

F. No. 3-7/2007-FPD (Pt. 2)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Protection Division)

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Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi – 110003
Dated: 29.09.2023

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

Subject: Assistance to State Govt. of Sikkim for the Annual Plan Operation (General Works) during 2022-23 for implementing during 2023-24 under the CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management – Release of 3rd installment.

Sir,

In continuation of this Ministry's letter of even number dated 19.10.2022, I am directed to convey the approval of competent authority for sanction and release of **Rs. 48.21 lakhs (Rupees Forty eight Lakh and twenty one thousand only)** as the **release of 3rd installment** of Central Share of Approved Annual Plan Operation (General Works) 2022-23 for implementing during 2023-24 under Centrally Sponsored: Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme to the **State Government of Sikkim**, subject to the condition that the State Government on 90%: 10% cost sharing basis as Central Share and State Share.

2. 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	34.71
	3601.06.101.01.03.35	13.50
	TOTAL	48.21

3. 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.

4. **This release amount is subject to adherence of the terms and conditions mentioned in this Ministry's letter of even number dated 19.10.2022.**

5. 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.

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Govt. of India, New Delhi

6. In accordance with the revised procedure, the payment of released amount of **Rs. 48.21 lakhs (Rupees Forty eight Lakh and twenty one thousand only)** may be made in favour of Principal Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok through Cheque/Demand Draft/RTGS.

7. This issues with the concurrence of Internal Finance Division vide their **Dy. No. E-127010 dated 22.09.2023 under** the powers delegated to the Ministries/Departments.

Yours faithfully



(Dr. Shobhita Agarwal)

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
2. The Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
3. The Secretary, Forests Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
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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