

**Sanction Order No. 18/2023-24/FPD**

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Government of India

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Protection Division)

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Dated: 02.08.2023

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 of Operation (SCSP 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 Jharkhand** under **CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme**, at a total cost of **Rs. 131.51 Lakh** (excluding flexi funds) (Rupees One hundred thirty one Lakh and fifty one 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. 19.73 Lakh** (Rupees Nineteen Lakh and seventy three thousand only) (**25% of Central Share**) and **net release of Rs. 18.33 Lakh** (Rupees Eighteen Lakh and thirty three thousand only) as release of 1<sup>st</sup> installment of Annual Plan Operation 2023-24, after adjusting unspent balance of Rs. 1.40 Lakh of Annual Plan of Operation (SCSP Works) for the year 2021-22 **under CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme** to the **State of Jharkhand 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)
<b>Forest Fire Prevention &amp; Management Scheme</b>	<b>3601.06.789.01.03.31</b>	<b>18.33</b>
<b>Unspent balance available with the State of APO 2021-22 (SCSP Works)</b>		<b>1.40</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19.73</b>

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.

5. The fund should be utilized only in the forest areas vulnerable to forest fires in the **scheduled caste population dominated areas**. In this regard, it is also advised to assess the vulnerability of forests to forest fire in scheduled caste population dominated areas and to prepare the map of the same based on the degree of vulnerability to forest fire for focusing the works on priority basis.

6. 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. **The details of benefits to the scheduled caste population in terms of No of scheduled caste people benefitted by way of No. of man days of employment, amount of wages given etc. has to be submitted along with the utilization certificate, progress report etc.**
- iv. A separate bank account shall be opened for the purpose and the account shall be open for audit by C&AG.
- v. The GFRs 2017 is followed along with the economic instructions issued by Government of India from time to time.
- vi. Payments are to be made by bank transfer and no cash payment is made.
- vii. 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.
- viii. In case of employment through contract, copy of PF & ESI of employees shall be furnished, wherever applicable.
- ix. 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.
- x. 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.
- xi. 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.
- xii. 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.
- xiii. There should not be any overlapping of activities under the scheme with the activities of other ongoing schemes of Central / State Govt.
- xiv. 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.
- xv. 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.

