

F. No. 9-11-2014-GIM-SIKKIM
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Green India Mission

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Dated: 29th September, 2022

To

The Pay & Accounts Officer
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Subject: Release of Funds under the National Mission for a Green India (GIM) for the approved Annual plan of Operation of FY 2021-22 & 2022-23 for the State of Sikkim in FY 2022-23: reg.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to release of **Rs 6.8643 Crore (Rupees Six Crores, Eighty Six Lakh Forty Three Thousand only)**, as Grant-in Aid to the State Government of **Sikkim** for onward release to the State Forest Development Agency, **Sikkim** (SFDA) in FY 2022-23 under GIM. Head wise detail given below:

Table 1 - Balance instalment under GIM for the approved Annual plan of Operation of FY 2021-22 (detail of sanction order attached in Annexure - 1)

		Rs. In Crore
No	Particulars (Committed Liability)	Amount
a.	Total cost of approved APO for FY 2021-22	11.68
b.	Amount to be released as Central Govt's share [90% of (a)]	10.51
c.	Amount to be met by State Govt. as State share [10% of (a)]	1.17
d.	Amount released as 1st installment [70% of (b)]	7.36
g.	Balance instalment to be released 30% of (b)	3.15
f.	Less: Unspent Amount	0.96
g.	Proposed Balance amount (Committed liability) to be released in 2022-23[(g)-(f)]	2.19

Table 2 - 1st instalment under GIM for the approved Annual plan of Operation of FY 2022-23 (detail of sanction order attached in Annexure - 2)

		Rs. In Crore
No	Particulars (Committed Liability)	Amount
(a)	Total cost of approved APO -2022-23	19.480
(b)	Amount to be released as Central Govt's share [90% of (a)]	17.532
(c)	Amount to be met by State Govt. as State share [10% of (a)]	1.948
(d)	Amount to be released as 1st installment during FY 2022-23 [25% of (b)] as per revised guidelines	4.3825
(e)	Less: Unspent Amount	0.00
(f)	Proposed Amount for release as 1st instalment during FY 2022-23 [(d)-(e)]	4.3825
(g)	Balance fund to be released as per the progress [(b)-(f)]	13.1495



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Table 3 – 2nd instalment under NAP Scheme for implementation by State Forest Development Agency Sikkim during FY 2022-23 (detail of sanction order attached in Annexure – 3)

		Rs. In crore
No	Particulars (Committed Liability)	Amount
1	Approved cost of APO	1.2969
2	Central Share (90% of APO)	1.1672
3	1 st installment of central share (75%)	0.8754
4	Total amount as 1st installment during 2020-21 -released	0.8454
5	Total amount being released as 2nd Installment during 2022-23	0.2918
6	No. of FDA's - 9	

Total to be released to the State of Sikkim.

Items	Budget Head	Balance FY 2021-22	1st installment FY 2022-23	2nd installment FY 2022-23 (NAP)	Total to be released (Rs.in Crores)
General	3601-06.101.01.01.31	2.19	4.3825	0.2918	6.8643

Yours faithfully



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Sir,


I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to release **of Rs. 2.19 Crore (Rupees Two Crore, Nineteen Lakh only)**, as balance instalment (as per details given in the table in Para 4 below) towards Grants-in-Aid to the State Government of Sikkim for onward release to the State Forest Development Agency, Sikkim (SFDA) in FY 2022-23 under GIM for the approved Annual Plan of Operation of financial year 2021-22.

2. The Competent Authority has approved the Annual Plan of Operation (APO) of Sikkim State for carrying out Advance, Creation and Maintenance Work with a financial implication of **Rs. 11.68 Crore (Rupees Eleven Crore, Sixty-Eight Lakh only)** during 2021-22, to be shared between Central and State Government in the ratio of 90:10 (as per details given in Para 4 below) as per the approved funding norm communicated by Department of Expenditure (DoE), Ministry of Finance (MoF), vide D.O Letter No. 32/PSO/FS/2015 dated October 28, 2015. The L2 Landscape-wise work plan, details enlisting the physical and financial targets are given in **Annexure-I**.

3. As per the Government of India O.M. No. 55(5)/PF. II/2011 dated September 6, 2016 issued by the DoE (MoF); the State may set aside @ 25% Flexi fund on total liability (including the central and state share). The Centre and the State Government will adhere to conformity with the Guidelines for Flexi Funds within Centrally Sponsored Schemes issued by the DoE before seeking flexi-fund under the scheme.

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5. **Further, in accordance with Para 12 of the Government of India O.M. No. 1(13) PFMS/FCD/2020 dated 23rd March, 2021, issued by the DoE (MoF), which states that 'In the beginning of a financial year, the Ministries/Departments will release not more than 25% of the amount earmarked for a State for a CSS for the financial year. Additional central share (not more than 25% at a time) will be released upon transfer of the stipulated State share to the Single Nodal Account and utilization of at least 75% of the funds released earlier (both central and State Share) and compliance of the condition's of previous sanction'.**



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6. The Grants-in-Aid shall be regulated in accordance with the provisions contained in GIM Implementation Guidelines of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi (MoEF&CC). The Grants-in-Aid is also subject to the Chapter 9 of the General Financial Rules (GFR) 2017, as amended from time to time, based on the Government of India's decisions incorporated there-under, and any other guidelines which may be issued in this regard, and in particular subject to the following conditions: -


