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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 : 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) Kerala** – Approval of work-programme and payment sanction during 2010-11 - Ist instalment reg.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to the release of Rs.377.00 lakh (Rupees three crore seventy seven lakh only) as first instalment towards Grants-in-Aid to SFDA Kerala project under the National Afforestation Programme Scheme for the financial year 2010-11 Plan Non-Recurring. The project shall be implemented by the SFDA Kerala for carrying out 666 ha advance work, 3561.50 ha creation and maintenance of plantation for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Years in 2939.84 ha., 3817.03 ha. & 6081.34 ha. respectively at a total cost of Rs.753.53 lakh (Rupees seven crore fifty three lakh and fifty three 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. All relevant 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 have been received for Rs.4027.66 lakh out of previous releases of Rs.4557.28 lakhs plus interest, and Misc. receipt. of Rs. 24.53 lakhs from various FDAs of Kerala. The unspent balance of Rs. 554.15 lakh has been taken into account in the current release. Copies of Utilisation Certificate of 27 FDAs are enclosed. Detail of the statement is given in Annexure-III.

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 Kerala 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 Kerala 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 Kerala 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 Kerala 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 Kerala SFDA shall be furnished within prescribed time limit.
- (ix) Noted at **Sl.No.6** in the Register of Grants.
- (x) Kerala SFDA will spend Grants-in Aid exclusively in pursuance of the objectives envisaged in Rules/Memorandum of Kerala SFDA, for the purpose it is being sanctioned.
- (xi) Grants-in Aid to Kerala 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 Kerala SFDA to the Government of India.
- (xiii) Kerala 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. Kerala 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 Kerala SFDA would have to be submitted as required under GFR 202(1) read with the Form GFR 19-A.
 - c. 50% of the sanctioned outlay is being released. 3 FDAs namely North Waynad, Thrissur and Vazachal has not taken the interest amount while showing balance amount in the Utilisation Certificate.

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), Kerala 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.
Kerala State Forest Development Agency	State Bank of Travancore	State Bank of Travancore, Vazhuthacaud Branch, Kerala	SBTR0000033	Current	67127212063

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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