S. No. 1/Sikkim/2015-16/IWMP
ORIGINAL FOR PAYMENT

Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Land Resources

To

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

Dated: 8th October, 2015

SUBJECT: Release of 1st installment of funds for the year 2015-16 for implementation of IWMP projects under Watershed Component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) in Sikkim - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the approval of the President of India for release of Rs. 6.300 crore (Rupees Six crore and Thirty lakh only) as 1st instalment of Central share for 2015-16 for implementation of IWMP projects under Watershed Component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) in Sikkim State.

2. The total amount of Rs 6.300 crore to be released under the following Budget Heads:

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<th>Budget Head</th>
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<td>i</td>
<td>3601.02.661.04.00.31 Grants in aid General</td>
<td>4.171</td>
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<td>ii</td>
<td>3601.02.796.62.00.31 Grants in aid (Scheduled Tribal Plan) (Minor Head)</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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3. Through this Sanction Order, sanction of the President of India is hereby conveyed for release of Rs 4.171 crore (Rupees Four Crore Seventeen Lakh and Ten Thousand only), as mentioned in para 2(i) above, to the State Government of Sikkim for implementation of above projects. The expenditure is debitable to the Head of Account given below:-

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Demand No.85- Department of Land Resources
3601- Grants in Aid to State Government (Major Head)
02 - Grants for State Plan Schemes (Sub-Major Head)
661 - 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 4.171 Crore

4. The above release of Central assistance is subject to the following conditions:-
   i. The funding pattern between Centre & State is 50:50 with the exception of existing funding pattern for the NE Region and Hilly States for Watershed component of PMKSY (erstwhile IWMP projects)
   ii. The projects proposed to be taken up during 2015-16 as well as the amount of funds required have the approval of State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) in terms of para 16.0 of PMKSY Guidelines
   iii. Priority should be given for saturation of projects which are nearing completion.
   iv. The State Government should release its equivalent share towards the scheme.

5. The State Government shall transfer the funds to State Level Nodal Agency for IWMP immediately. Purchase of vehicles/photocopier/Video Recorder/Projector, construction of any permanent buildings and such other capital items is not allowed under the Programme. Further the State Government should ensure to minimize the unspent balance for all projects under the programme, to upload the DPRs on the website and to update MIS at all levels regularly. The other terms and conditions are mentioned in the Annexure-I.

6. The implementing agency shall maintain proper accounts of the expenditure incurred and submit the statement of audited accounts and Utilization Certificates to this Department as soon as possible after the closure of the financial year. The implementing agency shall furnish consolidated monthly progress report regularly with details of physical and financial achievements. The Implementing Agencies will follow other terms and conditions contained in the General Financial Rules 2005, as amended from time to time.

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 Sikkim.

8. The Accounts of the grantees institution or organization shall be opened to 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 grantees institutions is liable to be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

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9. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry of Rural Development and in consultation with the IFD vide their UO. No.156/IFD/LR/2015-16 dated 08/10/2015.

Yours faithfully,

(Prem Kumar Jha)
Deputy Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, East District, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
2. The Secretary, Rural Development Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
3. The Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
4. The Secretary, Planning Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
6. The Secretary, Agriculture Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
7. US (IFD), DoLR / Guard File.

Amount to be released during 2015-16 as 1st instalment of Rs.4.171 crore (Rupees Four Crore Seventeen Lakh and Ten Thousand only).
Annexure - I

Terms and Conditions

1. The total treatable area under the projects will be treated within the project period, as prescribed in the DPR, as per provisions contained in the Common Guidelines for Watershed Development Projects, 2008 and revised from time to time and instructions issued by the Department of Land Resources from time to time.

2. Terms and Conditions for release of project funds to SLNA and its utilisation:

i. First installment of central assistance during the year 2015-16 is being released directly to the State Government of Rajasthan on receipt of annual plan of fund requirement from the SLNA for the projects appraised so far by the Steering Committee and sanctioned by the SLNA. The SLNA will in turn release the funds to the respective WCDCs as per their requirement.

ii. The State Government will ensure that the accounts at State level as well at District/ PIA/ WC levels are audited by a Chartered Accountant selected from a panel approved by the C&AG, within six months of the close of the financial year. The SLNA will furnish consolidated Audited Statement of Accounts and Utilization Certificate for release of funds every year, by the end of September of the next/following year.

iii. The institutions at various levels i.e. SLNA/ District level/ PIA/ WC will maintain the required registers and documents.


