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Government of India

Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
National Afforestation & Eco-Development Board
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Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110003

Dated: 06.09.2023

To

The Pay & Accounts Officer,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan
Jor Bagh Road,
New Delhi – 110003

Subject: Sanction of Project under the National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme for implementation by State Forest Development Agency (SFDA) Nagaland Approval of work-programme and payment sanction towards committed liabilities during 2023-24 – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to the release of Rs. 257.36 lakhs (Rupees Two crore fifty seven lakhs and thirty six thousand only) towards Grants-in-Aid to SFDA Nagaland project under the National Afforestation Programme Scheme for the financial year 2023-24. The project shall be implemented by the SFDA for carrying out committed liability 6100 ha of Maintenance I and 2085 ha of Maintenance II (Total 8185 ha.) respectively at a total cost of **Rs. 285.96 lakh (Rupees two crores eighty five lakhs and ninty six thousand only)** @ wage rate of Rs. 167/- per day out of which the 90% Central Share is Rs. 257.36 lakh.

2. The utilisation certificate has been received for Rs.1183.23 lakhs including State share during 2021-22 from SFDA Nagaland is enclosed. The unspent balance of 'NIL' available with the agency is being adjusted in the current release.

3. **The Scheme will be implemented on the funding pattern between Centre and State of 90:10 for Nagaland State. The Central assistance is subject to the condition that a matching share should come from the State Govt. (retrospectively).**

4. The expenditure involved will be met from within the Sanctioned Budget Grant under No.28 Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change. Details of accounts for sanction amount and release amount under General, TSP and SCSP head for NAP Scheme is as follows:-

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Items	Head of Accounts	Amount released as Central Share
General	3601.06.101.01.01.31	257.36
SCSP	3601.06.789.01.01.31	0
TSP	3601.06.796.01.01.31	0
NER	2552.00.109.08.01.31	re-appropriated
Total		257.36

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5. 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 Nagaland and to debit the amount to the Account of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi.

6. **The State Government of Nagaland 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 the SFDA, the details of which are given below, under intimation to this office.**


Name and Address of SFDA	Name of Bank where A/c of SFDA held	Name and complete address of the bank branch	IFSC/MICR Code/ Bank Branch Code	Unique code	Account No.
State Forest Development Agency Nagaland	AXIS Bank Ltd. Kohima	AXIS Banks Ltd. Kohima, Nagaland	UTIB0000385	Current	921010050094786

7. SFDA Nagaland shall transfer the full amount earmarked for all FDAs within 7 days of receipt of funds from the NAEB, MoEF&CC based on the approved work programme. The funds received by the FDA from SFDA shall be deposited in its exclusive and separate current account in a Nationalized Bank, which would be operated jointly by its Chairperson and the Member Secretary. If the stipulation regarding joint signatures of the CEO and the Chairperson is found to cause undue delay in banking transactions especially in cases where the headquarters of the Chairperson and CEO are quite far apart, the SFDA may devise a mechanism to overcome the problem, ensuring adequate accountability at the same time.

8. All relevant documents/ certificates would be submitted by the implementing agency after completion of approved Work Programme. The pattern of assistance is as per rules governing the Revised Operational Guidelines and as per the approval of the Ministry of Finance.

9. The grants-in-aid will be regulated in accordance with the provisions contained in the Guidelines of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi. The Grants-in-Aid is also subject to the Chapter 9 of the General Financial Rules, 2005, as amended from time to time, read with the Government of India's decisions incorporated there-under, and any other guidelines which may be issued in this regard, and in particular to the following conditions:-

- i. The pattern of assistance of rules governing such grants-in aid have received the approval of the Ministry of Finance, as required under Govt. of the Decision No.(1) under DFPR – Rules 20.
- ii. The Accounts of Nagaland SFDA shall be audited by C&AG 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.
- iii. The Accounts of Nagaland SFDA shall be open for inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the Comptroller and 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 or Department whenever it is called upon to do so.
- iv. **The Nagaland SFDA shall furnish Utilization Certificate including the State's Share** along with its request for release of Grants-in Aid certifying that the fund released to them for which Utilization Certificates has been issued has been utilized exclusively in


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pursuance of objectives envisaged in the Rules/ Memorandum of SFDA and that the Grant shall be spent with the extant instruction/ rules and with the approval of competent authority in each case.