- (i) The Grants-in-Aid to the State Government for onward release to Single Nodal Agency (SNA) is subject to the Economy Instructions issued from time to time by the Ministry of Finance or by any Competent Authority so designated.
- (ii) No staff is to be provided specifically for the Scheme.
- (iii) Assets acquired wholly or substantially out of Government Grants shall not be disposed of without obtaining the prior approval of the sanctioning authority of Grants-in Aid.
- (iv) SNA shall maintain and shall present their Annual Accounts in the standard format as required under GFR 2017 (GFR).
- (v) The entire funds should be utilized by the end of the current financial year on a pro-rata basis following the provisions of GFR. The SNA shall furnish Utilization Certificate (UC) as per GFR 19-A format giving the unspent balance and interest accrued, stating the reason for non-utilization of funds if any, along with its request for the release of next instalment of The Grants-in-Aid certifying that the fund released to them, for which UCs have been issued, has been utilized exclusively in pursuance of objectives envisaged in the Rules/Memorandum of SNA and that the Grant has been spent as per the instructions/ rules and with the approval of Competent Authority in each case.
- (vi) The Accounts of SNA, as mentioned in Para 7 (b) below, shall be open for inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India 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 and Internal Audit Party by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry or Department whenever it is called upon to do so.
- (vii) The auditing of accounts of the SNA /implementing Agency (IA's), as mentioned in Para 7 (b) below, operated for GIM shall be carried out through a reputed Chartered Accountant who is also on the panel of C&AG. The audit report must be submitted along with the UC.
- (viii) The Grants-in-Aid shall be utilized before the end of the current financial year i.e. 2022-23 and unspent balance, if any, shall be refunded by SNA to the Government of India as per the relevant provisions of GFR 2017.
- (ix) Detailed progress report of the activities taken up by SNA under GIM shall be submitted to MoEF&CC soon after the end of financial year, along with photographs (with date) prior to commencement and after completion of each activity.


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- (x) The performance achievement report by SNA /State Government along with photographs should be uploaded in their website for public access.

7. The project shall be implemented by SFDA strictly in conformity with the Implementation Guidelines 2014 of Green India Mission including the following: -


- a) The activities under the Mission shall be implemented in the areas as indicated and in the project proposal and approved by the GIM Directorate.
- b) The funds received by the SNA shall be deposited in its exclusive and separate bank account in a Nationalized Bank, which would be operated jointly by its Chairperson and the Member Secretary. The interest amount if any, accrued on the deposits of these funds shall be treated as part of the SNA's additional resources and would be adjusted towards further instalments of the grant/assistance in the same financial year.
- c) IA's/ JFMCs shall maintain a record of all assets created under the project as per GFR 151 and furnish CST in case of purchase of leviable goods.
- d) Contractors / middlemen/ intermediate agencies are not permitted to be engaged for execution of any of the works under the scheme so as to ensure that the full wages are paid to the workers.
- e) Payment towards wages/remuneration should be made through bank accounts of recipients in case of contractual engagements in compliance with DBT scheme. The copy of PF and ESI along with the evidence of deposit of TDS/ CST should be submitted to the GIM Directorate.
- f) The State will comply with DBT Mission conditions and will also submit details of all beneficiaries as per the prescribed format to the GIM Directorate.
- g) Evidence of deposit of TDS/ CST in case of contract payments and CST in case of purchase of leviable goods.
- h) A quarterly statement of accounts and progress of works carried out in the L3 level landscapes shall be submitted by each JFMC/ EDC to the IA which, in turn, shall compile its own progress report for onward submission to SNA. SNA shall prepare a comprehensive Annual Report on the progress of works and utilization of funds in respect of all L2 level landscapes and submit to MoEF&CC, Government of India soon after the end of the financial year.
- i) In case an IA's fails to execute the project in the identified L2/L3 landscapes within the stipulated time, including such extensions as may be granted by the Competent Authority, the Competent Authority may, in its discretion, require the SNA to refund the grant in whole or in such part on account of the concerned IA along with interest thereon.
- j) There shall be no diversion of earmarked funds from one L2/L3 landscape to another one except in case of unavoidable circumstances and only with the prior approval of Mission Directorate.
- k) Except for supervening impossibilities, the Chairperson and the Member Secretary of the SNA/IA shall be solely responsible and accountable for successful implementation of the project.
- l) The funds released under the scheme shall be subject to audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India or his nominated officer. Any other agency/ officer (s) authorized by GIM shall have the right of access to the books and accounts of the SNA/ IA/JFMCs and EDCs for the funds received under the project.
- m) The SNA shall submit non-diversion and non-embezzlement certificate each time a request for release of grant is made to GIM Directorate.


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- n) The SNA shall be responsible for guidance, coordination, supervision, periodical reporting and monitoring the implementation of the project by their constituent IAs/JFMCs/EDCs. The project shall also be monitored periodically by the respective State Forest Departments and all assistance for this purpose shall be rendered by the SNA. In addition to this, MoEF&CC shall supervise the project, as and when deemed required.
- o) The Competent Authority reserves the right to terminate the grant at any stage if it is convinced that the grant has not been properly utilized or appropriate progress has not been made.
- p) The SNA shall follow strict corruption mitigation strategies while utilizing the funds.
- q) 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 GIM scheme is continued.
- r) SNA shall take necessary steps to ensure raising of quality seedlings and maximum survival of plants under the GIM Scheme. The survival percentage of plantation shall be reflected in the subsequent Quarterly Progress Report submitted to the Ministry along with the details on the progress of activities carried out under the Mission.
- s) SNA shall also submit a certificate to the effect that all conditions laid down in the Implementation Guidelines and the Sanction Order are being followed each time a request for release of grant is made to GIM Directorate.
- t) The project should be completed within the stipulated time period as reflected in the Perspective Plan and APO. The SNA shall furnish two (2) copies of detailed report to Mission Directorate within two months of completion of the project.
- u) The expenditure for the purchase of equipment's and creation of capital assets must not exceed 5% of the total cost of the APO.

8. The SFDA shall also ensure the following conditions, prior to seeking the release of the next instalment of funds:

- a) The State Government shall ensure that the work of preparation of comprehensive Micro-level plans is duly carried out after taking into account all the activities/interventions to be implemented with the funds available from various sources/complementary schemes to ensure convergence. The information related to such financial micro-planning in respect of the landscapes showing the details of the break-up of the funds from various sources (e.g. MoEF&CC, CAMPA, MNREGS, etc.) that are required to be converged in the ratio approved by the CCEA shall be furnished by the State Government.
- b) The detailed baseline data after preparation of micro-plans for L3 level landscapes in respect of all the monitorable parameters shall be furnished by the State Government while submitting the proposal for release of further funds.
- c) Latitude/longitude coordinates of each landscape/area of intervention where the activities under GIM or convergence activities are proposed with any other complementary scheme will be furnished by the State Government.
- d) Geo-coordinates along with geo-referenced maps (including soft copy in .shp/.kml file) for each landscape/area where activities under GIM or convergence activities are proposed with any other complementary schemes shall be submitted to the Ministry.
- e) Satellite photographs with dates and GPS coordinates should be furnished before and after the implementation of the scheme and furnished with the physical progress report. The photographs should be taken both before commencement and after completing of each activity e.g. Advance work, creation and support activities.


