

F. No. 3-39/2003-FPD (Pt. 2)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Protection Division)

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New Delhi – 110003
Dated: 07.11.2022

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

Subject: Assistance to UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands for the Annual Plan of Operation of financial year 2022-23 under the CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management – Release of 1st installment: reg.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the Annual Plan of Operation for financial year 2022-23 of **UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands** under **CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme**, at a total cost of **Rs. 77.86 Lakh** (excluding flexi funds) (Rupees Seventy seven Lakh and eighty six thousand only) on 100%: 0% cost sharing basis as Central Share and UT Share.

2. I am further directed to convey the approval of the competent authority for sanction of **Rs. 62.29 Lakh** (Rupees Sixty two Lakh and twenty nine thousand only) (**80% of Central Share**) and **net release of Rs. 60.00 Lakh** (Rupees Sixty Lakh only) as release of 1st installment of Annual Plan Operation 2022-23, **after adjusting unspent balance of Rs. 2.29 Lakh of revalidated amount during 2021-22 under CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme** to the **UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands during 2022-23**.

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 2022-23 (Plan):

Scheme	Budget Head	Amount (Rs. in Lakh)
Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme	2406.04.101.15.04.31	48.00
	2406.04.101.15.04.35	12.00
Unspent balance available with the UT of revalidated amount during 2021-22		2.29
TOTAL		62.29

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:

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


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- xvii. The outcome of the money released under the Scheme should be submitted as per the format given below:

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

- xviii. The State shall carryout monitoring & evaluation of the works undertaken. Proposal for 2nd 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.

6. 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.

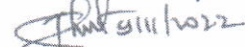
7. The Pay and Account Officer, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi is requested to issue an Authorization letter in favor of Chief Conservator of Forests, Research and Working Plan, Andaman and Nicobar Islands Administration for Rs. 60.00 lakhs (Rs. 48.00 Lakh + Rs. 12.00 Lakh = Rs. 60.00 Lakh).

8. This issues with the concurrence of Internal Finance Division vide their **Dy. No. E-147782 dated 25.10.2022** under the powers delegated to the Ministries/Departments.

9. The relevant codes for the purpose as follows:
PAO code: 071361, PAO: Dir. of A/Cs & Budget, Andaman & Nicobar
DDO Code: 305899, DDO Address: Chief Conservator of Forests, Research & Working Plan, Haddo, Port Blair, Controller Code: 075

Annexure: Approved Annual Plan Operation 2022-23.

Yours faithfully



(Shivanand S. Talawar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FPD)

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Port Blair.
2. Chief Conservator of Forests, Research and Working Plan, UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Port Blair.
3. The Secretary, Department of Finance, UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Port Blair.
4. The Secretary, Forests Department, UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Port Blair.
5. The Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Central Accounts Section, Nagpur
6. Director Audit, Scientific Deptt. AGCR Building, New Delhi
7. Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Expenditure, Plan Finance Division, New Delhi
8. PPS to AS&FA, MoEF&CC
9. Consultant (IT), MoEF&CC (for uploading on Ministry's website)
10. Sanction folder.


Centrally Sponsored Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme (FPM)

Annual Plan Operation for the year 2022-23


Name of the State / UT : Andaman & Nicobar Islands

(Rs. in lakhs)


S.No.	Items	Proposed by UT				Recommended by Ministry	
		Unit	Unit Cost	No. of Units	Total Cost	No. of Units	Total Cost
A	Creation of fire line	Km	0.0053	1040	5.512	814	4.31
B	Maintenance of existing fire lines	Km	0.1151657	582	67.026	360	41.46
C	Controlled burning	Ha	0.020	5	0.100	5	0.10
D	Creation of infrastructure (communication system, development of Management Information System, watch towers, forest roads, water storage structures, control rooms at Division & Range level, FG barracks and inspection huts etc)						
1	Communication system (Satellite phone)	Nos	0.860	7	6.020	-	0.00
2	Development of Management Information System (VHF fixed set)	Nos	0.250	4	1.000	-	0.00
3	Development of Management Information System (Hand held set)	Nos	0.080	17	1.360	-	0.00
4	Watch towers	Nos	2.500	4	10.000	2	5.00
5	Water Storage Structures (RCC water tank 50,000Lit. Capacity) (10,000 litre) capacity	Nos	1.500	4	6.000	1	1.50
6	Control room at Division level and Range level	Nos	0.700	3	2.100	-	0.00
7	Forest Guard Barracks	Nos	1.000	0	0.000	-	0.00
8	Inspection hut	Nos	10.000	2	20.000	-	0.00


