

F. No. 3-3/2014-FPD (Pt.)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Protection Division)

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New Delhi - 110003
Dated: 18.02.2021

To,
The Pay & Accounts Officer,
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,
New Delhi.

Subject: Assistance to State Govt. of Telangana for the Annual Plan of Operation of financial year 2020-21 (SCSP Works) under the CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management - Release of 1st installment: reg.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the Annual Plan of Operation for financial year 2020-21 of **State of Telangana** under **CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme**, at a total cost of **Rs. 183.82 Lakh** (excluding flexi funds) (Rupees One hundred eighty three Lakh and eighty two thousand only) on 60%: 40% cost sharing basis as Central Share and State Share.

2. I am further directed to convey the approval of the competent authority for sanction of **Rs. 88.23 Lakh** (Rupees Eighty eight Lakh and twenty three thousand only) (**80% of Central Share**) and **net release of Rs. 88.23 Lakh** (Rupees Eighty eight Lakh and twenty three thousand only) as release of 1st installment of Annual Plan Operation 2020-21, under **CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme** to the **State of Telangana**.

3. The expenditure incurred is adjustable to the Demand No. 25. (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change) under the following Heads during Financial Year 2020-21 (Plan):

Scheme	Budget Head	Amount (Rs. In Lakh)
Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme	3601.06.789.01.03.31	38.23
	3601.06.789.01.03.35	50.00
	TOTAL	88.23

4. The various works are to be executed as per the Sanctioned Schedule of Rates applicable in the area. The aforesaid amount may be spent in accordance with the Plan Operation sanctioned as given in **Annexure** and **no deviation from the approved items of expenditure** shall be made **without prior concurrence** of Government of India.

5. The fund should be utilized only in the forest areas vulnerable to forest fires in the **Scheduled Caste population dominated areas**. In this regard, it is also advised to assess the vulnerability of forests to forest fire in scheduled caste population dominated areas and to prepare the map of the same based on the degree of vulnerability to forest fire for focusing the works on priority basis.

6. This release amount is to be utilized subject to adherence of following terms and conditions:

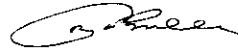
- The sanction is provisional and is subject to adjustment on the basis of the audited figures of expenditure.

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- ii. State Government should make adequate Budget provision to contribute its share as per the revised funding pattern as communicated by the D/o Expenditure vide D.O. No. 32/PSO/FS/2015 dated 28.10.2015. The funding pattern (matching share of states) as per the category of states, is as below:

Category of States/UTs	Central Share	State Share
Union Territories	100%	0
NE states and Special category states of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand	90%	10%
Rest of the states	60%	40%

- iii. **The details of benefits to the Scheduled Caste population in terms of number of Scheduled Caste people benefitted by way of number of man days of employment, amount of wages given etc. has to be submitted along with the utilization certificate, progress report etc.**
- iv. A separate bank account shall be opened for the purpose and the account shall be open for audit by C&AG.
- v. The GFRs 2017 is followed along with the economic instructions issued by Government of India from time to time.
- vi. Payments are to be made by bank transfer and no cash payment is made.
- vii. The payment for the engagement of labour for various works such as fire watchers, creation & maintenance of fire lines etc. should be made only through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) and the details of the same with the supporting documents should be submitted along with the utilization certificate and progress report.
- viii. In case of employment through contract, copy of PF & ESI of employees shall be furnished, wherever applicable.
- ix. Evidence of deposit of TDS/Service Tax in case of contract payments and CST in case of purchase of leviable goods are obtained along with Utilization Certificate and compliance of DBT scheme has to be ensured.
- x. The UCs (as prescribed in GFR-19A), Progress Report along with satellite photographs of physical deliverables with date and latitude-longitude coordinates before and after implementation shall be submitted in time.
- xi. Strict economy should be observed so as to keep the actual expenditure to the minimum. The works are to be executed as per the Sanctioned Schedule of Rates applicable in the area.
- xii. The expenditure is to be incurred as per the allocation of funds. There shall be no diversion of earmarked funds from one item to another one except in case of unavoidable circumstances and only with the prior approval of MoEF&CC. If the implementing agency does not use the fund for the purpose for which it was given, it has to refund the same with interest.
- xiii. There should not be any overlapping of activities under the scheme with the activities of other ongoing schemes of Central / State Govt.
- xiv. The programme is to be monitored by State regularly and the **quarterly progress report** shall be submitted by the State on the progress of implementation of the scheme in format given in Annexure - VII of the Operational Guidelines of the Scheme, for every quarter of the year.
- xv. The infrastructure created will be fully utilized for the purpose for which they have been sanctioned and all recurring cost in respect of all items sanctioned will be borne by the State Government.
- xvi. For the proposed infrastructure works including construction of water tanks, location of the site along with the details of GPS details may be submitted to this office.
- xvii. The fixed assets created out of this grant shall not be disposed off without concurrence of this Ministry.


