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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(National River Conservation Directorate)
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Dated: 27th March, 2017

To

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

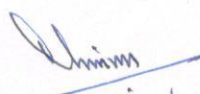
Sub: Financial Assistance for Conservation and Management of Chandratal wetland in Himachal Pradesh for the year 2016-17 under the National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Eco-systems (NPCA)-Reg

Sir,

I am directed to convey the approval of the President of India to sanction an amount of **Rs 13,00,000/- (Rupees Thirteen lakhs only)** without flexi funds to the Department of Science, Technology and Environment, Government of Himachal Pradesh (H.P.) for implementation of action plan for conservation and management of Chandratal wetland in Himachal Pradesh during FY 2016-17, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Eco-systems (NPCA) on 80:20 funding pattern. The sanction is based on the Annual Management Action Plan (MAP) submitted by the Government of Himachal Pradesh to the Ministry, vide their letter no. SCSTE/Wetland Coordination-2608 dated 18th June, 2016, as per the break up given below:

(Amount in Rs lakh)

S. No	Activity/Item	Physical Targets	Rates per unit	Amt. sanctioned	GPS Coordinates
1	Catchment area treatment: conservation activities in erosion prone areas a) check dams b) geo-textile matting c) Vegetative barriers with local grass and shrub	--	LS	7,00,000	Not indicated by the State Govt
2.	Supplementing Livelihoods a) Live stock	--	LS	2,00,000	Not applicable



	Vaccination b) Management of Pastures & Grazing			1,00,000	
3	Environment educational	--	LS	1,00,000	Not applicable
4.	Environment Awareness	--	LS	1,00,000	Not applicable
5.	Research & Monitoring	--	LS	1,00,000	Not applicable
	Total amount sanctioned for MAP during 2016-17 including State share			13,00,000 or say (Rs. 13.00 lakh)	
A	Cost of Annual MAP including State share, (but excluding flexi funds)		A	13.00 lakh	
B	Central share in APO		B=80% of A	10.40 lakh	
C	Less: unspent balance of previous year, if any		C	(-) 0.03182 lakh (0.032)	
D	Amount proposed for release as Central share		D = B-C	10.36 lakh	

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

2. The sanction of the President is also conveyed for release of **Rs 10,36,000/- (Rupees ten lakh thirty six thousand only)** to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh to meet the expenditure for the activities to be undertaken during FY 2016-17, as given in the above table.

3. The sanction is also conveyed to revalidate an amount of **Rs. 0.032 lakh (Rupees thirty two hundred only)** being unspent balance of FY 2009-10 for the current financial year i.e. 2016-17.

4. In addition to the terms and conditions detailed in this Ministry's earlier sanction of even number dated 30th December, 2008, 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 Himachal Pradesh shall be the Implementing Agency (IA) for undertaking the above activities for Chandratat 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 Council for Science, Technology and Environment, H.P. / State Government shall submit a Consolidated Report of the work carried out so far with the total financial assistance received under the National Wetland Conservation Programme (NWPC). 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 DBT 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 Direct Benefit Transfer scheme. All payments shall be made electronically only through bank transfer, and no cash payments, are to be made by the Implementing Agency. The interest thus earned should be credited to the project and reflected in the Utilization Certificate from time to time and shall be adjusted towards future fund release for the project.
- (viii) GFR is followed by implementing agency along with the economy instructions issued by Government of India from time to time.
- (ix) Satellite photographs with date and latitude and longitude nodes before and after completion of work depicting the work shall be submitted along with Utilization Certificate.
- (x) The Utilization Certificate with photographs and physical progress report shall be uploaded in the website of the State Government and in turn this Ministry would load on Government of India website for Public viewing.

5. The Utilization Certificate (U.C.) and Physical Progress of work undertaken for the released amount shall be submitted on quarterly basis. The U.C. in the GFR-19 A format shall be signed and stamped by the Head of the Deptt./ authorized representative and also by Accounts Officer. Component wise break-up 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 10,36,000/- (Rupees ten lakh thirty six thousand only)** to the account of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and passing on the credit to the Central Accounts Section, Nagpur for transfer to the **State Government of 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 debitable to Major Head: 3601.02.656.07.03.35 - 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 2016-17 (Plan).

9. As per the revised guideline on flexi fund (FF), the fund to the tune of 25% may be set aside for flexi fund, however, State who want to avail the flexi fund facility, should constitute a State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) to sanction project or activities under the flexi fund component. Participation of the concerned Central Ministry would be mandatory in the SLSC before the flexi 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-60613/DS (IFD)/2017 dated 21.03.2017.

Yours faithfully,



(Dr. A. DURAISAMY)
Director (S)

Copy to:

1. Secretary, Department of Environment and Forests, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt of H.P. Shimla
3. The Member Secretary, State Council for Science, Technology & Environment, Government of Himachal Pradesh, 34, SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla-170009.
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.
8. The Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Central Account Section, Nagpur.
9. IFD/B&A Section.
10. Computer Cell, NRCD / DDO, NRCD
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