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9	Inspection tent (4 persons only)	Nos	0.250	8	2.000	-	0.00
E	Procurement of fire-fighting equipments for field staff like beater, fire gloves, helmets, apron, goggles etc. and other as mentioned below	Nos					
1	Shovel	Nos	0.00600	77	0.462		0.00
2	Dah	Nos	0.0055000	72	0.396		0.00
3	CC Saw 6 feet	Nos	0.03000	22	0.660		0.00
4	CC Saw 8 feet	Nos	0.08000	7	0.560		0.00
5	Mechanical Excavator	Nos	-	-	0.000		
6	Water tank (1000 lit. / 2000 lit. capacity)	Nos	0.14000	11	1.5400	3	0.42
7	Swiss tool / battery cell	Nos	0.040	17	0.680		0.00
8	Torch light LED (philips, eveready) dry cell battery of AA/AAA operated	Nos	0.006500	30	0.195		0.00
9	Pwer Chain Saw (25" Guide Bar)	Nos	0.300000	8	2.400		0.00
10	Power Chain saw medium blade size (steel)	Nos	0.400	13	5.200		0.00
11	fire fighting gear (Dongaree, helmet, shoe, handglove) (2 Nos. for each division)	Nos	0.020	35	0.700		0.00
12	Fire fighting shoes / boots	Nos	0.020	30	0.600		0.00
13	Dongree	Nos	-	-	0.000		0.00
14	Fire fighting canvas pipe	Nos	-	-	0.000		0.00
15	Fire fighting nozzle	Nos	-	-	0.000		0.00
16	Air blower	Nos	0.400	5	2.000		0.00


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17	Fire Extinguisher	Nos	0.020	40	0.800	0.00
18	Rubberised hose pipe with (IS certification (22.5 mtr/bundle 63mm Dia)	Nos	0.100	7	0.700	0.00
19	Dividing Breaching control; type (IS certification - 5131965)	Nos	0.08500	2	0.170	0.00
20	High pressure portable pump less than 90 kg weight put 800 ltr. Per minute	Nos	0.300	8	2.400	0.00
21	Safety Goggles	Nos	0.00500	30	0.150	0.00
22	Back pack sprayer (Plastic) for extinguishing fire in small patches	Nos	0.03500	22	0.770	0.00
23	Tower Light (ASKA inflatable)	Nos	0.02500	21	0.525	0.00
24	Search light	Nos	0.05000	11	0.550	0.00
25	Canvas Gloves	Nos	0.00500	20	0.100	0.00
26	Crowbar	Nos	-	-	0.000	0.00
27	Hoes	Nos	0.00500	20	0.100	0.00
28	Axe	Nos	0.01500	26	0.390	0.00



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29	Spade	Nos					0.000			0.00
30	Fire Beater	Nos					0.000			0.00
31	Fire Proof Helmet	Nos	0.00500	55		0.275				0.00
32	Head Pump	Nos	0.00600	25		0.150				0.00
33	Water Bottle	Nos	0.02000	10		0.200				0.00
34	Water Jerrican	Nos	0.01000	20		0.200				0.00
35	Handheld GPS set	Nos	0.45000	6		2.700				0.00
36	Plastic Ropes 25mm	Nos	0.00100	200		0.200				0.00
F	Procurement of field vehicles for transportation of resources - procurement of Utility vehicles									0.00
	(a) Pick up van	Nos	8.00	8		64.000				0.00
	(b) Dugout dingy engine 20 hp engine	Nos	5.00	2		10.000				0.00
	(c) Two wheeler	Nos	0.8000	7		5.600				0.00
	(d) Four wheel drive LMV / Mahindra Camper	Nos	1.2000	7		8.400				0.00
	(e) Water Tanker	Nos	25.0000	1		25.000				0.00
G	Soil & Moisture Conservation (SMC) work in High risk areas									
	(a) Earthen check dams	nos	0.25000	13		3.250		13		3.25
	(b) RCC Wires	Nos	1.50000	1		1.500				0.00
H	Engagement of fire watchers for four months for the preventing and protecting fire, illegal activities and encroachments	Mandays	0.00520	1344		6.989		1344		6.99


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I	Awareness campaign	Nos	0.10	8	0.800	8	0.80
J	Pre-fire season workshops for coordination among fire departments and elected bodies and NGOs	Nos	0.05	25	1.250	25	1.25
K	Training and capacity building on fire fighting methods for Frontline staff, NGOs and village communities	Nos	0.10	35	3.500	35	3.50
L	Incentivizing Villages/Communities for protection against forest fire, under the participatory forest management approach	Nos	0.05	44	2.200	44	2.20
	Total				279.38		70.78
	Imprest Money (guidelines at Annexure-I) (5%)				13.97		3.54
	Monitoring and review (guidelines at Annexure-II), 2%				5.59		1.42
	Short term research/survey on forest fire related issues (guidelines at Annexure-III), 3%				8.38		2.12
	Total				307.32		77.86
	*Flexi Fund				0.00		0.00
	Grand Total				307.32		77.86
	*Not proposed by UT						

Central share (100%) : 77.86 lakhs
State share (0%) : 0.00 lakhs
Total : 77.86 lakhs


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