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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change  
National Afforestation & Eco-Development Board  
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Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110 510

Dated: 18.07.2016

To  
The Pay & Accounts Officer,  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change  
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan  
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) Andhra Pradesh. Approval of work programme and payment sanction during 2016-17 for Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP) Category – 1<sup>st</sup> installment - regarding.**

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to the release of **Rs. 16.37 lakh (Rupees sixteen six lakh and thirty seven thousand only)** as first installment towards Grants-in-Aid to SFDA Andhra Pradesh project under the National Afforestation Programme Scheme for the financial year 2016-17(Plan) Non-Recurring (**Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP) Category**). The project shall be implemented by the SFDA Andhra Pradesh for carrying out 55 hectares of advance work, 55 hectares of creation and maintenance of plantation for 2<sup>nd</sup> year and 3<sup>rd</sup> year in 30 hectares and 10 hectares respectively at a total cost of **Rs. 36.36 lakh (Rupees thirty six lakh and thirty six thousand only)** for the year 2016-17 of which **60% Central Share is Rs. 21.82 lakh (Rupees twenty one lakh and eighty two thousand only)**. The FDA-wise approved work programme of SFDA, Andhra Pradesh is given in Annexure.

2. The consolidated utilisation certificate i.r.o General, TSP and SCSP categories (including Central, State shares, interest etc.) has been received with an utilisation of Rs. 413.37 lakh for the year 2015-16.

3. **The Scheme will be implemented on the funding pattern between Centre and State of 60:40 for Andhra Pradesh State. The first installment release of Central assistance is subject to the condition that a matching share should come from the State Government (retrospectively).**

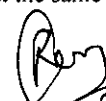
4. The expenditure involved will be met from within the Sanctioned Budget Grant under No.27 Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, **Major Head 3601.02.789.68.01.31** Grants-in Aid for the year 2016-17 (Plan).

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 Andhra Pradesh and to debit the amount to the Account of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi.**

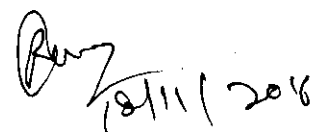
6. **The State Government of Andhra Pradesh would make provisions in their budget and on receipt of funds from RBI, release the grants of above funds within 15 days of the issue of this sanction letter to the SFDA, the details of which are given below, under intimation to this office.**

| 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.      |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Andhra Pradesh State Forest Development Agency | Andhra Bank                         | Andhra Bank, 1122, Film Nagar, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh | ANDB 0001122                     | Saving          | 1122101000 11289 |

7. SFDA Andhra Pradesh 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.

  
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8. All relevant documents/ certificates would be submitted by the implementing agency after completion of Annual Work Programme of 2016-17. 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 Andhra Pradesh 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 Andhra Pradesh 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 Andhra Pradesh 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. 2** in the Register of Grants (SCSP-Category).
  - (vi) Andhra Pradesh 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 Andhra Pradesh 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 2016-17 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by Andhra Pradesh SFDA to the Government of India.
  - (ix) Andhra Pradesh 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. Andhra Pradesh SFDA will have to spend the amount sanctioned to them up to 31.03.2017.
    - b. Utilization Certificate of Grants-in Aid sanctioned during the year 2016-17 from Andhra Pradesh SFDA would have to be submitted as required under GFR 202(1) read with the Form GFR 19-A.
10. Andhra Pradesh SFDA will take necessary steps to ensure the minimum survival of plants after planting under the NAP Scheme from the end of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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. 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 at the time of 2<sup>nd</sup> installment release. The Progress Report of each quarter is to be sent regularly.
13. 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.
14. 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.



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15. 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.

16. The SFDA was advised to complete the digitization of forest boundary and submit status report which should be complied with.

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 2015-16. *Satellite photographs with dates and GPS 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. The proposal for flexi funds under NAP will be considered as per revised guidelines of the Central Government on flexi funds which have been already intimated vide this office letter No. 25.1.1/99-B-II-Part (NAEB) dated 06.10.2016.

19. **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.

20. 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. 1068/AS&FA dated 03.11.2016.

