## Sanction Order No. 44/2023-24/FPD

F. No. 3-27/2007-FPD (Pt. 2)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Protection Division)

5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Agni Wing, Indira ParyavaranBhawan, JorBagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110003 Dated: 08.11.2023

To,

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

Subject: Assistance to State Govt. of Tamil Nadu for the Annual Plan of Operation (General Works) during 2023-24 under the CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management - Release of 1<sup>st</sup> installment: reg.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the Annual Plan of Operation during 2023-24 **State of Tamil Nadu** under **CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme**, at a total cost of **Rs. 1983.97 Lakh** (Rupees One thousand nine hundred eighty three Lakh and ninety seven thousand only) on 60%: 40% cost sharing basis as Central Share and State Share.

- 2. I am further directed to convey the approval of the competent authority for sanction of Rs. 297.60 Lakh (Rupees Two hundred ninety seven Lakh and sixty thousand only) (25% of Central Share) and net release of Rs. 289.41 Lakh (Rupees Two hundred eighty nine Lakh and forty one thousand only) as release of 1<sup>st</sup> installment of Annual Plan Operation 2023-24, after adjusting unspent balance of Rs. 8.19 Lakh of APO 2021-22 (General Works) under CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme to the State of Tamil Nadu for the financial year 2023-24.
- 3. 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 &	3601.06.101.01.03.31	239.20
Management Scheme	3601.06.101.01.03.35	50.21
Unspent balance available with Operation during 2021-		8.19
	TOTAL	297.60

4. 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.

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- 5. This release amount is to be utilized subject to adherence of following terms and conditions:
- i. The sanction is provisional and is subject to adjustment on the basis of the audited figures of expenditure.
- ii. State Government should make adequate Budget provision to contribute its share as per the revised funding pattern as communicated by the D/o Expenditure vide D.O. No. 32/PSO/FS/2015 dated 28.10.2015. The funding pattern (matching share of states) as per the category of states, is as below:

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Category of States/UTs	Central Share	State Share
Union Territories	100%	0
NE States and Special category States of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand	90%	10%
Rest of the States	60%	40%

- iii. A separate bank account shall be opened for the purpose and the account shall be open for audit by C&AG.
- iv. The GFRs 2017 is followed along with the economic instructions issued by Government of India from time to time.
- v. Payments are to be made by bank transfer and no cash payment is made.
- vi. The payment for the engagement of labour for various works such as fire watchers, creation & maintenance of fire lines etc. should be made only through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) and the details of the same with the supporting documents should be submitted along with the utilization certificate and progress report.
- vii. In case of employment through contract, copy of PF & ESI of employees shall be furnished, wherever applicable.
- viii. Evidence of deposit of TDS/Service Tax in case of contract payments and CST in case of purchase of leviable goods are obtained along with Utilization Certificate and compliance of DBT scheme has to be ensured.
  - ix. The UCs (as prescribed in GFR-19A), Progress Report along with satellite photographs of physical deliverables with date and latitude-longitude coordinates before and after implementation shall be submitted in time.
  - x. Strict economy should be observed so as to keep the actual expenditure to the minimum. The works are to be executed as per the Sanctioned Schedule of Rates applicable in the area.
- xi. The expenditure is to be incurred as per the allocation of funds. There shall be no diversion of earmarked funds from one item to another one except in case of unavoidable circumstances and only with the prior approval of MoEF&CC. 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.
- xii. There should not be any overlapping of activities under the scheme with the activities of other ongoing schemes of Central / State Govt.
- xiii. The programme is to be monitored by State regularly and the **quarterly progress** report shall be submitted by the State on the progress of implementation of the scheme in format given in Annexure VII of the Operational Guidelines of the Scheme, for every quarter of the year.
- xiv. The infrastructure created will be fully utilized for the purpose for which they have been sanctioned and all recurring cost in respect of all items sanctioned will be borne by the State Government.
- xv. For the proposed infrastructure works including construction of water tanks, location of the site along with the details of GPS details may be submitted to this office.

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The fixed assets created out of this grant shall not be disposed off without concurrence xvi. of this Ministry.

The outcome of the money released under the Scheme should be submitted as per the xvii.

format given below:

Outcome	Indicator	Periodicity	Data Source/Method	Responsible Agency
Less fire incidences	Number of forest fires	Annual	Satellite data	FSI, Dehradun
	Total estimated area affected due to forest fire	Annual	Satellite data and Information from States/UTs	
development for	Number of field forest staff and members of JFMCs / villages trained.	Annual	State / UT Forest Departments	State / UT Forest Departments

The State shall carryout monitoring & evaluation of the works undertaken. Proposal for xviii. 2<sup>nd</sup> installment should also include the details of mid-term monitoring & evaluation report, number of alerts, actual fire incidences and the losses due to the forest fire.

- 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.
- 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 Tamil Nadu 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. E-125520 dated 01.11.2023 under the powers delegated to the Ministries/Departments.

Yours faithfully

Annexure: Approved Annual Plan Operation 2023-24 (General Works).

