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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment & Forests  
National Afforestation & Eco-Development Board  
Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex  
Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110 510

Dated : 19/8/2010

To

The Principal Pay & Accounts Officer,  
Ministry of Environment & Forests  
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road  
NEW Delhi – 110 510.

Subject: Sanction of Project under the National Afforestation Programme Scheme for implementation by **State Forest Development Agency (SFDA) Chhattisgarh** – Approval of work-programme and payment sanction during 2010-11 - 1st instalment reg.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to the release of **Rs.1545.00 lakhs (Rupees fifteen crore, forty five lakhs only)** as first instalment towards Grants-in-Aid to SFDA Chhattisgarh project under the National Afforestation Programme Scheme for the financial year 2010-11 Plan Non-Recurring. The project shall be implemented by the SFDA Chhattisgarh through 7887 VFCs for carrying out 8715 ha creation and maintenance of plantation at a total cost of **Rs.3088.73 lakh (Rupees thirty crore, eighty eight lakhs and seventy three thousand only)** for the year 2010-11. The approved Work Programme of the project is given in **Annexure-I**.

2. All relevant information and documents/certificates as required under NAP have been received. The pattern of assistance of rules governing as per revised operational guidelines have received as per approval of the Ministry of Finance. Utilisation Certificates in Form GFR 19-A will be obtained from implementing agency before release of 2<sup>nd</sup> installment against out of consolidated previous release as per the revised operational guidelines 2009 including interest.

3. Statement showing amount of FDA-wise unspent balance is enclosed as Annexure-II. The unspent balance of Rs.422.86 lakhs is taken into account in the Committed liabilities and sanctioned work programme.

4. Grants-in-aid will be regulated in accordance with the provisions contained in the Guidelines of Ministry of Environment & Forests, 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) All relevant information and documents/ certificates as required under NAP Guidelines have been received.
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) No staff is to be provided specifically for the scheme.
- (iv) Assets acquired wholly or substantially out of Government Grants shall not be disposed off without obtaining the prior approval of the sanctioning authority of Grants-in Aid.
- (v) The Accounts of Chhattisgarh 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.
- (vi) The Accounts of Chhattisgarh 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.

  
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- (vii) The Chhattisgarh SFDA shall furnish Utilization Certificate alongwith 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 Chhattisgarh SFDA and that the Grant shall be spent with the extant instruction/ rules and with the approval of competent authority in each case.
- (viii) Performance cum achievement report of Chhattisgarh SFDA shall be furnished within prescribed time limit.
- (ix) Noted at **Sl.No.4** in the Register of Grants.
- (x) Chhattisgarh SFDA will spend Grants-in Aid exclusively in pursuance of the objectives envisaged in Rules/Memorandum of Chhattisgarh SFDA, for the purpose it is being sanctioned.
- (xi) Grants-in Aid to Chhattisgarh SFDA is subject to the Economy Instruction issued from time to time by the Ministry of Finance or by any Competent Authority so designated.
- (xii) Grants-in Aid shall be utilized before the end of the current financial year 2010-11 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by Chhattisgarh SFDA to the Government of India.
- (xiii) Chhattisgarh SFDA will maintain and will present their annual accounts in the standard format as required under GFR 209(xiii).
- (xiv) In case of Non-recurring Grant for specified object :-
  - a. Chhattisgarh SFDA will have to spend the amount sanctioned to them upto 31.03.2011.
  - b. Utilization Certificate of Grants-in Aid sanctioned during the year 2010-11 from Chhattisgarh SFDA would have to be submitted as required under GFR 202(1) read with the Form GFR 19-A.

4. 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.

5. The expenditure involved will be met from within the Sanctioned Budget Grant under No. 30 Ministry of Environment & Forests, Major Head 2406.04.101.08.00.31 Grants-in Aid for the year 2010-11 (Plan).

6. The Drawing & Disbursing Officer (NAEB), Ministry of Environment & Forests is hereby authorized to prepare and submit bill for this payment to Pay and Account Officer, Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi, who will direct **Union Bank of India Sunder Nagar, New Delhi to make the payment electronically i.e. through CBS/RTGs to State Forest Development Agency (SFDA), Chhattisgarh** whose bank details are as given below :

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 Chhattisgarh	Union Bank of India	Union Bank of India, Shanker Nagar, Raipur-492007	UBIN 0554090	Saving	540902010006202

7. 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 funds received by the SFDA from NAEB shall be deposited in its exclusive and separate current account in a Nationalised Bank, which would be operated jointly by its Chairperson and the Member Secretary.
- b) The SFDA shall transfer the full amount earmarked for all FDAs within 7 days of receipt of funds from the NAEB, MoEF based on the approved work programme.
- c) The funds received by the FDA from SFDA shall be deposited in its exclusive and separate current account in a Nationalised Bank, which would be operated jointly by its Chairperson and the Member Secretary. If the stipulation regarding joint signatures of the CEO and the

  
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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.

