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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
National River Conservation Directorate
Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan (First Floor)
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 510
Dated: 18th December, 2017

To

The Principal Pay & Accounts Officer
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
New Delhi – 110003

Sub: Financial Assistance for Conservation and Management of Pong Dam Wetland in Himachal Pradesh for the year 2017-18 under the National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Eco – systems (NPCA) – Reg.

Sir

I am directed to convey the approval of the President of India to sanction an amount of **Rs. 140.50 lakh (Rupees one crore forty lakh fifty thousand only)** without Flexi funds (FF) to the Department of Science, Technology and Environment, Government of Himachal Pradesh (H.P.) for implementation of Annual Management Action Plan (MAP) for conservation and management of Pong Dam Wetland in H.P during FY 2017-18, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Plan Conservation of Aquatic Eco-Systems (NPCA) on 90:10 funding pattern. The sanction is based on the Annual MAP submitted by the Government of H.P to the Ministry, vide their letter no. SCSTE/ Pong wetland-2080 dated 25.08.2017 as per the break up given below:

(Amt. Rs in lakh)

1	Activity/ items	Phys. Targets	Rates per unit	Amount sanctioned
A	Protection and Monitoring			
(i)	Purchase of all Terrain Vehicles	1 nos	Rs. 15.00	15.00
(ii)	Hiring of Boatman, Anti-poachers etc.	LS	--	5.00
(iii)	Trench to protect breeding colonies in Rancer Island	2 Km	2.5/km	5.00
(iv)	Repair of existing watch towers	4 nos	0.375/no	1.50
(v)	Monitoring Surveillance system	1 no	10.00	10.00
(vi)	Engaging Labour for preventing illegal Grazing	LS	--	10.00
B	Catchment Area Treatment			
(i)	Activities in terms of gully plugging, stream bank erosion, water harvesting structure etc.	LS	--	20.00
(ii)	Construction of non-geometrical bunds to create shallow water	LS	--	20.00

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	ponds and mounds along the contours to enrich the existing habitat for migratory birds and Sarus Cranes, below 1390 ft msl.			
C	Weed Infestation and its Control			
(i)	Uprooting cutting of unwanted weeds for habitat improvement for migratory birds	LS	--	5.00
D	Supplementary/ Alternate Livelihoods			
(i)	Entry Point activities	LS	--	5.00
(ii)	Training to locals as guides, boatman, patta making, catering etc.	LS	--	5.00
(iii)	Purchase of still and video camera with lenses, GPS, Binoculars, Night Vision equipments etc.	LS	--	10.00
E	Environmental Education and Awareness			
(i)	Workshop/exposure visits of staff/locals etc	LS	--	10.00
(ii)	Conducting Local Research & Monitoring	LS	--	5.00
(iii)	Composing, publishing awareness material for promoting	LS	--	5.00
F	Biodiversity Conservation activities			
(i)	Engaging one Biologist and Two assistants for Bird Monitoring Centre	LS	--	5.00
G	Publicity, Resource Material (HIMCOSTE)	LS	--	1.00
H	Fisheries Conservation (Fisheries Department)	LS	--	3.00
	Total			140.50
(a)	Cost of Annual MAP including State share		A	140.50 lakh
(b)	Amount as Central share in Annual MAP		B=90% of A	126.45 lakh
(c)	Amount to be released during FY 2017-18		C=50% of B	63.225 lakh
(d)	Less : unspent balance of previous year		D	(-) 1.10 lakh
(e)	Net amount to be released during FY 2017-18		E=C-D	62.125 lakh

(The amount admissible will be as per actual subject to the ceiling of maximum and as per state schedule of Rate).

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2. The sanction of the President is also conveyed for the release of **Rs. 62.125 lakh (Rupees sixty two lakh twelve thousand five hundred only)** to Govt. of Himachal Pradesh to meet the expenditure for the activities to be undertaken during FY 2017-18, as given in the above table in para 1.

3. The sanction is also conveyed to revalidate an amount of **Rs. 1.10 lakh (Rupees one lakh fifty ten thousand only)** being unspent balance of FY 2016-17 for the current financial year i.e. 2017-18.