(Sanjay Kumar Chauhan)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FPD) Email: - fpd-moefcc@gov.in

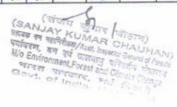
- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai.
- 2. The Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai.
- 3. The Secretary, Forests Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai.
- 4. The Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Central Accounts Section, Nagpur
- 5. Director Audit, Scientific Deptt. AGCR Building, New Delhi
- 6. Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Expenditure, Plan Finance Division, New Delhi
- 7. PPS to AS&FA, MoEF&CC
  8. Consultant (IT), MoEF&CC (for uploading on Ministry's website)
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## Centrally Sponsored Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme (FPM)

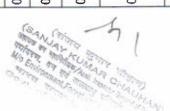
Annual Plan Operation for the year 2023-24 (General Works)

Name of the State / UT: Tamil Nadu

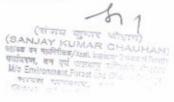
:			Proposed by State G	y State Govt		Recommended by Division	d by Divisi
J.No.	liems	Unit	Unit Cost	No. of Units	Total Cost	No. of Units	Total Cost
_	Procurement of fire fighting equipments	LS	ST	LS	243.36	LS	
2	Controlled burning, fireline creation and Maintenance						
	(a) Controlled burning	LS	LS	LS	50.458 LS	LS	
	(b) Fire line clearing (6meter width)	Km	0.182735	524.5	95.845 524.5	524.5	
	(c) Fire line creation (3mtr width)	Km	0.348192	1003	349.237 1003	1003	
	(d) Fire line clearing (6 mtr width) and maintenance of existing firelines	Km	0.1818733	450	81.843 450	450	
	(e) Fire line clearing (3 meter width) and maintenance of existing fire lines)	Km	0.102206	1005	102.718 1005	1005	
	f Inter-State Boundaries (7.5 mts width)	Km	0.20151	53.6	10.801 53.6	53.6	
	(g) Grass Land improvement and mainteance	На	0.498	225	112.050 225	225	
	Total S. No. 2				802.95		346.30
ω	Creation of infrastructure (communication system, development of Management Information System, watch towers, water storage structures, control rooms at Division & Range level, , FG barracks and inspection huts etc)						



0.00	,	298.30	ı	1		(a) Procurement of field vehicles for transporation of resources Bolero camber vehicle	
					4	Procurement of field vehicles for transporation of resources	4
388.66		1282.03				Total S. No. 3	
0.00		2.00	1	,		(m) Maintenance of existing CCTV camera	
0.00	1	26.00	1	1	1	(I) Inspection Huts	
0.00		8.75	1	,		(k) FG Barracks and Inspection of resoruces	
0.00		82.00	,	,		(j) Construction of fire prevention and management centre	
24.50	LS	24.50	ST	LS	LS	(i) Establishing / Maintenance of wireless communications systems for better communication during fire season	
0.00		50.50		•	1	(h) Communication facilities	
0.00	,	6.00	!			(g) Water Storage sumps	
113.00	15.00	113.00	15	7.5333	LS	(f) Water Storage Strucutre	
31.16	7.00	31.16	7	4.4514	LS	(e) Establishing of Fire control Room @ Range office	
0.00	3	34,00	1		1	(d) Maintenance of fire watch tower	
20.00	4.00	20.00	4	5	LS	(c) Fire Detection Camp	
200.00	13	870.77	55	15.83218	Nos	(b) Construction of Fire watch tower	
0.00		13.35	1	1	Nos	(a) Purchasing Computer for communication and development of Management Information System	



91.565	LS	91.565	LS	LS	LS	Awareness campaign
350.00		506.86				Total S. No. 6
0.00		5.70	1	,	,	(a) Providing drinking water and other provisions for fire fighters
350.00	48831	501.163	69920	0.0071676	Mandays	Engagment of fire watchers
400.00		1898.54				Total S. No. 5
		25.00				(j) Construction of rough stone dry packing
		60.00				(i) Water storage structure by erection of borewell and 2 HP motor energized by Solar Power Systems
		8.40				(h) Construction of Gabion structure in the stream portion
		12.00				(g) Desilting of existing natural water hole
400.00	LS	29.70				(f) Construction of Gully plugs
		97.50				(e) Maintenance of Prcolation pond
		182.04				(e) Maintenance of Existing Check Dam
		722.40				(d) Consturction of Perocolation pond
		742.00				(c) Construction of Check dam
		12.00				(b) Creation of small pond
		7.50				(a) Creation of water Trough / small pond
					1 2 2	Soil & Moisture Conservation (SMC) Work in High risk areas
0.00		318.90				Total S. No. 4
0.00		4.00 -	1	,	•	(e) Procurement of patrol bikes for high terrian and inaccessible areas
0.00		0.30 -	1		*	(d) Logistics arrangements for transporting fire fighting
0.00		2.70 -	1	•		(c) Wages for Driver for field vehicles for transporation of resources
0.00		13.60 -	,	ı		(b) Providing additional diesel for fire patrolling vehicles



264.43 105.77 158.66		Grand Total	
10:		Short term research/survey on forest fire related issues (guidelines at Annexure-III). 3%	
26		Monitoring and review (guidelines at Annexure-II). 2%	
		Imprest Money (guidelines at Annexure-I) (5%)	
5288.54		Total	
67.25		Total S. No. 10	
LS 6.00	LS LS	(a) Rewards to public for assisting in forest protection and fire prevention	
LS 61.25	LS LS	Incentivizing Villages/Communities for protection against forest fire, under the participatory forest management LS approach	10
LS 44.70	LS	Training and Capacity builiding on fire - fighting methods for Frontline staff, NGOs and village communities	9
LS 32.38	LS	Pre-fire season workshops for coordination among line departments, elected bodies and NGOs	00

Central share (60%) State share (40%)

Total

1190.38 Lakhs 793.59 Lakhs

1983.97 Lakhs