

Sanction Order No. 44/2023-24/FPD

F. No. 3-27/2007-FPD (Pt. 2)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Protection Division)

5th Floor, Agni Wing,
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi – 110003
Dated: 08.11.2023

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

Subject: Assistance to State Govt. of Tamil Nadu for the Annual Plan of Operation (General Works) during 2023-24 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 during 2023-24 **State of Tamil Nadu** under **CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme**, at a total cost of **Rs. 1983.97 Lakh** (Rupees One thousand nine hundred eighty three Lakh and ninety seven 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. 297.60 Lakh** (Rupees Two hundred ninety seven Lakh and sixty thousand only) (**25% of Central Share**) and **net release of Rs. 289.41 Lakh** (Rupees Two hundred eighty nine Lakh and forty one thousand only) as release of 1st installment of Annual Plan Operation 2023-24, **after adjusting unspent balance of Rs. 8.19 Lakh of APO 2021-22 (General Works) under CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme** to the **State of Tamil Nadu for the financial year 2023-24.**

3. The expenditure incurred is adjustable to the Demand No. 28. (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change) under the following Heads during Financial Year 2023-24 (Plan):

Scheme	Budget Head	Amount (Rs. in Lakh)
Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme	3601.06.101.01.03.31	239.20
	3601.06.101.01.03.35	50.21
Unspent balance available with the State of Annual Plan of Operation during 2021-22 (General Works).		8.19
TOTAL		297.60

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.


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Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India

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

- i. The sanction is provisional and is subject to adjustment on the basis of the audited figures of expenditure.
- 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. A separate bank account shall be opened for the purpose and the account shall be open for audit by C&AG.
- iv. The GFRs 2017 is followed along with the economic instructions issued by Government of India from time to time.
- v. Payments are to be made by bank transfer and no cash payment is made.
- vi. 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.
- vii. In case of employment through contract, copy of PF & ESI of employees shall be furnished, wherever applicable.
- viii. 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.
- ix. 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.
- x. 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.
- xi. 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.
- xii. There should not be any overlapping of activities under the scheme with the activities of other ongoing schemes of Central / State Govt.
- xiii. 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.
- xiv. 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.
- xv. 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.


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- xvi. The fixed assets created out of this grant shall not be disposed off without concurrence of this Ministry.
- xvii. 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

- xviii. 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 **Tamil Nadu** and to debit the amount to the Account of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

9. This issues with the concurrence of Internal Finance Division vide their **Dy. No. E-125520 dated 01.11.2023 under** the powers delegated to the Ministries/Departments.

Yours faithfully

Annexure: Approved Annual Plan Operation 2023-24 (General Works).

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai.
2. The Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai.
3. The Secretary, Forests Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai.
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)
9. Sanction folder.

Centrally Sponsored Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme (FPFM)

Annual Plan Operation for the year 2023-24 (General Works)

Name of the State / UT : Tamil Nadu

S.No.	Items	Proposed by State Govt.				Recommended by Division	
		Unit	Unit Cost	No. of Units	Total Cost	No. of Units	Total Cost
1	Procurement of fire fighting equipments	LS	LS	LS	243.36	LS	150.00
2	Controlled burning, fireline creation and Maintenance						
	(a) Controlled burning	LS	LS	LS	50.458	LS	50.458
	(b) Fire line clearing (6meter width)	Km	0.182735	524.5	95.845	524.5	95.845
	(c) Fire line creation (3mtr width)	Km	0.348192	1003	349.237	1003	200.00
	(d) Fire line clearing (6 mtr width) and maintenance of existing firelines	Km	0.1818733	450	81.843	450	0.00
	(e) Fire line clearing (3 meter width) and maintenance of existing fire lines)	Km	0.102206	1005	102.718	1005	0.00
	(f) Maintenance of Inter-State Boundaries (7.5 mts width) (FSR Rate)	Km	0.20151	53.6	10.801	53.6	0.00
	(g) Grass Land improvement and mainteance	Ha	0.498	225	112.050	225	0.00
	Total S. No. 2				802.95		346.30
3	Creation of infrastructure (communication system, development of Management Information System, watch towers, water storage structures, control rooms at Division & Range level, FG barracks and inspection huts etc)						