4. In addition to the terms and conditions detailed in this Ministry's sanction even number dated 14th September, 2007, this release is subject to the following conditions:

- (i) On the receipt of the grant, the State Government will also release its corresponding share immediately for the project.
- (ii) The State Council for Science, Technology and Environment, Government of H.P. shall be the Implementing Agency (IA) for undertaking the above activities for Pong Dam wetland.
- (iii) The State Level Steering Committee headed by Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary, Department of Science, Technology and Environment, Government of H.P. shall monitor the progress of activities at the end of every quarter and shall submit quarterly physical & financial status to the Ministry. All the activities shall be completed by the end of this financial year.
- (iv) Once the above activities are completed, the State Govt. shall submit a Consolidated Report of the work carried out so far with the Total financial assistance received under the National Wetland Conservation Programme (NWCP). The report shall contain quantitative details, maps indicating activities undertaken and other work done, areas covered so far along-with photograph of the site etc.
- (v) The State Government shall select an impartial outside Technical Agency for evaluating the work carried out so far from the financial assistance received under the NWCP.
- (vi) A certificate of civil works, if any shall be submitted mentioning that the rates are as per the schedule of State Public Works Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh.
- (vii) As per instructions of Direct Benefit Transfer cell, a separate interest earning bank account shall be opened for the purpose and the account shall be open for audit by Central Government or C&AG and compliance with DBT scheme. All payments shall be made electronically only through bank transfer, and no cash payments, are to be made by the Implementing Agency.
- (viii) GFR is followed by implementing agency along with the economy instructions issued by Government of India from time to time.
- (ix) 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.
- (x) There should not be any overlapping of activities under the projects with the activities of ongoing scheme of Central/State Government. The fixed asset created out of this grant shall not be disposed of without approval of this Ministry.

- (xi) Satellite Photographs with date and latitude and longitude coordinates before and after completion of work depicting the work shall be submitted along with Utilization Certificate.
- (xii) The fixed asset created out of this grant shall not be disposed off without approval of this Ministry.
- (xiii) The Utilization Certificate (UC), Physical Progress Report (PPR) and Satellite photographs with physical deliverable with date and latitude & longitude coordinates before and after completion of work shall be uploaded in the website of the State Government and in turn this Ministry would load on Government of India website for Public access.
5. The UC and PPR along with photographs of location where activities undertaken against the available grant would be submitted on quarterly basis. The U.C. in the GFR-19 -A Format shall be signed and stamped by the Head of the Department/authorized representative and also by Accounts Officer. Component wise breakup of expenditure on Central and State's share shall be provided.
6. In accordance with the revised procedure, the Reserve Bank of India may be advised for debiting the amount of **Rs. 62.125 lakh (Rupees sixty two lakh twelve thousand five hundred only)** to the account of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and passing on the credit to the Central Accounts Section, Nagpur for transfer to the State Govt. Himachal Pradesh in the books to the later.
7. Violation of any of the terms may result in recovery of the amount given as assistance for the above mentioned activities.
8. The expenditure is debitible to Major Head: 3601.06.101.03.03.35- Grants for Creation of Capital Assets under the National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Ecosystems under Demand No. 27 of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change during FY 2017-18 (Plan).
9. As per the revised guideline on FF, the fund to the tune of 25% may be set aside for FF. However, States who want to avail the FF facility should constitute a State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) to sanction project or activities under the FF component. Participation of the concerned Central Ministry would be mandatory in the SLSC before the FF fund is invoked under any Central Scheme.
10. The sanction is issued under the powers delegated to the Ministries/ Departments with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide their Dy. No. P-89378/AS&FA /2017 dated 05.12.2017.

Yours faithfully


(Chandan Singh)
Deputy Director (S)

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Department of Science, Technology and Environment, Government of H.P.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt of H.P. Shimla
3. The Joint Member Secretary, Himachal Pradesh Council for Science, Technology and Environment (HIMCOSTE), Vigyan Bhawan, Bemloe, Shimla-171001 (Himachal Pradesh)
4. The Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.

5. Accountant General, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla
6. Pay & Accounts Officer, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi.
7. Director of Audit, Commerce, Works & Misc.-II, AGCR Building, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110002.
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