

F. No. 3-24/2007-PPD (Pt. 2)
 Government of India
 Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
 (Forest Protection Division)

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 Dated: 07.09.2020

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

Subject: Assistance to State Govt. of Karnataka for the Annual Plan of Operation of financial year 2020-21 under the CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management – Release of 1st installment: reg.

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the Annual Plan of Operation financial year 2020-21 of **State of Karnataka** under **CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme**, at a total cost of **Rs. 457.55 Lakh** (excluding flexi funds) (Rupees Four hundred fifty seven Lakh and fifty five thousand only) on 60%: 40% cost sharing basis: Central Share and State Share.

I am further directed to convey the approval of the competent authority for sanction of **Rs. 219.62 Lakh** (Rupees Two hundred nineteen Lakh and sixty two thousand only) (**60% of Central Share**) and **net release of Rs. 219.40 Lakh** (Rupees Two hundred sixteen Lakh and forty thousand only) as release of 1st installment of Annual Plan of Operation 2020-21, **after adjusting unspent balance of Rs. 0.22 Lakh of APO 2019-** under **CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme** to the **State of Karnataka during 2020-21.**

The expenditure incurred is adjustable to the Demand No. 25. (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change) under the following Heads during Financial Year 2020-21 (Plan):

Scheme	Budget Head	Amount (Rs. In Lakh)
Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme	3601.06.101.01.03.31	202.13
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Unspent balance available with the State of APO 2019-		0.22
TOTAL		219.62

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 of Operation sanctioned as given in **Annexure** and **no deviation from the approved items: expenditure** shall be made **without prior concurrence** of Government of India.

This release amount is to be utilized subject to adherence of 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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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%

A separate bank account shall be opened for the purpose and the account shall be open for audit by C&AG.

The GFRs 2017 is followed along with the economic instructions issued by Government of India from time to time.

Payments are to be made by bank transfer and no cash payment is made.

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.

In case of employment through contract, copy of PF & ESI of employees shall be furnished wherever applicable.

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 with DBT scheme has to be ensured.

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.

Strict economy should be observed so as to keep the actual expenditure to the minimum. All works are to be executed as per the Sanctioned Schedule of Rates applicable in the area.

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.

There should not be any overlapping of activities under the scheme with the activities of other ongoing schemes of Central / State Govt.

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 form given in Annexure - VII of the Operational Guidelines of the Scheme, for every quarter of the year.

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.

For the proposed infrastructure works including construction of water tanks, location of site along with the details of GPS details may be submitted to this office.

The fixed assets created out of this grant shall not be disposed off without concurrence of the Ministry.

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The outcome of the money released under the Scheme should be submitted as per the form given below:

Outcome	Indicator	Periodicity	Data Source/Method	Responsible Agency
Less fire incidences	Number of forest fires	Annual	Satellite data	FSI, Dehra
Reduction in damage to forest resources	Total estimated area affected due to forest fire	Annual	Satellite data and Information from States/UTs	FSI, Dehra and States/UT
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 Department

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

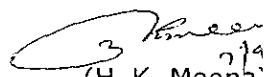
The accounts of the Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme shall be open for inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India under the provision of C&AG (DPC) Act, 1971 and internal audit party by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry whenever it is called upon.

In accordance with the revised procedure the Reserve Bank of India may please be requested to pass on the credit to the Central Accounts Section, Nagpur for transferring the amounts to the accounts of Government of **Karnataka** and to debit the amount to the Account of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

This sanction issues with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide their **Dy. No. E-127233 (I&FA) dated 21.08.2020** under the powers delegated to the Ministries/Departments.

Yours faithfully

Annexure: Approved Annual Plan Operation 2020-21


 (H. K. Meena)
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Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FPD)

- Copy to:**
- The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
 - The Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
 - The Secretary, Forests Department, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
 - The Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Central Accounts Section, Nagpur
 - Director Audit, Scientific Deptt. AGCR Building, New Delhi
 - Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Expenditure, Plan Finance Division, New Delhi
 - PPS to AS&FA, MoEF&CC
 - Consultant (IT), MoEF&CC (for uploading on Ministry's website)
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Annual Plan Operation for the year 2020-21

Name of the State / UT : Karnataka

(Rs. in lakhs)

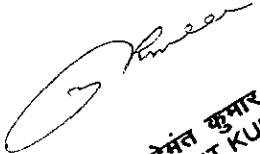
S.No.	Items	Proposed by State Govt.				Recommended by Division	
		Unit	Unit Cost	No. of Units	Total Cost	No. of Units	Total Cost
1	Pending Payments of 2019-20				56.99		0.00
2	Procurement of fire fighting equipments	Nos	0.025	400	10.00	400	10.00
3	Controlled burning, fire line creation and maintenance	Km	0.01491	5000	74.55	5000	74.55
4	Creation of infrastructure						
	Water storage structures, Watch towers, Development of communication systems	Nos	4.00	9	36.00	9	36.00
5	Soil & Moisture Conservation (SMC) work in High risk areas	SMC works	3.00	10	30.00	10	30.00
6	Engagement of fire watchers (January, 2021 to March 2021)	Person days	0.00428390	350 person x 90 days	134.94	350 person x 90 days	134.94
7	Engagement of fire watchers (April 2020 and May 2020)	Person days	0.00428390	351 person x 60 days	89.96	351 person x 60 days	89.96
8	Awareness campaign	Nos	0.50	9	4.50	9	4.50
9	Pre-fire season workshops for coordination among line departments and elected bodies and NGOs	LS	0.5	12	6.00	12	6.00

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10	Training and capacity building on fire fighting methods for Frontline staff, NGOs and village communities	LS	0.25	20	5.00	20	5.00
11	Incentivizing Villages/Communities for protection against forest fire, under the participatory forest management approach	Village forest community	0.25	100	25.00	100	25.00
	Total				472.94		415.95
	Imprest Money (guidelines at Annexure-I) (5%)				23.65		20.80
	Monitoring and review (guidelines at Annexure-II). 2%				9.46		8.32
	Short term research/survey on forest fire related issues (guidelines at Annexure-III). 3%				14.19		12.48
	Total				520.24		457.55
	Flexi Fund (25%)*				0.00		0.00
	Grand Total				520.24		457.55

* Not recommended by Ministry

Central share (60%)	:	274.53 lakhs
State share (40%)	:	183.02 lakhs
Total	:	457.55 lakhs


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