Of waste management pits near camp site, taxistand and lake site. 32°27'10.6"N, 77°38'52.36"E	3 no @ 0.25	0.75
4	Maintenance of approach path to Chandertal and walking trail around Taal	1.3 km	2.00
5	Maintenance of water ponds in sanctuary area 32°26'03"N, 77°37'05"E	2 no @ 0.40	0.80
6	Abundance survey of faunal species	2 no @ 0.30	0.60
7	Mobile connectivity to field staff	6 person for 4 months @ Rs.500/-	0.12
8	Combing operations to search traps/nets	LS	1.50
9	Awareness programmes/ celebration of wild life week	3 no	0.10
10	Workshop on wild life issues	2 no	0.50
Sub Total			6.37
Grand Total			9.37
Central Share (90% of Grand total)			8.433
First instalment (25% of central share)			2.108

**The gist of the financial allocation to 31 Protected Areas in Himachal Pradesh
being released during the financial year 2021-22 is as under**

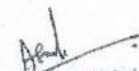
Sl. No	Name of the Area	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
1	Simbalbara Wildlife sanctuary	12.90
2	Renuka Wildlife sanctuary	5.50
3	Chail Wildlife sanctuary	7.10
4	Churdhar Wildlife sanctuary	7.60
5	Gangul Siyabehi Wildlife sanctuary	5.20
6	Pong dam Wildlife sanctuary	26.50
7	Dhauladhar Wildlife sanctuary	11.75
8	Kalatop-Khajjar Wildlife sanctuary	8.92
9	Tundah Wildlife sanctuary	3.556
10	Kugti Wildlife sanctuary	9.70
11	Sechu Tuwan nala WLS	7.732
12	Great Himalayan NP	13.20
13	Shimla water Catchment Wildlife sanctuary	7.60
14	Daranghati Wildlife sanctuary	9.562
15	Majathal Wildlife sanctuary	7.25
16	Nargu Wildlife sanctuary	8.60
17	Sainj Wildlife sanctuary	9.80
18	Thirthan Wildlife sanctuary	9.40
19	Kanwar Wildlife sanctuary	8.355
20	Khokhan Wildlife sanctuary	9.111
21	Bandli Wildlife sanctuary	10.83
22	Shikari Devi Wildlife sanctuary	15.07
23	Manali Wildlife sanctuary	8.40
24	Kais Wildlife sanctuary	9.80
25	Lipa Asrang Wildlife sanctuary	5.30
26	Rakshham Chhitkul Wildlife sanctuary	8.55
27	Rupi Bhawa Wildlife sanctuary	17.50
28	Talra Wildlife sanctuary	7.35
29	Kibber Wildlife sanctuary	12.25
30	Pin Valley NP	13.274
31	Chandratal Wildlife sanctuary	9.37
	Grand Total	307.03
	Central share in APO (90% of total APO)	276.327
	First instalment (25% of Central share)	69.08
	Less unspent balance	12.335
	Net Release	56.745


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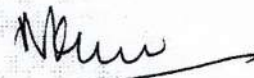
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 Department of FOREST. (Name of Department)

CERTIFICATE REGARDING CLOSURE OF ACCOUNTS & TRANSFER OF FUNDS

It is hereby certified that the Department of FOREST (Name of the Department), Government of H.P. (Name of the State) has notified the Single Nodal Agency(SNA) and opened Single Nodal Account of Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats (name of Centrally Sponsored Scheme) being implemented by his Department and has transferred the entire unspent amount available in the bank account of all the Implementing Agencies of the aforesaid scheme to the Single Nodal Account of the scheme concerned. It is further certified that all other accounts of Implementing Agencies down the ladder have been closed/converted into zero balance accounts.


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Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (WL),
 and Chief Wildlife Warden, HP, Shimla


 Name Nisha Singh

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(To be signed by the Secretary of the
 Administrative Department concerned
 of the State Government)
**Additional Chief Secretary (Forest) to
 Govt. of Himachal Pradesh**