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- f) Ensure saturation of the selected landscapes sequentially starting with L3s and progressing over L2s and L1s with the requisite interventions in the stipulated time period to avoid duplication.
- g) Ensure State's matching share as per the funding pattern of the scheme which should be reflected in the UC.

9. The payment of sanctioned amount may be made in favour of **Secretary, Finance Department Government of Sikkim, Gangtok** through **Cheque/Demand Draft**. The payment sanctioned above is provisional. The final adjustment shall be made after receipt of the item wise physical and financial Progress Report and the detailed progress report, Utilization Certificate and Audited Expenditure figures from the implementing agency.

10. The expenditure is debit to the following Head of Accounts under Demand No. 28 of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (2021-22):

Items	Head of Accounts	Amount (in Rs. Crore)
General	3601.06.101.01.01.31	2.19
Total		2.19

11. The sanction issues with the approval of the Competent Authority under the power delegated to the Ministries/Departments with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide their Diary No. **91-2022/IFD dated 28-9-2022**.

Yours faithfully



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Encl: as above

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2. The Pr. Secretary, Department of Finance, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok
3. The Pr. Secretary, Forest, Env. & Wildlife Management Deptt, Govt. of Sikkim
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Department of Forest, Govt. of Sikkim,
5. The Accountant General (A&E), Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok
6. The Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, North Eastern Zone, MoEF&CC, Govt. of India, Shillong, Meghalaya
7. Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
8. Inspector General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
9. Joint Secretary (Climate Change), MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
10. Joint Secretary (MGNREGS)-RE-I, MoRD, New Delhi.
11. Joint Secretary (PF-II), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
12. The Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Nagpur.
13. The Principal Director (Audit), Scientific Department, AGCR Building, New Delhi.
14. Account Officer (B&A), MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
15. Sanction Folder/ Guard File.


Annexure-1: Work Plan giving details for carrying out Creation and Maintenance work of FY 2021-22

Wage Rate: Rs. 300.0/day


Physical Target in Ha. And Financial Target in Rs. Lakh

S. No.	Submission/ Intervention	Category	Type	Norms (Rs./ha)	Total	
					Phy.	Fin.
A. Cost norms for Sub Missions and Intervention						
1	Sub Mission I: Enhancing quality of forest cover and improving ecosystem services (4.9 m ha)	a) Moderately dense forest cover, but showing degradation	Low Altitude			
			a) Advance Work	18719	630	117.93
			b) Creation	11775		
			c) Maintenance I Year	3215		
			II Year	3215	495	15.91
			III Year	3215		
			Total	40139		133.84
			High Altitude			
			a) Advance Work	28080	240	67.39
			b) Creation	17663		
			c) Maintenance I Year	4823		
			II Year	4823	145	6.99
		III Year	4823			
		Total	60212		74.39	
		b) Eco-restoration of degraded open forests	Type C(AR)			
			Low Altitude			
			a) Advance Work	61011	285	173.88
			b) Creation	28021		
			c) Maintenance I Year	8288		
			II Year	8288	95	7.87
			III Year	8288		
			Total	113896		181.75
			Type C(AR)			
			High Altitude			
			a) Advance Work	91517	85	77.79
			b) Creation	44181		
			c) Maintenance I Year	12432		
II Year	12342		35	4.32		
III Year	12432					
Total	172904		82.11			
Type A(ANR)						
Low Altitude						
a) Advance Work	18719	570	106.70			
b) Creation	11775					
c) Maintenance I Year	3215					
II Year	3215	450	14.47			

			III Year	3215		
			Total	40139		121.17
			Type A(ANR)			
			High Altitude			
			a) Advance Work	28080	255	71.60
			b) Creation	17663		
			c) Maintenance I Year	4823		
			II Year	4823	140	6.75
			III Year	4823		
			Total	60212		78.36
		c) Restoration of grasslands	Low Altitude			
			a) Advance Work	24045	120	28.85
			b) Creation	13413		
			c) Maintenance I Year	3448		
			II Year	3448	10	0.34
			III Year	3448		
		(Silvi pasture development)	Total(SPD)	47802		29.20
			High Altitude			
			a) Advance Work	36118	15	5.42
			b) Creation	21170		
			c) Maintenance I Year	5172		
			II Year	5172		
			III Year	5172		
			Total (SPD)	72804		5.42
2	Sub Mission 2: Ecosystem restoration and increase in forest cover (1.8 mha)	a) Rehabilitation of Shifting Cultivation Areas		Not Applicable		
		b) Restoring Scrublands		Not Applicable		
		c) Restoring/ planting Sea-buckthorn	a) Advance Work	40623	40	16.25
			b) Creation	83378		
			c) Maintenance I Year	33312		
			II Year	33312	30	9.99
			III Year	33312		
			Total	223937		26.24
		d) Restoration of Mangroves		Not Applicable		
		e) Ravine reclamation		Not Applicable		
		f) Restoration of adandoned mining area		Not Applicable		
3	Sub Mission 3: Enhancing tree cover in Urban & Peri-urban areas	a) Plantation in Urban & Peri-urban areas	a) Advance Work	61011	34	20.74
			b) Creation	28021		