- v. Noted at **Sl.No. 1** in the Register of Grants (General Categories).
- vi. Nagaland SFDA will spend Grants-in Aid exclusively in pursuance of the objectives envisaged in Rules/Memorandum of SFDA, for the purpose it is being sanctioned. Performance cum achievement report of SFDA shall be furnished within prescribed time limit.
- vii. Grants-in Aid to Nagaland SFDA is subject to the Economy Instruction issued from time to time by the Ministry of Finance or by any Competent Authority so designated.
- viii. Grants-in Aid shall be utilized before the end of the current financial year 2023-24 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by Nagaland SFDA to the Government of India.
- ix. Nagaland SFDA will maintain and will present their annual accounts in the standard format as required under GFR 209(xiii).
- x. In case of Non-recurring Grant for specified object :-
 - a. Nagaland SFDA will have to spend the amount sanctioned to them up to 31.03.2024.
 - b. Utilization Certificate of Grants-in Aid sanctioned during the year 2021-22 from Nagaland SFDA would have to be submitted as required under GFR 202(1) read with the Form GFR 19-A.

10. Nagaland SFDA will take necessary steps to ensure the minimum survival of plants after planting under the NAP Scheme from the end of 1st to fifth year as fixed for various FDAs vide our O.M.No.8-1/2005-B-I dated 26.11.2009 and 16.12.2009. The survival percentage of plantation should be reflected in the last Quarterly Progress Report submitted ending 31st March to this Ministry.

11. The project will be implemented by the implementing agency in the identified area only strictly as per the Revised Operational Guidelines-2009 of National Afforestation Programme Scheme. Including the following:-


- a. The SFDA should confirm that MoU between FDA and JFMC/EDCs as well as between FDA and SFDA as per para 2.2 of operational guidelines.
- b. The SFDA will ensure complete compliance with operational guidelines of NAP and conditions mentioned in the previous sanction orders.

12. Para 10.1 of operational guidelines stipulate preparation of digitized map. The progress achieved on digitization of forest boundary may be obtained.

13. The payment sanctioned above is provisional. The final adjustment will be made after receipt of the item wise physical and financial Progress Report, utilization certificate and Audited Expenditure figures from the implementing agency. The Progress Report of each quarter is to be sent regularly.

14. The implementing agency is requested to ensure that the Central assistance being released will be gainfully utilized in furtherance of the approved work programme 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.

15. 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 NAP scheme is continued.


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16. As per Para 9.2, the SFDA has to commission independent evaluation of each FDA project twice during the project cycle. The evaluation report of the Action Taken Report could be mandatory for release of second installment.

17. The UC and physical progress reports (including photographs) to be uploaded in the website of the MoEF&CC and the state govt. for public access (before and after implementation of the project)

18. In pursuance of the policy of the Government on Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), with the objective of accurately targeting the intended beneficiaries and enhancing efficiency, transferency and accountability, it is advised to make payments directly through the Bank accounts of beneficiaries by linking with the Aadhar Identification Number.


19. The sanction issues with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide their 108/IFD/2023 dated 30.08.2023 of the file no. MoEFCC(NAEB): 1-5/2020-BIV.


Encl.: as above.

Yours faithfully,

Copy to: -

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Nagaland, Kohima
2. The Secretary, Forest Department, Government of Nagaland,
3. The Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Nagaland,
4. The Secretary, Planning Department, Government of Nagaland,
5. The Accountant General (A&E), Government of Nagaland,
6. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/ Nodal Officer of NAP, Government of Nagaland, Kohima
7. Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Plan Finance Division, New Delhi.
8. The Manager, Reserve Bank of India, central account Section, Nagpur.
9. Principal Director (Audit), Scientific Department, AGCR Building, New Delhi-2.
10. I.G.F.(NAEB),
11. The US (IFD), NAEB.
12. The D.D.O (Cash), NAEB.
13. DPA, NAEB
14. Budget and Accounts Division, Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi.
15. Sanction Folder/ Guard File.


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Details of 2023-24

		(Rs. in Lakhs)
S.No.	Particulars	Total
1.	Approved total Cost of APO	285.96
2.	Central Share (90% of APO)	257.36
5.	Total Amount released during 2023-24 for committed liabilities	257.36
7.	No. of FDAs - 26	


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