

Sanction Order No. 7/2024-25/FPD

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

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Dated the 16th May 2024.

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

Subject: Ad-hoc release to the State of Odisha under the CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management for the financial year 2024-25.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval for an ad-hoc release of Rs. 99.00 Lakhs (Ninety nine Lakhs) under the **CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme** to the State of Odisha during 2024-25 for carrying out activities related to Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme.

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	99.00
	TOTAL	99.00

3. This ad-hoc release may specifically be utilized under the following activities only:

- Procurement of fire fighting equipment/technologies used.
- Maintenance of fire lines and creation of fire lines during fire season.
- Engagement of fire watchers
- Incentivizing Villages/Communities for protection against forest fire, under the participatory forest management approach during fire season

4. This release amount is to be utilized subject to adherence of the following terms and conditions:

- The sanction is provisional and is subject to adjustment on the basis of the audited figures of expenditure.

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- ii. State Government should make adequate Budget provisions 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 the 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, a copy of the 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 a Utilization Certificate and compliance of the 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. A strict economy should be observed so as to keep the actual expenditure to a 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 the 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 the 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.



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