- d) The FDA shall release the amount for all the JFMCs/EDCs by ECS or demand draft within 15 days of receipt of funds from the SFDA based on the fund requirement, progress of implementation and utilisation of earlier releases.
- e) The respective JFMCs/ EDCs shall deposit the funds thus received from the FDA in their exclusive and separate account in a Nationalised Bank/ a Cooperative Bank/ or a Post Office, which would be jointly operated by the President and the Member Secretary.
- f) Each JFMC/ EDC shall submit a quarterly statement of accounts and progress of works carried out by them to the FDA.
- g) The FDA shall submit a comprehensive annual report on the progress of works and utilisation of funds in respect of all JFMCs/ EDCs to the respective State Forest Development Agency. However, these details have to be furnished by the FDA each time they seek for release of the next instalment of funds under the project.
- h) The Project shall be implemented in the areas as indicated in the project proposal and approved by the NAEB, MoEF.
- i) The interest amount if any, accrued on the deposits of these funds shall be treated as part of the SFDA's additional resources and would be adjusted towards further instalments of the grant.
- j) The funds released under the scheme shall be subject to audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India or his 20 nominated officer. Any other agency/ officer (s) authorised by NAEB shall have the right of access to the books and accounts of the SFDA/ FDA/JFMCs and EDCs for the funds received under the project.
- k) The SFDA shall be responsible for guidance, coordination, supervision, periodical reporting and monitoring the implementation of the project by their constituent FDAs/JFMCs/ EDCs. The project shall be monitored periodically by the respective State Forest Department and the officials of NAEB, MoEF and all assistance for this purpose will be rendered by the SFDA.
- l) The project should be completed within the approved project period. The SFDA shall furnish 2 copies of detailed report to NAEB as per the format prescribed by NAEB within two months of completion of the project.
- m) NAEB reserve the right to terminate the grant at any stage if it is convinced that the grant has not been properly utilised or appropriate progress has not been made.
- n) In case the FDA fails to execute the project within the stipulated time, including such extensions as may be granted by NAEB, NAEB may, in its discretion, require the SFDA to refund the grant in whole or in such part on account of the FDA along with interest thereon as NAEB may specify.
- o) There will be no diversion of funds from one FDA to another FDA or one JFMC/ EDC to another save in exceptional circumstances and with the prior approval of NAEB.
- p) The SFDA will submit non-diversion and non-embezzlement certificate each time a request for release of grant is made to NAEB.
- q) The auditing of accounts of the SFDA/FDAs will have to be carried out through a reputed Chartered Accountant who is also on the panel of C&AG.
- r) The SFDA shall also submit a certificate to the effect that all conditions laid down in the guidelines and the sanction order are being followed each time a request for release of grant is made to NAEB.
- s) FDA/ JFMCs will maintain a record of all assets created under the project as per GFR 151
- t) Contractors, middlemen/ intermediate agencies are not permitted to be engaged for execution of any of the works under the scheme so that full benefit of wages to be paid reach the workers.
- u) Except for supervening impossibilities, the Chairperson and the Member Secretary of the SFDA/FDA shall be solely responsible and accountable for successful implementation of the project.

8. The implementing agency is requested to submit the FDA wise consolidated Utilization Certificates with interest before the release of second instalment.

9. 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.

  
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10. The implementing agency is requested to ensure that the Central assistance being released will be gainfully utilised 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.

11. The implementation of the project and maintenance of plantations raised thereunder that spill over to the next year shall be the responsibility of the State Government unless the NAP scheme is continued.

12. The details of the work to be taken up under Entry Point Activities alongwith the costing of the same may be provided to the sanctioning authority before taking up the works. **It may ensure that Soil Moisture Conservation, Entry Point Activities, Awareness Raising, Fencing, Training and Capacity Building, Value Addition and Marketing of Forest Produce etc. should be carried and conducted by Forest Development Agency as per verifiable and vouchable schedule.**

13. 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.47(IFD)/2010-11 dated 10.8.2010.

Yours faithfully,

  
(N.C. Sarvanan)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to :-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Chhattisgarh, Medical College Road, Aranya Bhawan, Raipur-492001.
2. The Secretary, Forest Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
3. The Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
4. The Secretary, Planning Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
5. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
6. The Accountant General (A&E), Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
7. The Chief Conservator of Forests/ Nodal Officer(SFDA), Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
8. The Chief Conservator of Forests(Central), Regional Office MoEF, Raipur.
9. The Coordinator, Regional Centre for NAEB, Raipur.
10. Principal Director (Audit), Scientific Department, AGCR Building, New Delhi-2.
11. I.G.F.(NAEB).
12. The US (IFD), NAEB.
13. The Accounts Officer(Cash), NAEB - (2 copies).
14. Budget and Accounts Division, Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi.
15. T.O. (B-II), NAEB
16. DPA, NAEB
16. Sanction Folder/ Guard File.



