

F. No. 9-/11/2014/GIM-AP
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Green India Mission

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Dated: 28-11-2018

To

The Pay & Accounts Officer
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
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Subject: Release of First instalment for the Annual Plan of Operation (APO) 2018-19 of Andhra Pradesh under the National Mission for a Green India in FY 2018-19: reg.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to release Rs. 266.62 Lakh (Rupees Two Crore, Sixty-Six Lakh and Sixty-Two Thousand only), as Grant-in Aid (as per details given in Para 4 below) to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for onward release to the State Forest Development Agency, Andhra Pradesh (SFDA) in FY 2018-19 under GIM for carrying out Advance and Maintenance work as per the approved targets of FY 2018-19.

2. The Competent Authority has approved the APO-2018-19 of Andhra Pradesh State for carrying out first year Maintenance work in 534 ha and new additional advance work in 2203 ha area under three submissions with a total financial implication of Rs. 741.00 Lakh (Rupees Seven Crore and Forty-One lakh only) excluding flexi fund to be shared between Central and State Government in the ratio of 60:40 as per the approved funding norm communicated by MoF (DoE), vide D.O Letter No. 32/PSO/FS/2015 dated 28.10.2015, as worked out in the table in Para 4 below. The Landscape-wise work plan details enlisting the physical and financial targets are given in **Annexure-I**.

3. As per the Government of India O.M. No. 55(5)/PF.II/2011 dated January 6, 2014 issued by the DoE (MoF); the Central and State share would include Flexi fund @ 10% of total liability. Conformity with the Guidelines for Flexi Funds within Centrally Sponsored Schemes issued by the DoE will be adhered to by the Centre and the State Government.

4. The first instalment of FY 2018-19 has been sanctioned based on the prevailing State Wage Rate i.e. Rs. 417 per day. Necessary adjustments, if any will be carried out from the funds to be released for the APO of next Financial Year. The funds shall be released in the following manner:

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		Amount (in Rs. Lakh)
Particulars		Amount
(a)	Total cost of APO 2018-19 (Without-FF)	741.00
(b)	State Govt. share [40% of (a)]	296.40
(c)	Central Govt's share [60% of (a)]	444.60
(d)	1 st installment to be released 70% of (c)	311.22
(e)	Less: Unspent balance	44.60
(f)	Adjusted First installment released to State [(d)-(e)]	266.62
(g)	2 nd installment to be released as Centre's Share [30%*(c)]	133.38

5. The Grants-in-Aid shall be regulated in accordance with the provisions contained in GIM Implementation Guidelines of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi (MoEF&CC). The Grants-in-Aid is also subject to the Chapter 9 of the General Financial Rules (GFR) 2005, as amended from time to time, based on the Government of India's decisions incorporated there-under, and any other guidelines which may be issued in this regard, and in particular subject to the following conditions: -

- (i) The Grants-in-Aid to the State Government for onward release to SFDA is subject to the Economy Instructions issued from time to time by the Ministry of Finance or by any Competent Authority so designated.
- (ii) No staff is to be provided specifically for the Scheme.
- (iii) Assets acquired wholly or substantially out of Government Grants shall not be disposed of without obtaining the prior approval of the sanctioning authority of Grants-in Aid.
- (iv) SFDA shall maintain and shall present their Annual Accounts in the standard format as required under GFR 2005 (GFR).
- (v) The entire funds should be utilized by the end of the current financial year following the provisions of GFR. The SFDA shall furnish Utilization Certificate as per GFR 19-A format giving the unspent balance and interest accrued, stating the reason for non-utilization of funds if any, along with its request for the release of next instalment of The Grants-in-Aid certifying that the fund released to them, for which Utilization Certificates have been issued, has been utilized exclusively in pursuance of objectives envisaged in the Rules/Memorandum of SFDA and that the Grant has been spent as per the instructions/ rules and with the approval of Competent Authority in each case.
- (vi) The Accounts of SFDA, as mentioned in Para 6 (b) below, shall be open for inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India or by any person authorized by him on his behalf in accordance with the provisions laid down in Section 14 of the C&AG (DPC) 1971 as amended from time to time and Internal Audit Party by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry or Department whenever it is called upon to do so.
- (vii) The auditing of accounts of the SFDA/FDAs, as mentioned in Para 6 (b) below, operated for GIM shall be carried out through a reputed Chartered Accountant who is also on the panel of C&AG. The audit report must be submitted along with the Utilization Certificate.
- (viii) The Grants-in-Aid shall be utilized before the end of the current financial year i.e. 2018-19 and unspent balance, if any, shall be refunded by SFDA to the Government of India as per the relevant provisions of GFR 2005.

