

F. No. 3-17/2007-FPD (Pt. 2)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Protection Division)

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Dated: 09.01.2023

To,

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

Subject: Assistance to State Govt. of Odisha for the Annual Plan of Operation (General Works) 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 (General Works) for financial year 2022-23 of **State of Odisha** under **CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme**, at a total cost of **Rs. 3076.63 Lakh** (excluding flexi funds) (Rupees Three thousand seventy six Lakh and sixty three 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. 461.49 Lakh** (Rupees Four hundred sixty one Lakh and forty nine thousand only) (**25% of Central Share**) and **net release of Rs. 338.80 Lakh** (Rupees Three hundred thirty eight Lakh and eighty thousand only) as release of 1st installment of Annual Plan Operation 2022-23, **after adjusting unspent balance of Rs. 122.69 Lakh of Annual Plan of Operation (General Works) during 2021-22 under CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme** to the **State of Odisha 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 | 3601.06.101.01.03.31 | 313.32 |
| | 3601.06.101.01.03.35 | 25.48 |
| Unspent balance available with the State of Annual Plan of Operation (General Works) during 2021-22 | | 122.69 |
| TOTAL | | 461.49 |

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. 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 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 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.



- 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.

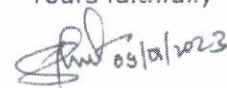
6. The accounts of the Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme shall be open for inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India under the provision of C&AG (DPC) Act, 1971 and internal audit party by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry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

7. 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 **Odisha** and to debit the amount to the Account of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

8. This issues with the concurrence of Internal Finance Division vide their **Dy. No. E-142896 dated 26.12.2022** under the powers delegated to the Ministries/Departments.

Yours faithfully

Annexure: Approved Annual Plan Operation 2022-23.



(Shivanand S. Talawar)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FPD)

Copy to:

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

Centrally Sponsored Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme (FFPM)

Annual Plan Operation for the year 2022-23

Name of the State / UT : Odisha

(Rs. in lakhs)

| S. No. | Items | Proposed by State Govt. | | | | Recommended by Ministry | | Remarks |
|--------|---|-------------------------|-----------|--------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|---------|
| | | Unit | Unit Cost | No. of Units | Total Cost | No. of Units | Total Cost | |
| 1 | Maintenance of Forest Block boundary lines for fire line @ Rs. 3260/- per km (@10 man days per km) | Km | 0.0326 | 12000 | 391.20 | 12000 | 391.20 | |
| 2 | maintenance of compartment lines for fire line @ Rs. 3260/- per km (@ 10 man days per km) | Km | 0.0326 | 4000 | 130.40 | 4000 | 130.40 | |
| 3 | Creation of fire line @ Rs. 3260/- per km (@ 10 man days per km) | Kms | 0.0326 | 4000 | 130.40 | 4000 | 130.40 | |
| 4 | Procurement of field vehicles for transportation of resources (Hired vehicle for each squad (Rs. 1400/- per day x 150 days = Rs. 2.10 lakhs) | | 2.1 | 51 | 107.10 | 51 | 107.10 | |
| 5 | Engagement of fire fighting squads:- forest fighting squads (each of 10 persons) on daily wages for 150 days @ Rs. 326/- per day (10x150x326/- Rs.4.89 Lakh | Nos | 4.89 | 51 | 249.39 | 51 | 249.39 | |
| 6 | Logistic support to the fire fighting squads | | 0.75 | 51 | 38.25 | 51 | 38.25 | |
| 7 | Provision for fire blowers @ 2 Nos. each range for 288 Ranges covered under 51 Forest Divisions | Div. | 0.6 | 576 | 345.60 | 400 | 240.00 | |



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|----|---|-----|-------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|
| 8 | Awareness campaign (01 no.) VSS members, surrounding villages, temporary staff engaged for fire management Rs. 0.06 lakhs per meeting (15000 nos. of meeting x 0.06 Lakh) | Nos | 0.06 | 15000 | 900.00 | - | 0.00 |
| 9 | Pre-fire season workshops for coordination among line departments and elected bodies and NGOs | Nos | 0.100 | 51 | 5.10 | 51 | 5.10 |
| 10 | Training and capacity building on fire fighting methods for Frontline staff, at Divisional level | Nos | 0.100 | 51 | 5.10 | 51 | 5.10 |
| 11 | Incentivizing Villages/Communities for protection against forest fire, under the participatory forest management approach through sensitisation camp in 51 Forest divisions | Nos | 0.1 | 15000 | 1500.00 | 15000 | 1500.00 |
| | Total | | | | 3802.54 | | 2796.94 |
| | Imprest Money (guidelines at Annexure-I) (5%) | | | | 190.13 | | 139.85 |
| | Monitoring and review (guidelines at Annexure-II), 2% | | | | 76.05 | | 55.94 |
| | Short term research/survey on forest fire related issues (guidelines at Annexure-III), 3% | | | | 114.08 | | 83.91 |
| | Total | | | | 4182.79 | | 3076.63 |
| | * Flexi Fund | | | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| | Grand Total | | | | 4182.79 | | 3076.63 |

* Not proposed by State Govt.

Central share (60%) : 1845.98 lakhs
State share (40%) : 1230.65 lakhs
Total : 3076.63 lakhs