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	(including institutional lands): 0.2mha		c) Maintenance I Year	8288		
			II Year	8288	10	0.83
			III Year	8288		
			Total	113896		21.57
4	Sub Mission 4: Agro-Forestry and Social Forestry (increasing biomass & creating carbon sink): 3 mha	a) Farmer's land including current fallows	Farmer's land			
			a) Advance Work	61011	200	122.02
			b) Creation	28021		
			c) Maintenance I Year	8288		
			II Year	8288	65	5.39
			III Year	8288		
		Total	113896		127.41	
		b) Shelterbelt plantations	Not Applicable			
		c) Highways/Rural roads/Canals/ Tank Bunds				
		b) Creation	72846	90	65.56	
		c) Maintenance I Year	4785	100	4.79	
		II Year	4015	90	3.61	
		Total	81646		74.0	
5	Sub Mission 5: Restoration of Wetlands		400 cum check dam & 10ha SMC			17.87
			Total			17.87
Total (A)					4229	973.29
B,	Support Activities					
1	Publicity/Media/outreach activities		(1% of A)			9.73
1	Monitoring and Evaluation		(1% of A)			9.73
1	Livelihood improvement activities,		(10% of A)			97.33
1	Strengthening local-level institutions		(3% of A)			29.20
1	Strengthening FDs		(3% of A)			29.20
1	Mission Organisation, operation and maintenance, contingencies and overheads		(2% of A)			19.47
Total (B)						194.66
Grand Total (A+B)						1167.94
<i>Total Advance Work</i>				2474		
<i>Total Creation Work</i>				90		
<i>Total Maintenance Work</i>				1665		
<i>Support Activities</i>						
<i>Total Cost of Approved APO</i>						1167.94


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The funds shall be released in the following manner:

		Rs. in Crore
No	Particulars (Committed Liability)	Amount
(a)	Total cost of approved APO -2022-23	19.480
(b)	Amount to be released as Central Govt's share [90% of (a)]	17.532
(c)	Amount to be met by State Govt. as State share [10% of (a)]	1.948
(d)	Amount to be released as 1st installment during FY 2022-23 [25% of (b) as per revised guidelines	4.3825
(e)	Less: Unspent Amount	0.00
(f)	Proposed Amount for release as 1st instalment during FY 2022-23 [(d-e)]	4.3825
(g)	Balance fund to be released as per the progress [(b)-(f)]	13.1495

6. The Grants-in-Aid shall be regulated in accordance with the provisions contained in GIM Implementation Guidelines of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi (MoEF&CC). The Grants-in-Aid is also subject to the Chapter 9 of the General Financial Rules (GFR) 2017, as amended from time to time, based on the Government of India's decisions incorporated there-under, and any other guidelines which may be issued in this regard, and in particular subject to the following conditions: -

- (i) The Grants-in-Aid to the State Government for onward release to Single Nodal Agency (SNA) is subject to the Economy Instructions issued from time to time by the Ministry of Finance or by any Competent Authority so designated.
- (ii) No staff is to be provided specifically for the Scheme.
- (iii) Assets acquired wholly or substantially out of Government Grants shall not be disposed of without obtaining the prior approval of the sanctioning authority of Grants-in Aid.
- (iv) SNA shall maintain and shall present their Annual Accounts in the standard format as required under GFR 2017 (GFR).
- (v) The entire funds should be utilized by the end of the current financial year on a pro-rata basis following the provisions of GFR. The SNA shall furnish Utilization Certificate (UC) as per GFR 19-A format giving the unspent balance and interest accrued, stating the reason for non-utilization of funds if any, along with its request for the release of next instalment of The Grants-in-Aid certifying that the fund released to them, for which UCs have been issued, has been utilized exclusively in pursuance of objectives envisaged in the Rules/Memorandum of SNA and that the Grant has been spent as per the instructions/ rules and with the approval of Competent Authority in each case.
- (vi) The Accounts of SNA, as mentioned in Para 7 (b) below, shall be open for inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India 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 and Internal Audit Party by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry or Department whenever it is called upon to do so.
- (vii) The auditing of accounts of the SNA /implementing Agency (IA's), as mentioned in Para 7 (b) below, operated for GIM shall be carried out through a reputed Chartered Accountant who is also on the panel of C&AG. The audit report must be submitted along with the UC.
- (viii) The Grants-in-Aid shall be utilized before the end of the current financial year i.e. 2022-23 and unspent balance, if any, shall be refunded by SNA to the Government of India as per the relevant provisions of GFR 2017.
- (ix) Detailed progress report of the activities taken up by SNA under GIM shall be submitted to MoEF&CC soon after the end of financial year, along with photographs (with date) prior to commencement and after completion of each activity.


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- (x) The performance achievement report by SNA /State Government along with photographs should be uploaded in their website for public access.

7. The project shall be implemented by SFDA strictly in conformity with the Implementation Guidelines 2014 of Green India Mission including the following: -

- a) The activities under the Mission shall be implemented in the areas as indicated and in the project proposal and approved by the GIM Directorate.
- b) The funds received by the SNA shall be deposited in its exclusive and separate bank account in a Nationalized Bank, which would be operated jointly by its Chairperson and the Member Secretary. The interest amount if any, accrued on the deposits of these funds shall be treated as part of the SNA's additional resources and would be adjusted towards further instalments of the grant/assistance in the same financial year.
- c) IA's/ JFMCs shall maintain a record of all assets created under the project as per GFR 151 and furnish CST in case of purchase of leviable goods.
- d) Contractors / middlemen/ intermediate agencies are not permitted to be engaged for execution of any of the works under the scheme so as to ensure that the full wages are paid to the workers.
- e) Payment towards wages/remuneration should be made through bank accounts of recipients in case of contractual engagements in compliance with DBT scheme. The copy of PF and ESI along with the evidence of deposit of TDS/ CST should be submitted to the GIM Directorate.
- f) The State will comply with DBT Mission conditions and will also submit details of all beneficiaries as per the prescribed format to the GIM Directorate.
- g) Evidence of deposit of TDS/ CST in case of contract payments and CST in case of purchase of leviable goods.
- h) A quarterly statement of accounts and progress of works carried out in the L3 level landscapes shall be submitted by each JFMC/ EDC to the IA which, in turn, shall compile its own progress report for onward submission to SNA. SNA shall prepare a comprehensive Annual Report on the progress of works and utilization of funds in respect of all L2 level landscapes and submit to MoEF&CC, Government of India soon after the end of the financial year.
- i) In case an IA's fails to execute the project in the identified L2/L3 landscapes within the stipulated time, including such extensions as may be granted by the Competent Authority, the Competent Authority may, in its discretion, require the SNA to refund the grant in whole or in such part on account of the concerned IA along with interest thereon.
- j) There shall be no diversion of earmarked funds from one L2/L3 landscape to another one except in case of unavoidable circumstances and only with the prior approval of Mission Directorate.
- k) Except for supervening impossibilities, the Chairperson and the Member Secretary of the SNA/IA shall be solely responsible and accountable for successful implementation of the project.
- l) The funds released under the scheme shall be subject to audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India or his nominated officer. Any other agency/ officer (s) authorized by GIM shall have the right of access to the books and accounts of the SNA/ IA/JFMCs and EDCs for the funds received under the project.
- m) The SNA shall submit non-diversion and non-embezzlement certificate each time a request for release of grant is made to GIM Directorate.

