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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Green India Mission

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To

The Pay & Accounts Officer
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Subject: Release of second instalment for the approved Annual Plan of Operation (APO) 2016-17 of Andhra Pradesh under the National Mission for a Green India in FY 2017-18: reg.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to release Rs. 44.60 Lakh (Rupees Forty-Four Lakh and Sixty Thousand only), as Grant-in Aid (as per details given in Para 5 below) to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for onward release to the State Forest Development Agency, Andhra Pradesh (SFDA) in FY 2017-18 under GIM for carrying out Advance work as per the approved revised targets of FY 2016-17.

2. The Competent Authority has approved the Perspective Plan of Andhra Pradesh State having physical target of 3227 ha and 2492 households covered under various submissions & intervention and for support activities in 1 L1 landscape, 3 L2 landscapes and 23 L3 landscapes for six years. This will be supplemented through convergence from other sources as indicated in Para 8 (a) below.

3. The Competent Authority had also approved the APO of Andhra Pradesh State during 2016-17 for carrying out GIM activities in 881 ha under three submissions and to provide alternative fuel energy to 12,46 households with a total financial implication of Rs. 295.11 Lakh. Rs. 105.53 lakh was released as the first instalment of Centre's share to the State during the FY 2016-17. Further, the State Government revised the wage rate and physical targets as per the ground conditions. The Competent Authority approved the APO of Andhra Pradesh State during 2016-17 for carrying out GIM activities in 534 ha under three submissions and to provide alternative fuel energy to 12,46 households with a total financial implication of Rs. 247.77 Lakh (Rupees Two Crore Forty-Seven lakh and Seventy-Seven thousand only) including 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 5 below. The Landscape-wise work plan details enlisting the physical and financial targets are given in **Annexure-I**.

4. As per the Government of India O.M. No. 55(5)/PF.II/2011 dated January 6, 2014; the Central and State share would include Flexi fund @ 10% of total liability.

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5. The second instalment of FY 2016-17 has been sanctioned based on the prevailing State Wage Rate i.e. Rs. 407 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:

		Amount (in Rs.Lakh)	
Particulars		Fund released as per Old Wage Rate (Rs. 358/day)	Fund to be released as per revise Wage Rate (Rs. 407/day)
(a)	Total cost of APO 2016-17 (without FF)	265.60	222.99
(b)	State Govt. share [40% of (a)]	106.24	89.196
(c)	Central Govt's share [60% of (a)]	159.36	133.794
(d)	Flexi Fund on Central Share [(c)/9]	17.71	14.87
(e)	Total Central Share including Flexi Fund [©+(d)]	177.07	148.66
(f)	1 st installment to be released 70% of (e)	123.95	104.06
(g)	Less: Unspent balance	18.42	18.42
(h)	Adjusted first instalment released (f)-(g)	105.53	85.64
(j)	2 nd installment of Centre's Share [30%*(e)]	53.12	44.60

6. 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 installment 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 8 (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.

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- (vii) The auditing of accounts of the SFDA/FDAs, as mentioned in Para 8 (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. 2016-17 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.

7. 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) 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


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respect of all L2 level landscapes and submit to MoEF&CC, Government of India soon after the end of the financial year.

- k) 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.
- l) 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.
- m) 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.
- n) 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.
- o) The SFDA shall submit non-diversion and non-embezzlement certificate each time a request for release of grant is made to GIM Directorate.
- p) 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.
- q) 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.
- r) The SFDA shall follow strict corruption mitigation strategies while utilizing the funds.
- s) 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.
- t) 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.
- u) 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.
- v) 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.
- w) The expenditure for the purchase of equipment's and creation of capital assets must not exceed 5% of the total cost of the APO.

8. 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 APO for 2016-17.

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- b) Preparation/completion of all L3 level micro-plans duly taking into account all the activities/interventions to be implemented with the funds available from various sources/complementary schemes to ensure requisite investment through convergence. The financial micro-planning shall include detailed breakup of the funds from various sources e.g. GIM, CAMPA, MNREGS, NAP etc. that are required to be converged in the ratio approved by the CCEA .
- c) A baseline data on forest cover, biodiversity, carbon sequestration, potential status of wildlife corridors, annual income of forest dependent communities, socio-economic profile of the villages, and status of wetlands shall be recorded in the micro-plans.
- 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 of each landscape/area where the activities under GIM or convergence activities are proposed with any other complementary scheme shall be recorded in the micro-plans.
- f) Certification that the creation work has been carried out in the area of which geo-references have been submitted for advance work during 2016-17.
- g) 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.

9. 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.

10. 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

11. 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.

12. 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.

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13. The expenditure is debitable to the following Head of Accounts under Demand No. 27 of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (2017-18).

Items	Head of Accounts	Allocation (in Rs. Lakh)
General	3601.06.101.01.01.31	44.60

14. 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 10.03.2018.

Yours faithfully



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Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Encl: as above


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4. The Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad
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13. Joint Secretary (PF-II), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
14. The Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad
15. The Principal Director (Audit), Scientific Department, AGCR Building, New Delhi
16. The DDO (Cash), MoEF&CC, New Delhi
17. Account Officer (B&A), MoEF&CC, New Delhi
18. Sanction Folder/ Guard File.

Annexure-1: Work Plan giving landscape-wise details of revised Advance work in FY 2016-17

Wage Rate: Rs. 407/day
Physical Target in Ha. And Financial Target in Rs. Lakh

S. N.	Submission/Intervention	Category	Type	State Cost Norm (Rs./ha)	L2 Landscape Block-I		Targets taken up by State	
					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	8547	413	35.30	166	14.19
			a) Advance Work	31746	337	106.98	237	75.24
			Type B (Silver Oak) 1100 Plants/ha					
			a) Advance Work	31746	40	12.70	40	12.70
			Type B (Acrocarpus & Misc Mixed) 1100 Plants/ha					
			a) Advance Work	31746	40	12.70	40	12.70
			Type B (NTSH) 1100 Plants/ha					
			a) Advance Work	31746	40	12.70	40	12.70
2	Sub Mission 2: Ecosystem restoration and increase in forest cover (1.8 mha)	a) Rehabilitation of Shifting Cultivation Areas c) Highways/Rural roads/Canals/Tank Bunds	a) Advance Work	21966.631	40	8.79	40	8.79
			a) Advance Work	4123.672	11	0.45	11	0.45
3	Promoting alternative fuel energy	Biogas, solar devices, LPG, Biomass-based systems, improved stoves	Per House Hold	3300	1246	41.12	1246	41.12
			Total (A)	881	218.04	534	165.18	
B. For Support Activities								
1	Research (2% of A)					4.36		3.30
2	Publicity/Media/outreach activities (1% of A)					2.18		1.65
3	Monitoring and Evaluation (1% of A)					2.18		1.65


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S. N.	Submission/Intervention	Category	Type	State Cost Norm (Rs./ha)	L2 Landscape Block-I		Targets taken up by State	
					Phy.	Fin.	Phy.	Fin.
4	Livelihood improvement activities, (17% of A)					37.07		28.08
5	Strengthening local-level institutions (5 % A)					10.90		8.26
6	Strengthening FDs (5% A)					10.90		8.26
7	Mission Organisation, operation and maintenance, contingencies and overheads (4% A)					8.72		6.61
Total (B)						76.31		57.81
Grand Total (A+B)						294.35		222.99

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