(R.C. Meena)

Technical Officer(Gr.I)

Details of 2010-11

Total Approved Project Cost (@ wage rate of Rs.116.27/- per day)	Rs.1545.00 lakhs
Amount being released as 1st Installment	Rs.3088.73 lakh

**ANNEXURE-I**  
**Approved Work Programme for 2010-11**  
**Central Sector Scheme "National Afforestation Programme" (NAP)**  
**Agency - State Forest Development Agency**  
**State - Chhattisgarh**      **Total Cost: 389.62 lakhs**

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Item of work	Rate (in Rs.)	Physical & Financial target/outlay for 2010-11		Committ Liability	Total req. 2010-11
			Phy.	Fin.		
1	2	3	4	5		
	Approved Wage rate - Rs	116.27				
1	Aup: Natural	5750				
	Admissible Rate	15115				
	a) Advance W	7383	0	0.00		0.00
	b) Creation	4756	3350	159.35		159.35
	b) Maintenan	1632	6950	113.42		113.42
		672	7870	51.56		51.56
		672	4630	31.11		31.11
	Subtotal :	15115	22900	357.42	0	357.42
2	Artificial Reve	17100				
	Admissible Rate	26510				
	a) Advance W	15047	0	0.00		0.00
	b) Creation	7623	2667	203.31		203.31
	b) Maintenan	1920	3680	70.66		70.66
		960	5575	53.52		53.52
		960	4435	42.56		42.56
	Subtotal :	26510	16357	370.07	0	370.07
3	Bamboo Plant	9300				
	Admissible Rate	14417				
	a) Advance W	6896	0	0.00		0.00
	b) Creation	4495	350	15.74		15.74
	b) Maintenan	1679	3201	53.74		53.74
		672	4625	31.06		31.06
		672	3267	21.95		21.95
	Subtotal :	14417	11443	122.51	0	122.51
4	Mixed Plantab	17100				
	Admissible Rate	26510				
	a) Advance W	15047	0	0.00		0.00
	b) Creation	7623	1365	104.05		104.05
	b) Maintenan	1920	1800	34.58		34.58
		960	1300	12.48		12.48
		960	1055	10.13		10.13
	Subtotal :	26510	5520	161.22	0	161.22
5	Passure Devel	11100				
	Admissible Rate	17208				
	a) Advance W	6238	0	0.00		0.00
	b) Creation	5510	895	45.54		45.54
	b) Maintenan	1624	740	13.50		13.50
		768	1190	9.14		9.14
		768	1210	9.29		9.29
	Subtotal :	17208	4023	81.47	0	81.47
6	Care Plantati	11100				
	Admissible Rate	17208				
	a) Advance W	8600	0	0.00		0.00
	b) Creation	2585		0.00		0.00
	b) Maintenan	1760		0.00		0.00
		1274		0.00		0.00
		1100		0.00		0.00
	Subtotal :		0	0.00	0	0.00
7	Regeneration	20400				
	Admissible Rate	31625				
	a) Advance W	17100	0	0.00		0.00
	b) Creation	8052	100	9.05		9.05
	b) Maintenan	2592	325	1.42		1.42
		1440	1580	21.71		21.71
		1440	1780	25.82		25.82
	Subtotal :	31625	3785	65.85	0	65.85
	Total work:		64026	1158.54	170.47	2925.71
1	Soil & Moisture Conservation (15% of plantation cost)			189.84		189.84
2	Entry Point Activities			0.00		0.00
3	Awareness Raising (15% of plantation cost)			12.06		12.06
4	Microplanting (2% of plantation cost)			21.11		21.11
5	Fencing upto 5% of plantation cost			60.2F		60.2F
6	Monitoring and Evaluation (2%)			21.11		21.11
7	Overhead (10% of plantation cost)			120.5F		120.5F
8	Training			0.00		0.00
	Subtotal :			421.96		421.96
	Grand Total		15831	1580.50	170.47	3347.67
	Unspent balance to be adjusted in the outlay (as per Annexure - IV)					251.94
	Amount proposed for total outlay					3085.73

Committed liability of Rs 176.17 lakhs (Rs 193.86 minus financial liability of Rs 163.5) lakhs

(F.O. Meena)  
 Technical Officer (G.O.)