- n) The SNA shall be responsible for guidance, coordination, supervision, periodical reporting and monitoring the implementation of the project by their constituent IAs/JFMCs/EDCs. The project shall also be monitored periodically by the respective State Forest Departments and all assistance for this purpose shall be rendered by the SNA. In addition to this, MoEF&CC shall supervise the project, as and when deemed required.
- o) The Competent Authority reserves the right to terminate the grant at any stage if it is convinced that the grant has not been properly utilized or appropriate progress has not been made.
- p) The SNA shall follow strict corruption mitigation strategies while utilizing the funds.
- q) 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 GIM scheme is continued.
- r) SNA shall take necessary steps to ensure raising of quality seedlings and maximum survival of plants under the GIM Scheme. The survival percentage of plantation shall be reflected in the subsequent Quarterly Progress Report submitted to the Ministry along with the details on the progress of activities carried out under the Mission.
- s) SNA shall also submit a certificate to the effect that all conditions laid down in the Implementation Guidelines and the Sanction Order are being followed each time a request for release of grant is made to GIM Directorate.
- t) The project should be completed within the stipulated time period as reflected in the Perspective Plan and APO. The SNA shall furnish two (2) copies of detailed report to Mission Directorate within two months of completion of the project.
- u) The expenditure for the purchase of equipment's and creation of capital assets must not exceed 5% of the total cost of the APO.

8. The SFDA shall also ensure the following conditions, prior to seeking the release of the next instalment of funds:

- a) The State Government shall ensure that the work of preparation of comprehensive Micro-level plans is duly carried out after taking into account all the activities/interventions to be implemented with the funds available from various sources/complementary schemes to ensure convergence. The information related to such financial micro-planning in respect of the landscapes showing the details of the break-up of the funds from various sources (e.g. MoEF&CC, CAMPA, MNREGS, etc.) that are required to be converged in the ratio approved by the CCEA shall be furnished by the State Government.
- b) The detailed baseline data after preparation of micro-plans for L3 level landscapes in respect of all the monitorable parameters shall be furnished by the State Government while submitting the proposal for release of further funds.
- c) Latitude/longitude coordinates of each landscape/area of intervention where the activities under GIM or convergence activities are proposed with any other complementary scheme will be furnished by the State Government.
- d) Geo-coordinates along with geo-referenced maps (including soft copy in .shp/.kml file) for each landscape/area where activities under GIM or convergence activities are proposed with any other complementary schemes shall be submitted to the Ministry.
- e) Satellite photographs with dates and GPS coordinates should be furnished before and after the implementation of the scheme and furnished with the physical progress report. The photographs should be taken both before commencement and after completing of each activity e.g. Advance work, creation and support activities.

- f) Ensure saturation of the selected landscapes sequentially starting with L3s and progressing over L2s and L1s with the requisite interventions in the stipulated time period to avoid duplication.
- g) Ensure State's matching share as per the funding pattern of the scheme which should be reflected in the UC.

9. The payment of sanctioned amount may be made in favour of **Secretary, Finance Department Government of Sikkim, Gangtok** through **Cheque/Demand Draft**. The payment sanctioned above is provisional. The final adjustment shall be made after receipt of the item wise physical and financial Progress Report and the detailed progress report, Utilization Certificate and Audited Expenditure figures from the implementing agency.

10. The expenditure is debit to the following Head of Accounts under Demand No. 28 of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (2021-22):

Items	Head of Accounts	Amount (in Rs. Crore)
General	3601.06.101.01.01.31	4.3825
	Total	4.3825

11. The sanction issues with the approval of the Competent Authority under the power delegated to the Ministries/Departments with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide their Diary No. **91-2022/IFD dated 28-9-2022**.

Yours faithfully



(Vazir Singh)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Encl: as above

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2. The Pr. Secretary, Department of Finance, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok
3. The Pr. Secretary, Forest, Env. & Wildlife Management Deptt, Govt. of Sikkim
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Department of Forest, Govt. of Sikkim,
5. The Accountant General (A&E), Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok
6. The Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, North Eastern Zone, MoEF&CC, Govt. of India, Shillong, Meghalaya
7. Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
8. Inspector General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
9. Joint Secretary (Climate Change), MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
10. Joint Secretary (MGNREGS)-RE-I, MoRD, New Delhi.
11. Joint Secretary (PF-II), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
12. The Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Nagpur.
13. The Principal Director (Audit), Scientific Department, AGCR Building, New Delhi.
14. Account Officer (B&A), MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
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Annexure-1: Work Plan giving details for carrying out Creation and Maintenance work of FY 2022-23

Wage Rate: Rs. 300.0/day

Physical Target in Ha. And Financial Target in Rs. Lakh

S. N.	Submission/Intervention	Category	Type	* Cost Norm (Rs./ha)	TOTAL	
					Phy.	Fin.
A. Cost norms for Sub Missions and Intervention						
1	Sub Mission 1: Enhancing quality of forest cover and improving ecosystem services (4.9 m ha)	a) Moderately dense forest cover, but showing degradation (ANR)	Low Altitude			
			a) Advance Work	18719	725	135.71
			b) Creation	11775	630	74.18
			c) Maintenance I Year	3215	0	0.00
			II Year	3215	10	0.32
			III Year	3215	485	15.59
			Total	40139		225.81
			High Altitude			
			a) Advance Work	28080	325	91.26
			b) Creation	17663	240	42.39
			c) Maintenance I Year	4823	0	0.00
			II Year	4823	0	0.00
			III Year	4823	145	6.99
			Total	60212		140.64
			Type C (AR)			
			Low Altitude			
			a) Advance Work	61011	380	231.84
			b) Creation	28021	285	79.86
			c) Maintenance I Year	8288	0	0.00
			II Year	8288	0	0.00
			III Year	8288	95	7.87
			Total	113896	0	319.58
			Type C (AR)			
			High Altitude			
			a) Advance Work	91517	115	105.24
			b) Creation	44181	85	37.55
			c) Maintenance I Year	12432	0	0.00
			II Year	12342	0	0.00
			III Year	12432	35	4.35
			Total	172904		147.15
			Type A (ANR)			
			Low Altitude			
			a) Advance Work	18719	600	112.31
			b) Creation	11775	570	67.12
			c) Maintenance I Year	3215	0	0.00
			II Year	3215	0	0.00
			III Year	3215	450	14.47