- (ix) Detailed progress report of the activities taken up by SFDA under GIM shall be submitted to MoEF&CC soon after the end of financial year, along with photographs (with date) prior to commencement and after completion of each activity.
- (x) The performance achievement report by SFDA/State Government along with photographs should be uploaded in their website for public access.

6. The project shall be implemented by SFDA strictly in conformity with the Implementation Guidelines 2014 of Green India Mission including the following: -

- a) The activities under the Mission shall be implemented in the areas as indicated and in the project proposal and approved by the GIM Directorate.
- b) The funds received by the SFDA shall be deposited in its exclusive and separate bank account in a Nationalized Bank, which would be operated jointly by its Chairperson and the Member Secretary. The interest amount if any, accrued on the deposits of these funds shall be treated as part of the SFDA's additional resources and would be adjusted towards further instalments of the grant/assistance in the same financial year.
- c) Within a period of seven days of receipt of funds from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh; the SFDA shall transfer the amount earmarked to the concerned FDAs for carrying out proposed activities in different L2 landscapes.
- d) The funds received by the FDA from SFDA shall be deposited in its exclusive and separate bank account in a Nationalized Bank, which would be operated jointly by its Chairperson and the Member Secretary. The interest amount if any, accrued on the deposits of these funds shall be treated as part of the FDA's additional resources and would be adjusted towards further instalments of the grant in the same financial year.
- e) The FDAs shall release the amount to the JFMCs/EDCs within 15 days of receipt of funds from the SFDA preferably by Electronic Clearance System (ECS).
- f) The respective JFMCs/ EDCs shall deposit the funds thus received from the FDA in their exclusive and separate bank account in a Nationalised Bank/ a Cooperative Bank or a Post Office, which would be jointly operated by the President and the Member Secretary. The interest amount if any, accrued on the deposits of these funds shall be treated as part of the JFMC/EDC's additional resources and would be adjusted towards further instalments of the grant in the same financial year.
- g) FDA/ JFMCs shall maintain a record of all assets created under the project as per GFR 151 and furnish CST in case of purchase of leviable goods.
- h) Contractors / middlemen/ intermediate agencies are not permitted to be engaged for execution of any of the works under the scheme so as to ensure that the full wages are paid to the workers.
- i) Payment towards wages/remuneration should be made through bank accounts of recipients in case of contractual engagements. The copy of PF and ESI along with the evidence of deposit of TDS/ Service Tax should be submitted to the GIM Directorate.
- j) Evidence of deposit of TDS/ Service Tax in case of contract payments and CST in case of purchase of leviable goods should be submitted to the Ministry.
- k) A quarterly statement of accounts and progress of works carried out in the L3 level landscapes shall be submitted by each JFMC/ EDC to the FDA which, in turn, shall compile its own progress report for onward submission to SFDA. SFDA shall prepare a comprehensive Annual Report on the progress of works and utilization of funds in respect of all L2 level landscapes and submit to MoEF&CC, Government of India soon after the end of the financial year.
- l) In case a FDA fails to execute the project in the identified L2/L3 landscapes within the stipulated time, including such extensions as may be granted by the Competent

Authority, the Competent Authority may, in its discretion, require the SFDA to refund the grant in whole or in such part on account of the concerned FDA along with interest thereon.