3. The payment sanctioned above is provisional and subject to adjustment in accordance with actual area required for treatment based on survey as indicated in the DPR and as per the approved cost norms under the programme.

4. The payment of salaries to the WDTs/Secretary of the Watershed Committees etc. would be charged from the administrative cost component.

5. While coming up for release of the 2nd installment of fund requirement for the remaining quarter/s of 2015-16, the SLNA will ensure the compliance of the following:

i. SLNA shall submit a consolidated Audited Statement of Accounts (ASA) and Utilization Certificates for the financial year 2014-15. It shall ensure timely auditing of project accounts by a Chartered Accountant selected from a panel approved by the C&AG. The SLNA shall submit a consolidated ASA taking into consideration the audit of the accounts of District Agencies, PIAs and WCs for all the projects sanctioned under IWMP in the State. The report should be made available to DoLR latest by the end of September of next/following financial year.
ii. The actual expenditure incurred by, and not the advances released to, the District Agency / PIA/WC are to be accounted for as expenditure.

iii. The ASA shall clearly indicate the interest accrued on the project fund lying in the account of SLNA, District Agencies, PIAs, and WCs separately.

iv. The ASA shall also indicate component-wise expenditure, balance sheet, income & expenditure statement, receipt & payment account and bank reconciliation statement.

v. The interest accrued as per ASA shall be considered as part of Central Share and shall be deducted from the next installment of Central Share.

vi. The ASA and UC submitted by District Agencies to SLNA will be countersigned by an authorized functionary of the District Agencies before forwarding it to SLNA. It may be ensured that the details of UC and ASA tally with each other.

vii. In case, the ASA has audit observations of the nature of diversions from the Guidelines or any other instructions given by Centre/ State which require corrective action by the District Agency, the compliance/ Action Taken Report must be forwarded by the District Agency to SLNA.

6. The SLNA will submit year wise consolidated Utilization Certificate along with batch wise detail in annexure to DoLR based on the Expenditure Statements & UCs of the State Level and District Level agencies in respect of utilization of funds released to all the projects, for the funds released in the financial year.

7. The SLNA & District Agency will ensure that the Central Share now being released is gainfully utilized as per the approved cost norms and guidelines of the programme. It will also ensure that sign boards, indicating the name of the project, name of the work, expenditure for the work, GPS coordinates, etc., be displayed prominently at project sites for ensuring transparency and awareness about the projects.

8. The updating of entries in the on-line MIS at all levels starting from SLNA to WC is mandatory. The data on release of funds by any agency shall be entered in the MIS on the same day and the Monthly Progress Report (MPR) should be updated every month in the MIS.

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5. While considering release of Gol grant to Govt. of Kerala, the matter was discussed by AS & FA with JS (WM). It was observed that Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Water Resources are releasing grant under PMKSY without waiting for SLSC approval. On similar pattern, IFD has concurred to release grants to Kerala and other States as 1st instalment with the condition that SLSC approval would be taken before utilizing the grants. PD was also advised to get views of M/o Agriculture on file regarding procedure they are following.

6. Under State Plan, Rs.1500 Cr. has been allocated during 2015-16 under PMKSY (Watershed Component). 60% of PMKSY annul allocation, i.e., Rs.900 cr can be released as first instalment to States. However, as per the latest communication/clarification received from Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare vide No.19-6/2015-RFS-III dated 5th October, 2015 (F/Y) in response to DoLR’s O.M. No.11013/07/2013-IWMP (MP) dated 21.09.2015, the proposal of DoLR for one time relaxation to release more than 60% of its annual allocation under the PMKSY has been supported and cleared which was also discussed in the National Executive Committee meeting of PMKSY held on 29.09.2015 under the chairmanship of Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog. This issue has also been discussed in F.No.S-18014/10/2014-DPAP.

7. In view of above, IFD may concur in the proposal for release of Rs.6.30 Cr. as first instalment to Government of Sikkim for implementation of IWMP projects under PMKSY during 2015-16. P.D. may ensure the following:

(i) that priority has been given in respect to projects which are nearing completion, in convergence with MGNREGA;
(ii) that the Government of Sikkim releases its corresponding share towards the scheme;
(iii) the issues/advice contained in the communication No.14-5/2014-RFS-III dated 17.07.2015 of Department of Agriculture are followed in implementation of PMKSY projects.
(iv) fund would be utilized after SLSC approval.

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