Encl.: as above.

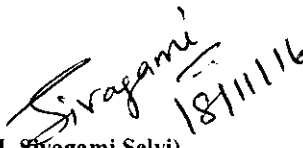
Yours faithfully,

  
(R.C. Meehar)

Assistant Commissioner (Forestry)

**Copy to: -**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
2. The Secretary, Forest Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
3. The Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
4. The Secretary, Planning Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
5. The Accountant General (A&E), Government of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
6. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional Office MoEF&CC, Bangalore.
7. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/ Nodal Officer of NAP, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
8. The Chief Executive Officer all concerned FDAs in Andhra Pradesh.
9. Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Plan Finance Division, New Delhi.
10. The Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Central Account Section, Nagpur.
11. The Principal Director (Audit), Scientific Department, AGCR Building, New Delhi-2
12. The Co-ordinator, Regional Centre of NAEB, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore.
13. I.G.F.(NAEB), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi.
14. The Director (IFD), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi.
15. The Accounts Officer (Cash), National Afforestation & Eco-Development Board
16. ACF (B-II), National Afforestation & Eco-Development Board
17. DPA, National Afforestation & Eco-Development Board
18. Budget and Accounts Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi.
19. Sanction Folder/Guard File.

  
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Technical Officer (Forestry)

**Details of 2016-17**

(Rs. in Lakh)

|    |   | (Rs. in Lakh) |
|----|---|---------------|
| 1. | Cost of APO of 2016-17                            | 36.36         |
| 2. | Central Share (60% of APO)                        | 21.82         |
| 3. | First installment of Central Share (75 %)         | 16.37         |
| 4. | Unspent balance                                   | 0.00          |
| 5. | Amount being released as first installment (75 %) | 16.37         |

**Approved Work Programme of FDAs falls under SCSP Category in SFDA ANDHRA PRADESH under  
National Afforestation Programme Scheme during 2016-17**

**Physical : Area in Ha.**

**Financial : Rs. In lakh**

| Sl. No. | Component                          | Wage Rate : Rs. 350.00 |         |              |
|---------|------------------------------------|------------------------|---------|--------------|
|         |                                    | Adm. Cost              | Krishna |              |
|         |                                    |                        | Phy.    | Fin.         |
| 1       | Artificial Regenertion             | 17100                  |         |              |
|         | Admissible Rate :                  | 79800                  |         |              |
|         | AW for planting in 2016-17         | 27300                  |         |              |
|         | Creation (1100 plants/ha.)         | 31850                  |         |              |
|         | Maintenance-1st Year               | 9100                   |         |              |
|         | Maintenance-2nd Year               | 6650                   | 30      | 1.99         |
|         | Maintenance-3rd Year               | 4900                   | 10      | 0.49         |
|         | <b>Sub Total :</b>                 | <b>79800</b>           |         | <b>2.48</b>  |
| 2       | Mixed Plantation                   | 17100                  |         |              |
|         | Admissible Rate :                  | 79800                  |         |              |
|         | AW for planting in 2016-17         | 30800                  | 55      | 16.94        |
|         | Creation (200 plants/ha.)          | 30800                  | 55      | 16.94        |
|         | Maintenance-1st Year               | 8750                   |         |              |
|         | Maintenance-2nd Year               | 5250                   |         |              |
|         | Maintenance-3rd Year               | 4200                   |         |              |
|         | <b>Sub Total :</b>                 | <b>79800</b>           |         | <b>33.88</b> |
|         | <b>Total Works :</b>               |                        |         | <b>36.36</b> |
| 3       | Central Share (60% of Total Works) |                        |         | <b>21.82</b> |
|         | <b>Total Advance Works :</b>       |                        | 55      |              |
|         | <b>Total Creation :</b>            |                        | 55      |              |
|         | <b>Total Maintenance 1st Yr. :</b> |                        | 0       |              |
|         | <b>Total Maintenance 2nd Yr. :</b> |                        | 30      |              |
|         | <b>Total Maintenance 3rd Yr. :</b> |                        | 10      |              |

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