- m) There shall be no diversion of earmarked funds from one L2/L3 landscape to another one except in case of unavoidable circumstances and only with the prior approval of Mission Directorate.
- n) Except for supervening impossibilities, the Chairperson and the Member Secretary of the SFDA/FDA shall be solely responsible and accountable for successful implementation of the project.
- o) The funds released under the scheme shall be subject to audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India or his nominated officer. Any other agency/ officer (s) authorized by GIM shall have the right of access to the books and accounts of the SFDA/FDA/JFMCs and EDCs for the funds received under the project.
- p) The SFDA shall submit non-diversion and non-embezzlement certificate each time a request for release of grant is made to GIM Directorate.
- q) The SFDA shall be responsible for guidance, coordination, supervision, periodical reporting and monitoring the implementation of the project by their constituent FDAs/JFMCs/ EDCs. The project shall also be monitored periodically by the respective State Forest Departments and all assistance for this purpose shall be rendered by the SFDA. In addition to this, MoEF&CC shall supervise the project, as and when deemed required.
- r) The Competent Authority reserves the right to terminate the grant at any stage if it is convinced that the grant has not been properly utilized or appropriate progress has not been made.
- s) The SFDA shall follow strict corruption mitigation strategies while utilizing the funds.
- t) The implementation of the project and maintenance of plantations raised there under that spill over to the next year shall be the responsibility of the State Government unless the GIM scheme is continued.
- u) SFDA shall take necessary steps to ensure raising of quality seedlings and maximum survival of plants under the GIM Scheme. The survival percentage of plantation shall be reflected in the subsequent Quarterly Progress Report submitted to the Ministry along with the details on the progress of activities carried out under the Mission.
- v) SFDA shall also submit a certificate to the effect that all conditions laid down in the Implementation Guidelines and the Sanction Order are being followed each time a request for release of grant is made to GIM Directorate.
- w) The project should be completed within the stipulated time period as reflected in the Perspective Plan and APO. The SFDA shall furnish two (2) copies of detailed report to Mission Directorate within two months of completion of the project.
- x) The expenditure for the purchase of equipment's and creation of capital assets must not exceed 5% of the total cost of the APO.

7. The SFDA shall also ensure the following conditions, prior to seeking the release of the next instalment of funds:

- a) Ex-post facto approval of the State Level Steering Committee shall be obtained before the commencement of works for the Perspective Plan and revised APO of 2016-17 and 2018-19.
- b) The State Government shall ensure that the work of preparation of comprehensive micro-level plans is duly carried out after taking into account all the activities/ interventions to be implemented with the funds available from various sources/complementary schemes to ensure convergence. The information related to such financial micro-planning in respect of

the landscapes showing the details of the break-up of the funds from various sources (e.g. MoEF&CC, CAMPA, MNREGS etc.) that are required to be converged in the ratio approved by the CCEA shall be furnished by the State Government.

- c) The detailed baseline data after preparation of micro-plans for L3 level landscapes in respect to all the monitorable parameters shall be furnished by the State Govt. while submitting the proposal for release of next Instalment.
- d) The timeframe within which each L3 landscape shall be saturated with GIM interventions should also be clearly stated in the micro-plan of L3 level landscapes.
- e) Geo-coordinates along with geo-referenced maps (including soft copy in .shp/.kml file) for each landscape/area where activities under GIM or convergence activities are proposed and being undertaken shall be duly authenticated by an officer not below the rank of a Divisional Forest Officer and furnished by the State Government.
- f) Satellite photographs with dates and lat-long coordinates should be furnished along with the physical progress report in respect of each activity (before initiation and after completion) undertaken under the scheme.
- g) Ensure State's matching share as per the funding pattern of the scheme which should be reflected in the UC.
- h) The UC and physical progress reports (including photographs) to be uploaded in the website of State Govt. for public access.
- i) Certification that the creation work has been carried out in the area of which geo-references have been submitted for advance work during 2017-18.
- j) Ensure saturation of the selected landscapes sequentially starting with L3s and progressing over L2s and L1s with the requisite interventions in the stipulated time period to avoid duplication.

