F. No. 3-18/2007-FPD (Pt. 3) Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Forest Protection Division)

5th Floor, Agni Wing, Indira ParyavaranBhawan, JorBagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110003 Dated: 07.06.2023

To,

The Pay & Accounts Officer, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi.

Subject: Assistance to State Govt. of Jharkhand for the Annual Plan Operation (General Works) during 2022-23 for implementing during 2023-24 under the CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management – Release of 2nd installment.

Sir,

In continuation of this Ministry's letter of even number dated 19.12.2022, I am directed to convey the approval of competent authority for sanction and release of **Rs. 29.51 lakhs (Rupees Twenty nine Lakh and fifty one thousand only)** as the **release of 2nd installment** of Central Share of Approved Annual Plan Operation (General Works) 2022-23 for implementing during 2023-24 under Centrally Sponsored: Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme to the **State Government of Jharkhand,** subject to the condition that the State Government on 60%: 40% cost sharing basis as Central Share and State Share.

2. The expenditure incurred is adjustable to the Demand No. 28. (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change) under the following Heads during Financial Year 2023-24 (Plan):

Scheme	Budget Head	Amount (Rs. in Lakh)
Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme	3601.06.101.01.03.31	29.51
	TOTAL	29.51

3. The various works are to be executed as per the Sanctioned Schedule of Rates applicable in the area. The aforesaid amount may be spent in accordance with the Plan Operation sanctioned as given in **Annexure** and **no deviation from the approved items of expenditure** shall be made **without prior concurrence** of Government of India.

4. This release amount is subject to adherence of the terms and conditions mentioned in this Ministry's letter of even number dated 19.12.2022.

5. The accounts of the Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme 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 Office of the Ministry whenever it is called upon.

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In accordance with the revised procedure the Reserve Bank of India may please be 6. advised to pass on the credit to the Central Accounts Section, Nagpur for transferring the funds to the accounts of Government of Jharkhand and to debit the amount to the Account of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

This issues with the concurrence of Internal Finance Division vide their Dy. No. 7. E-135635 dated 01.06.2023 under the powers delegated to the Ministries/Departments.

Yours faithfully

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- 3. The Secretary, Forests Department, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
- 4. The Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Central Accounts Section, Nagpur
- 5. Director Audit, Scientific Deptt. AGCR Building, New Delhi
- 6. Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Expenditure, Plan Finance Division, New Delhi
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 Consultant (IT), MoEF&CC (for uploading on Ministry's website) 9. Sanction folder.