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xviii. The outcome of the money released under the Scheme should be submitted as per the format given below:

Outcome	Indicator	Periodicity	Data Source/Method	Responsible Agency
Less fire incidences	Number of forest fires	Annual	Satellite data	FSI, Dehradun
Reduction in damage to forest resources	Total estimated area affected due to forest fire	Annual	Satellite data and Information from States/UTs	FSI, Dehradun and States/UTs
Capacity development for forest fire fighting	Number of field forest staff and members of JFMCs / villages trained.	Annual	State / UT Forest Departments	State / UT Forest Departments

xix. The State shall carryout monitoring & evaluation of the works undertaken. Proposal for 2nd installment should also include the details of mid-term monitoring & evaluation report, number of alerts, actual fire incidences and the losses due to the forest fire.

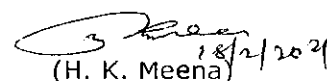
7. The accounts of the Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme shall be open for inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India under the provision of C&AG (DPC) Act, 1971 and internal audit party by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry whenever it is called upon.

8. 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 **Telangana** and to debit the amount to the Account of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

9. This sanction issues with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide their **Dy. No. E-140834 (SS&FA) dated 11.02.2021** under the powers delegated to the Ministries/Departments.

Yours faithfully

Annexure: Approved Annual Plan Operation 2020-21 (SCSP Works)


(H. K. Meena) 18/2/2021

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FPD)

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
2. The Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
3. The Secretary, Forests Department, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.
4. The Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Central Accounts Section, Nagpur
5. Director Audit, Scientific Deptt. AGCR Building, New Delhi
6. Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Expenditure, Plan Finance Division, New Delhi
7. PPS to AS&FA, MoEF&CC
8. Consultant (IT), MoEF&CC (for uploading on Ministry's website)
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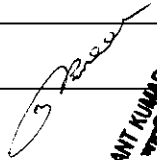
Centrally Sponsored Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme (FPM)

Annual Plan Operation for the year 2020-21 (SCSP Works)

Name of the State / UT : Telangana

(Rs. in Lakh)

S. No.	Items	Proposed by State Govt.				Recommended by Division		Remarks
		Unit	Unit Cost	No. of Units	Total Cost	No. of Units	Total Cost	
1	Procurement of fire fighting equipments (like Blowers, spades, Gun Boots / shoes, fire retarders, Gloves, Helmets, Goggles / Eye gear etc.	Div	0.4707	51	24.01	51	24.01	
2	(a) Fire line cretion with controlled burning	Km	0.0933	200	18.66	200	18.66	
	(b) Fire line / sector lines maintenance with controlled burning	Km	0.0699	362	25.30	362	25.30	
3	Creation of infrastructure							
	(a) Watch towers	Nos	5.0000	3	15.00	3	15.00	
	(b) Control rooms at Range level	Nos	1.4167	17	24.08	17	24.08	
4	Procurement of field vehicles for tranporation of resources	Nos	6.9590	4	27.84	-	0.00	
5	Soil & moisture conservation work in High risk areas (No. / cmt. Type of structures)		0.0286	1800	51.48	1800	51.48	
6	Awareness campaign	I Div	0.0186	300	5.58	300	5.58	
7	Incentivizing Villages/Communities for protection against forest fire, under the participatory forest management approach	I Div			3.00		3.00	


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Total				194.95		167.11
Imprest Money (guidelines at Annexure-I) (5%)				9.75		8.36
Monitoring and review (guidelines at Annexure-II). 2%				3.90		3.34
Short term research/survey on forest fire related issues (guidelines at Annexure-III). 3%				5.85		5.01
Total				214.44		183.82
*Flexi Fund (25%)				0.00		0.00
Grand Total				214.44		183.82

* Not proposed by State Govt.

Central share (60%) : 110.29 lakhs
State share (40%) : 73.53 lakhs
Total : 183.82 lakhs

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