8. 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 Andhra Pradesh and to debit the amount to the Account of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

9. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh would make provisions in their budget and on receipt of funds from RBI, release the grants of above funds within 15 days of the issue of this sanction letter to SFDA the details of which are given below, under intimation to this office.

Name and Address of SFDA	Name and complete address of the bank branch	IFSC/MICR Code/ Bank Branch Code	Type of Account	Account No.
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forest & HoFF, Aranya Bhawan, Saifabad, Hyderabad 500004	Union Bank of India 6-1-67/14 1 st Floor, Public Garden Road, Saifabad, P.B. No. 25, Hyderabad	IFSC: UBIN0537063 MICR Code: 500026012	Saving	370602010097519

10. The payment sanctioned above is provisional. The final adjustment shall be made after receipt of the item wise physical and financial Progress Report (detailed report), Utilization Certificate and Audited Expenditure figures from the implementing agency at the next Financial Year release.

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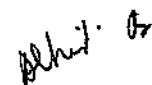
11. The implementing agency is requested to ensure that the Central Assistance being released shall be gainfully utilized in furtherance of the approved APO without any time overrun under the project/scheme. The proposed area coverage under the work programme should not be over-lapping with any other Central/State scheme and there should be no duplication of central / external assistance in any case.

12. The expenditure is debitable to the following Head of Accounts under Demand No. 27 of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (2018-19).

Items	Head of Accounts	Allocation (in Rs. Lakh)
General	3601.06.101.01.01.31	204.182
SCSP	3601.06.789.01.01.31	4.838
TSP	3601.06.796.01.01.31	57.600
	Total	266.620

13. The sanction issues with the approval of the Competent Authority under the power delegated to the Ministries/Departments with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide their Diary No. 104308 dated 23.11.2018.

Yours faithfully



(Abhijit Roy)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Encl: as above

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1. The Chief Secretary, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Environment, forests, science and technology department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad
3. The Principal Secretary, Environment, forests, science and technology department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad
4. The Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad
5. The Principal Secretary, Planning Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad
6. The Accountant General (A&E), Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad
7. The State Nodal Officer (GIM), Environment, forests, science and technology department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad
8. The Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional Office (SZ), MoEF&CC, Govt. of India, Bangalore
9. Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
10. Inspector General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEF&CC, New Delhi
11. Joint Secretary (Climate Change), MoEF&CC, New Delhi
12. Joint Secretary (MGNREGS)-RE-I, MoRD, New Delhi

Annexure-1: Work Plan giving landscape-wise details of Advance and Maintenance Work in FY 2018-19

Wage Rate: Rs. 417/day

Physical Target in Ha. And Financial Target in Rs. Lakh

S. N.	Submission/Intervention	Category	Type	State Cost Norm (Rs./ha)	L2 Landscape						Total
					Block-I		Block-II		Block-III		
					Phy.	Fin.	Phy.	Fin.	Phy.	Fin.	
A. Cost norms for Sub Missions and Intervention											
1	Sub Mission 1: Enhancing quality of forest cover and improving ecosystem services (4.9m ha)	a) Moderately dense forest cover, but showing degradation b) Eco-restoration of degraded open forests	a) Advance Work b) Creation c) Maintenance I Year Type B (Silver Oak) 1100 Plants/ha a) Advance Work b) Creation c) Maintenance I Year Type B (Acrocarpus & Misc Mixed) 1100 Plants/ha a) Advance Work b) Creation c) Maintenance I Year Type B (NTSH) 1100 Plants/ha a) Advance Work b) Creation c) Maintenance I Year	8757 24186 8340	166 0 13.84	200 0 0.00	17.51 0 0.00	699 0 0.00	61.21 0 0.00	899 166 0.00	78.73 13.84
2	Sub Mission 2: a) Rehabilitation of			32526 37947 10842	237 0 25.70	0 0 0.00	0.00 0.00 0.00	0 0 0.00	0.00 0.00 0.00	237 0 0.00	25.70 0.00
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