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			Total	40139		193.90
			High Altitude			
			a) Advance Work	28080	290	81.43
			b) Creation	17663	255	45.04
			c) Maintenance I Year	4823	0	0.00
			II Year	4823	0	0.00
			III Year	4823	140	6.75
			Total	60212		133.22
		c) Restoration of grasslands (Silvi Pasture Development)	Low Altitude			
			a) Advance Work	24045	208	50.01
			b) Creation	13413	120	16.10
			c) Maintenance I Year	3448	0	0.00
			II Year	3448	0	0.00
			III Year	3448	10	0.34
			Total (SPD)	47802		66.45
			High Altitude			
			a) Advance Work	36117.5	56	20.23
			b) Creation	21169.5	15	3.18
			c) Maintenance I Year	5172	0	0.00
			II Year	5172	0	0.00
			III Year	5172	0	0.00
			Total (SPD)	72803		23.40
2	Sub Mission 2: Ecosystem restoration and increase in forest cover (1.8 mha)	a) Rehabilitation of Shifting Cultivation Areas	Not Applicable		0	0.00
		b) Restoring Scrublands	Not Applicable		0	0.00
		c) Restoring/planting Sea-buckthorn		40623	50	20.31
				83378	40	33.35
				33312	0	0.00
				33312	0	0.00
				33312	30	9.99
				223937		63.66
3	Sub Mission 3: Enhancing tree cover in Urban & Peri-urban areas (including institutional lands): 0.2mha	a) Plantation in Urban & Peri-urban areas		61011	34	20.74
				28021	34	9.53
				8288	0	0.00
				8288	4	0.33
				8288	6	0.50
			Total	113896		31.10
4	Sub Mission 4: Agro-Forestry and Social Forestry (increasing biomass & creating carbon sink): 3 mha	a) Farmer's land including current fallows (Fodder trees agro forestry)	a) Advance Work	18719	215	40.25
			b) Creation	11775	200	23.55
			c) Maintenance I Year	3215	0	0.00
			II Year	3215	0	0.00
			III Year	3215	65	2.09
			Total	40139		65.89

		c) Highways/Ru ral roads/Canals / Tank Bunds	a) Creation	72846	20	14.57
			b) Maintenance I Year	4785	90	4.31
			II Year	4015	100	4.02
			Total	81646	0	23
5	Sub Mission 5: Restoration of Wetlands: 0.1 mha				0	8.93
	<i>Detailed estimate annexed</i>		Total			8.93
Total (A)						1442.62
a) Advance Work				2998		918.28
b) Creation				2494		446.41
c) Maintenance I Year				90		4.31
II Year				114		4.67
III Year				1461		68.96
B. For Support Activities						
Activities Cost						
1	Research (2% of A)					28.85
2	Publicity/Media/outreach activities (1% of A)					14.43
3	Monitoring and Evaluation (1% of A)					14.43
4	Livelihood improvement activities, (17% of A)					245.25
5	Strengthening local-level institutions (5 % A)					72.13
6	Strengthening FDs (5% A)					72.13
7	Mission Organisation, operation and maintenance, contingencies and overheads (4% A)					57.70
Total (B)						504.92
Grand Total (A+B)						1948
Grand Total (A+B) in Crores						19.48


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 National Afforestation & Eco-Development Board
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Dated: 19/09/2022

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) Sikkim Approval of work-programme and payment sanction during 2022-23 – 2nd installment -regarding.

Sir,

In continuation of this office Sanction Order No.NAEB:E. 1-10/2020-B-IV dated 27/01/2021, I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India for the release of **Rs.29.18 lakh (Rupees twenty nine lakhs and eighteen thousand only)** as 2nd installment towards Grants-in-Aid to state Government of Sikkim under the National Afforestation Programme Scheme during the financial year 2022-23 (Plan) Non-Recurring. This is in continuation of this Ministry's sanction letter of even number dated 27/01/2021.

2. All relevant documents/certificates would be submitted by the implementing agency after completion of approved Work Programme. The pattern of assistance of rules governing as per the Revised Operational Guidelines have received as per the approval of the Ministry of Finance. The utilisation certificate has been received for Rs.87.54 lakh against the release funds of Rs.87.54 lakh from SFDA Sikkim is enclosed.

3. **The Scheme will be implemented on the funding pattern between Centre and State of 90:10 for Sikkim 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	29.18
SCSP	3601.06.789.01.01.31	0
TSP	3601.06.796.01.01.31	0
Total		29.18

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 Sikkim 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 Sikkim 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 Sikkim	Sikkim State Co-operative Bank Ltd., Gangtok	Sikkim State Co-operative Bank Ltd., Gangtok Branch, Below High Court, Hospital Dara, East Sikkim	IBKL0108SIC	SKES00001104	100134029100097

7. SFDA Sikkim 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 Sikkim 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 Sikkim 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 Sikkim 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 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. Sikkim 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 Sikkim 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 2022-23 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by Sikkim SFDA to the Government of India.
- ix. Sikkim 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. Sikkim SFDA will have to spend the amount sanctioned to them up to 31.03.2023.
 - b. Utilization Certificate of Grants-in Aid sanctioned during the year 2020-21 from Sikkim SFDA would have to be submitted as required under GFR 202(1) read with the Form GFR 19-A.
10. Sikkim 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.
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 SFDA will certify that the creation work has been carried out in the area where Geo references have been submitted for advance work. *Satellite photographs with dates and lat-long coordinates should be furnished before and after the implementation of each work of the scheme and furnished with the physical progress report. (Say before and after completing Advance Work, Creation and maintenance separately).*
18. Sikkim SFDA has to provide measurable outcome (quantified) in terms of per percentage increase in plantation area, number of saplings planted (created) under survival rate (in percentage) in the progress report.

