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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

15th
Dated : 14/9/2010

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) Gujarat** – 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.1341.00 lakh (Rupees thirteen crore forty one lakh only) as first instalment towards Grants-in-Aid to SFDA Gujarat project under the National Afforestation Programme Scheme for the financial year 2010-11 Plan Non-Recurring. The project shall be implemented by the SFDA Gujarat for carrying out 0 ha advance work, 6179 ha creation and maintenance of plantation for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Years in 16006 ha., 15495 ha. & 15965 ha. respectively at a total cost of Rs.2682.08 lakh (Rupees twenty six crore eighty two lakh and eight thousand only) for the year 2010-11. FDA-wise detail calculation indicating items of works, physical & financial is given in Annexure-I & Annexure-II.

2. Most of the relevant documents/certificates except utilisation certificates as required under NAP have been received. Since, Utilisation certificate for released amount during previous years are still awaited. Release of fund as first installment without UC is admission as per Revised Operational Guidelines 2009. An amount of Rs.502.29 lakhs of unspent balance has been adjusted against the outlay and Committed Liability.

3. The 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 Gujarat 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 Gujarat 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.
- (vii) The Gujarat 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 Gujarat SFDA and that the Grant shall be spent with the extant instruction/ rules and with the approval of competent authority in each case.

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- (viii) Performance cum achievement report of Gujarat SFDA shall be furnished within prescribed time limit.
- (ix) Noted at **Sl.No.8** in the Register of Grants.
- (x) Gujarat SFDA will spend Grants-in Aid exclusively in pursuance of the objectives envisaged in Rules/Memorandum of Gujarat SFDA, for the purpose it is being sanctioned.
- (xi) Grants-in Aid to Gujarat 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 Gujarat SFDA to the Government of India.
- (xiii) Gujarat 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. Gujarat 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 Gujarat 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 Ist 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), Gujarat whose bank details are as given below :

Name and Address 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.
Gujarat State Forest Development Agency	Allahabad Bank	Allahabad Bank, Old Polytechnic Branch, 13-18, Grand Mall, Nehru Nagar, S.M. Road, Opp SBI Zonal Office, Ahmedabad	ALLA0212121	Current	50034028719

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 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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