To
The Pay and Accounts Officer,
Department of Land Resources,
Ministry of Rural Development,
CGO Complex, 11th Block, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi - 110 003

SUBJECT:- Central Assistance for meeting expenditure towards Salaries, TA & Office Expenses to the staff members working in State Level Nodal Agency & Watershed Cell cum Data Centers (WCDCs) for implementation of IWMP projects under Watershed Component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) in Punjab - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the approval of the President of India to the sanction and release of Rs. 138.65 lakh (Rupees One Crore Thirty Eight Lakh Sixty Five Thousand only) for meeting the recurring expenses of State Level Nodal Agency and 13 Watershed Cell cum Data Centers (WCDCs) in Punjab, for implementation of IWMP projects under Watershed Component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), as per the details below:

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<th>Sl. No.</th>
<th>Particulars</th>
<th>Amount eligible for release (Rs in Lakh)</th>
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<tr>
<td>a</td>
<td>For SLNA @ 55.0 lakh / year</td>
<td>55.00</td>
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<td>b</td>
<td>For 13 WCDCs @ Rs.9.0 lakh / year for recurring expenses</td>
<td>117.00</td>
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<td>c</td>
<td>Grand Total (a+b)</td>
<td>172.00</td>
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<td>d</td>
<td>Unspent Balances as on 01.04.2015</td>
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<td>Net Amount eligible for release (c-d)</td>
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2. The expenditure is debitable to the following head of account:

- Demand No.85 - Department of Land Resources
- 6641- Grants in Aid to State Government (Major Head)
- 02-Grants for State Plan Schemes (Sub-Major Head)
- 6641- Wasteland Development-National Development Programme (Minor Head)
- 04- Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (Watershed Component)
- 04.00.31-Grants-in-Aid – General - Plan (2015-16) – Rs. 138.65 lakh

3. Terms and Conditions for utilisation of funds released:

a. The funding pattern between Centre & State is 50:50 with the exception of existing funding pattern for the NE Region and Hilly States.

b. The payment sanctioned above is provisional and subject to adjustment in accordance with actual expenditure incurred.

c. The engagement of experts & staff in the State Level Nodal Agencies (SLNA) and Watershed Cell cum Data Centre (WCDC) in the DRDAs can be done either through deputation/recruitment of retired Government servants or contractual appointment through direct contract/ Service Providers.

d. In case of engagement of experts & staff through service providers, it has been decided that the management cost (i.e. the cost chargeable by the service provider for making a person available for service) can be met from the salary component of the funds released to the institutions. The management cost should be arrived at on competitive basis following standards of financial propriety. However the management cost should not exceed 5% of the proposed salary in any case and the overall expenditure under salaries should be within the limits prescribed by the Department.

e. The experts and staff in SLNA and District units, appointed on deputation, may be allowed to draw their actual pay & allowances as applicable to them in their parent cadre. This is subject to the condition that the State Govt. should not exceed the financial limit of expenditure on salary of experts & staff in SLNA/ District units, already communicated.

f. It is further mentioned that implementation of Integrated Watershed Management Programme has been conceived by utilizing dedicated institutional arrangements such as SLNA/ WCDC/ Watershed Development Team/ Watershed Committee. The expenditure on pay & allowances of officers looking after IWMP related works, only as additional charge should not be met from funds provided by Department of Land Resources under institutional support as well as administrative component of the project fund under IWMP.

g. Purchase of vehicles and construction activities are not permissible under any circumstances from DoLR funds.

h. The data regarding the institutional funds, its utilization and the details of the personnel appointed shall be updated by the SLNA in the MIS of IWMP regularly.

i. The amount sanctioned under different items of recurring grant should be utilized as sanctioned by DoLR. For any deviation, permission of DoLR will be required.

j. The SLNAs will furnish a Utilisation Certificate and Audited Statement of Account for the funds released for institutional funding to DoLR every year by the end of September of the next/ following year.
4. The other terms and conditions mentioned in the Sanction Order No. PB /SLNA/I-S/ I / 2009-10/IWMP dt. 30.09.2009 of the Department will be applicable in this case also.

5. SLNA needs to address following issues-
   (i). The details about staff engaged, designation, salary paid per month etc. to be furnished to DoLR.
   (ii). The IWMP- MIS entries need to be updated regularly.
   (iii). State Government should submit details of expenditure incurred on Salary, TA and OE separately for SLNA and each of the WCDC.

6. The Accounts of the grantee institution or organization shall be opened to inspection by Internal Audit of the Pr. Accounts Office functioning under Chief Controller of Accounts, in term of Rule 211(1) of GFR 2005. The Accounts of the grantee institutions is liable to be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

7. The Pay and Accounts Officer, Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development will be the Drawing and Disbursing Officer for this purpose. The amount will be transferred to the State Government of Punjab.

8. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry of Rural Development and in consultation with the IFD vide their UO. No. 203/IFD/LR/2015-16 dated 06.11.2015.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Jha)
Deputy Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1 The Financial Commissioner & Chairman, SLNA, Rural Development & PR Department, Govt. of Punjab, Mini Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh.
2 The Secretary, Agriculture Department, Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh
3 The Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh
4 The Secretary, Planning Department, Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh
5 The Accountant General (A&E), Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh
6 The Joint Development Commissioner & CEO, SLNA, Department of Rural Development, Govt. of Punjab, Vikas Bhavan, Sector 62 (Phase VIII), Near PUDA Bhavan, Mohali
7 The Chief Conservator of Soils, Department of Soil & Water Conservation, Govt. of Punjab, SCO 92-94, Sector - 17D, Chandigarh
8 The IFD, DoLR
9 Audit Officer, Internal Audit Wing, O/o. CCA, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi

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Amount being released during 2015-16 as Central funds for institutions: Rs. 138.65 lakh (Rupees One Crore Thirty Eight Lakh Sixty Five Thousand only)