19. The amount released through this sanction has to be utilized for General/SCSP dominant areas only.
20. Evidence of deposit of TDS/Service tax in case of contract payments and CST in case of purchase of livable goods.
21. 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)
22. 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, transparency and accountability, it is advised to make payments directly through the Bank accounts of beneficiaries by linking with the Aadhar Identification Number.
23. The sanction issues with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide their Dy.No. 71/IFD/2022 dated 26/08/2022 E-Office Computer No.143162 F.No.NAEB.e:1-10/2020-B-IV.

Yours faithfully,

Encl.: as above.




(Dr. C. Meenakshi)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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2. The Secretary, Forest Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
3. The Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
4. The Secretary, Planning Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
5. The Accountant General (A&E), Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
6. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/ Nodal Officer of NAP, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
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.
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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.
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Details of 2022-23

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No.	Particulars	Total
1.	Approved total Cost of APO	129.69
2.	Central Share (90% of APO)	116.72
3.	1 st installment of central share (75%)	87.54
5.	Total Amount as 1st installment during 2020-21 -released	87.54
6.	Total Amount being released as 2nd installment during 2022-23	29.18
7.	No. of FDAs - 9	



UTILISATION CERTIFICATE
(Month ending January, 2022)

Sl No	Department Letter No / Cheque No & Date	Amount (Rs. in Lakh)
1.	letter F. No. NAEB:E 1-10 / 2020 – B – IV, dt. 27.01.2021 (Central Share)	87.54
2.	Cheque No. GCA 149854 dt: 02.12.2021 (State Share)	8.75
	Total	96.29

Certified that out of ₹ 87.54 lakh (Central Share grants-in-aid sanctioned during the year 2020-21 in favour of National Afforestation Programme Scheme including State Share of ₹ 8.754 lakh State Share totaling to ₹ 96.29 lakh for implementation by Silkim State Forest Development Agency under Ministry / Department of Forests, Government of India, a sum of Rs. 96.29 lakh has been utilized for the purpose of National Afforestation Programme Scheme. Balance is Nil.

Kinds of checks exercised:

1. Field level checking and monitoring has been taken up through JFMCs / EDCs, Member Secretaries and the members of the executive body of the FDA.
2. The CEOs and Chairpersons of FDAs and EDCs have also taken up the concurrent monitoring.
3. The programme is being implemented as per the guidelines and the directives in this respect of NAP.

UC ACCEPTED

AIG/NAEB

F. No. NAEB:E. 1-10/2020-B-IV

Government of India

Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
 National Afforestation & Eco-Development Board
 7th Floor, Pt. Deen Dayal Antyodaya Bhawan,, CGO Complex
 Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110003

Dated: 27/01/2021

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) Sikkim Approval of work-programme and payment sanction during 2020-21 – 1st installment -regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to the release of **Rs.87.54 lakh (Rupees Eighty seven lakhs and fifty four thousand only) including balance of previous year** as first installment towards Grants-in-Aid to state Government of Sikkim under the National Afforestation Programme Scheme for the financial year 2020-21 (Plan) Non-Recurring. The project shall be implemented by the SFDA Sikkim for carrying out 1914 ha. of maintenance of plantation for respectively at a total cost of **Rs. 129.69 lakh (Rupees one crores twenty nine lakhs and sixty nine thousand only) @** wage rate of Rs. 300/- and 450/- for the year 2020-21. The 90% Central Share is Rs.116.72 lakh (Rupees one crore sixteen lakhs and seventy two thousand only). The FDA-wise approved work programme of SFDA, Sikkim is given in Annexure.

2. The utilisation certificate has been received for Rs.598.26 lakh against the release funds of Rs.598.26 lakh during 2018-19 and 2019-20 from SFDA Sikkim is enclosed.

3. **The Scheme will be implemented on the funding pattern between Centre and State of 90:10 for Sikkim 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.25 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	87.54
SCSP	3601.06.789.01.01.31	0
TSP	3601.06.796.01.01.31	0
Total		87.54

5. **The payment of an amount of Rs.87.54 lakh to be made in favor of Secretary, Department of finance, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok through Cheque.**

6. The State Government of Sikkim 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	Type of Account	Account No.
State Forest Development Agency Sikkim	United Bank of India	United Bank of India, Deorali, Gangtok, Sikkim	UTBIOGTKF44	-	143005 000161 8

7. SFDA Sikkim 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 Annual Work Programme of 2019-20. 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 Sikkim 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 Sikkim 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 Sikkim 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 Certificate has been issued has been utilized exclusively in 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.12** in the Register of Grants (General Categories).
- (vi) Sikkim 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 Sikkim 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 2020-21 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by Sikkim SFDA to the Government of India.
- (ix) Sikkim 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 :-
- Sikkim SFDA will have to spend the amount sanctioned to them up to 31.03.2021.
 - Utilization Certificate of Grants-in Aid sanctioned during the year 2020-21 from Sikkim SFDA would have to be submitted as required under GFR 202(1) read with the Form GFR 19-A.
10. Sikkim 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:-
- 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.
 - 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.
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 SFDA will certify that the creation work has been carried out in the area where Geo references have been submitted for advance work during 2017-18. *Satellite photographs with dates and lat-long coordinates should be furnished before and after the implementation of each work of the scheme and furnished with the physical progress report. (Say before and after completing Advance Work, Creation and maintenance separately).*
18. Sikkim SFDA has to provide measurable outcome (quantified) in terms of per percentage increase in plantation area, number of saplings planted (created) under survival rate (in percentage) in the progress report.
19. The amount released through this sanction has to be utilized for General/SCSP dominant areas only.
20. Evidence of deposit of TDS/Service tax in case of contract payments and CST in case of purchase of leviable goods.

21. 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)

22. 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, transparency and accountability, it is advised to make payments directly through the Bank accounts of beneficiaries by linking with the Aadhar Identification Number.

23. The sanction issues under the power delegated to the National Afforestation & Eco-Development Board and with the concurrence of the Finance Division vide their Dy.No. AS&FA NOTE # 36 dated 18/01/2021.

Encl.: as above.