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	(a) Purchasing Computer for communication and development of Management Information System	Nos	-	-	-	13.35	-	0.00
	(b) Construction of Fire watch tower	Nos	15.83218	55		870.77	13	200.00
	(c) Fire Detection Camp	LS	5	4		20.00	4.00	20.00
	(d) Maintenance of fire watch tower	-	-	-		34.00	-	0.00
	(e) Establishing of Fire control Room @ Range office	LS	4.4514	7		31.16	7.00	31.16
	(f) Water Storage Structure	LS	7.5333	15		113.00	15.00	113.00
	(g) Water Storage sumps	-	-	-		6.00	-	0.00
	(h) Communication facilities	-	-	-		50.50	-	0.00
	(i) Establishing / Maintenance of wireless communications systems for better communication during fire season	LS	LS	LS		24.50	LS	24.50
	(j) Construction of fire prevention and management centre	-	-	-		82.00	-	0.00
	(k) FG Barracks and Inspection of resources	-	-	-		8.75	-	0.00
	(l) Inspection Huts	-	-	-		26.00	-	0.00
	(m) Maintenance of existing CCTV camera	-	-	-		2.00	-	0.00
	Total S. No. 3					1282.03		388.66
4	Procurement of field vehicles for transportation of resources							
	(a) Procurement of field vehicles for transportation of resources Bolero canber vehicle	-	-	-		298.30	-	0.00

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	(b) Providing additional diesel for fire patrolling vehicles	-	-	-	13.60	-	0.00
	(c) Wages for Driver for field vehicles for transportation of resources	-	-	-	2.70	-	0.00
	(d) Logistics arrangements for transporting fire fighting	-	-	-	0.30	-	0.00
	(e) Procurement of patrol bikes for high terrain and inaccessible areas	-	-	-	4.00	-	0.00
	Total S. No. 4				318.90		0.00
5	Soil & Moisture Conservation (SMC) Work in High risk areas						
	(a) Creation of water Trough / small pond				7.50		
	(b) Creation of small pond				12.00		
	(c) Construction of Check dam				742.00		
	(d) Construction of Percolation pond				722.40		
	(e) Maintenance of Existing Check Dam				182.04		
	(e) Maintenance of Percolation pond				97.50		
	(f) Construction of Gully plugs				29.70		400.00
	(g) Desilting of existing natural water hole				12.00		
	(h) Construction of Gabion structure in the stream portion				8.40		
	(i) Water storage structure by erection of borewell and 2 HP motor energized by Solar Power Systems				60.00		
	(j) Construction of rough stone dry packing				25.00		
	Total S. No. 5				1898.54		400.00
6	Engagement of fire watchers	Mandays	0.0071676	69920	501.163	48831	350.00
	(a) Providing drinking water and other provisions for fire fighters	-	-	-	5.70	-	0.00
	Total S. No. 6				506.86		350.00
7	Awareness campaign	LS	LS	LS	91.565	LS	91.565

8	Pre-fire season workshops for coordination among line departments, elected bodies and NGOs	LS	LS	LS		32.38	LS	32.38
9	Training and Capacity building on fire - fighting methods for Frontline staff, NGOs and village communities	LS	LS	LS		44.70	LS	44.70
10	Incentivizing Villages/Communities for protection against forest fire, under the participatory forest management approach	LS	LS	LS		61.25	-	0.00
	(a) Rewards to public for assisting in forest protection and fire prevention	LS	LS	LS		6.00	-	0.00
	Total S. No. 10					67.25		0.00
	Total					5288.54		1803.61
	Imprest Money (guidelines at Annexure-I) (5%)					264.43		90.18
	Monitoring and review (guidelines at Annexure-II). 2%					105.77		36.07
	Short term research/survey on forest fire related issues (guidelines at Annexure-III). 3%					158.66		54.11
	Grand Total					5817.39		1983.97

Central share (60%) : 1190.38 Lakhs
State share (40%) : 793.59 Lakhs
Total : 1983.97 Lakhs

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