Yours faithfully,

(R.C. Meena)

Assistant Commissioner (Forestry)

Copy to: -

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok
2. The Secretary, Forest Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
3. The Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
4. The Secretary, Planning Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
5. The Accountant General (A&E), Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
6. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/ Nodal Officer of NAP, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
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.
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11. The US (IFD), NAEB.
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13. ACF, NAEB
14. DPA, NAEB
15. Budget and Accounts Division, Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi.
16. Sanction Folder/ Guard File.

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Details of 2019-20

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Approved Consolidated FDA-wise Work Programme of SFDA SIKKIM under "National Afforestation Programme(NAP)" Scheme during 2020-21 - (Low & High Altitude)

Sl. No.	Components	Low Altitude			High Altitude			(Low+High)	
		Wage Rate : Rs.300/-			Wage Rate : Rs.450/-			Grand Total	
		Adm.	Total		Adm.	Total		Phy.	Fin.
	Cost	Phy.	Fin.	Cost	Phy.	Fin.	Phy.	Fin.	
1	Aided Natural Regeneration	9750			9750				
	Admissible Rate :	39000			58500				
	Advance Work	17840	0	0.00	25942	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Creation(200 plants/ha.)	11761	0	0.00	17075	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Maintenance-1st Year	3203	250	8.01	5161	148	7.64	398	15.65
	Maintenance-2nd Year	3203	0	0.00	5161	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Maintenance-3rd Year	3203	0	0.00	5161	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Sub Total :	39000	0	8.01	58500	0	7.64	0	15.65
2	Artificial Regeneration	17100	0	0.00	17100	0	0.00		
	Admissible Rate :	68400	0	0.00	102600	0	0.00		
	Advance Work	29894	0	0.00	45270	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Creation(1100 plants/ha.)	22366	0	0.00	33078	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Maintenance-1st Year	5380	288	15.49	8084	142	11.48	430	26.97
	Maintenance-2nd Year	5380	0	0.00	8084	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Maintenance-3rd Year	5380	0	0.00	8084	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Sub Total :	68400	0	15.49	102600	0	11.48	0	26.97
3	Pasture Development	11100	0	0.00	11100	0	0.00		
	Admissible Rate :	44400	0	0.00	88800	0	0.00		
	Advance Work	19711	0	0.00	28893	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Creation(400 plants/ha.)	13856	0	0.00	21102	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Maintenance-1st Year	3811	193	8.97	5535	72	3.99	265	10.95
	Maintenance-2nd Year	3811	0	0.00	5535	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Maintenance-3rd Year	3811	0	0.00	5535	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Sub Total :	44400	0	8.97	66600	0	3.99	0	10.95
4	Bamboo Plantation	9300	0	0.00	9300	0	0.00		
	Admissible Rate :	37200	0	0.00	55800	0	0.00		
	Advance Work	16901	0	0.00	25102	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Creation(625 plants/ha.)	12864	0	0.00	18185	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Maintenance-1st Year	2645	227	6.00	4171	93	3.88	320	9.88
	Maintenance-2nd Year	2645	0	0.00	4171	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Maintenance-3rd Year	2645	0	0.00	4171	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Sub Total :	37200	0	6.00	55800	0	3.88	0	9.88
5	Planting of Canes	11100	0	0.00	0	0	0.00		
	Admissible Rate :	44400	0	0.00	0	0	0.00		
	Advance Work	18925	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Creation(400 plants/ha.)	13217	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Maintenance-1st Year	4088	25	1.02	0	0	0.00	25	1.02
	Maintenance-2nd Year	4088	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Maintenance-3rd Year	4088	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Sub Total :	44400	0	1.02	0	0	0.00	0	1.02
6	Mixed Plantation of trees having MFP & Medicinal Values	20400	0	0.00	17100	0	0.00		
	Admissible Rate :	81800	0	0.00	102600	0	0.00		
	Advance Work	35904	0	0.00	46227	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Creation(1100 plants/ha.)	25996	0	0.00	33354	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Maintenance-1st Year	6528	208	10.71	7673	131	8.53	339	19.24
	Maintenance-2nd Year	6528	0	0.00	7673	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Maintenance-3rd Year	6528	0	0.00	7673	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Sub Total :	81844	0	10.71	102600	0	8.53	0	19.24
7	Regeneration of Perennial Herbs & Shrubs of Medicinal Value	0	0	0.00	20400	0	0.00		
	Admissible Rate :	0	0	0.00	122400	0	0.00		
	Advance Work	0	0	0.00	54715	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Creation(2000 plants/ha.)	0	0	0.00	38930	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Maintenance-1st Year	0	0	0.00	9585	89	4.48	89	4.48
	Maintenance-2nd Year	0	0	0.00	9585	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Maintenance-3rd Year	0	0	0.00	9585	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Sub Total :	0	0	0.00	122400	0	4.48	0	4.48
8	Seabuckthorn Plantation	0	0	0.00	17100	0	0.00		
	Admissible Rate :	0	0	0.00	102600	0	0.00		
	Advance Work	0	0	0.00	44743	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Creation(2000 plants/ha.)	0	0	0.00	29834	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Maintenance-1st Year	0	0	0.00	9341	48	5.00	48	5.00
	Maintenance-2nd Year	0	0	0.00	9341	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Maintenance-3rd Year	0	0	0.00	9341	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Sub Total :	0	0	0.00	102600	0	0.00	0	5.00
	Total Works :	1191	48.20		723	50.05		1914	98.25
	M&E (2%)	0.98			1.00			1.97	
	Fencing (5%)	2.41			2.50			4.91	
	SMC (15% planting cost)	7.23			7.51			14.74	
	OH(10% planting cost)	4.82			5.00			9.83	
9	EPA (@ Rs. 2000/- ha. on AW)	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Total (Ancillary Activities) :	15.42			16.02			31.44	
	Total Outlay (Total works + Ancillary Activities) :	63.62			66.06			129.69	
10	Central Share of 90% Total Outlay	0	57.28		0	59.46		116.72	
	Total advance work :	0			0			0	
	Total Creation/Plantation :	0			0			0	
	Total Maintenance 1st Yr. :	1191			723			1914	
	Total Maintenance 2nd Yr. :	0			0			0	
	Total Maintenance 3rd Yr. :	0			0			0	


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