

Sanction Order No. 9/2024-25/FPD

F. No. 3-12/2007-FPD (Pt. 2)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Protection Division)

5th Floor, Agni Wing,
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Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi – 110003
Dated: 22.08.2024

To,

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

Subject: Assistance to State Govt. of Kerala for the Annual Plan of Operation (TSP Works) during 2024-25 under the CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management – Release of 1st installment: reg.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the approval of the competent authority for the Annual Plan of Operation during the FY 2024-25 submitted by the Govt. of Kerala under the **CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme**, at a total cost of **Rs. 84.70 Lakh** (Rupees Eighty-four Lakh and seventy thousand only) on a 60%: 40% cost sharing basis as Central Share and State Share respectively.

2. I am further directed to convey the approval of the competent authority for the sanction of **Rs. 25.41 Lakh** (Rupees Twenty-five Lakh and forty-one thousand only) (**50% of Central Share**) and a net release of **Rs. 23.16 Lakh** (Rupees Twenty three Lakh and sixteen thousand only) as release of 1st installment for the Annual Plan Operation 2024-25, **after adjusting the unspent balance of Rs. 2.25 Lakh in respect of APO of FY 2023-24 (TSP Works) under the CSS: Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme to the Govt. of Kerala for the financial year 2024-25.**

3. The expenditure incurred is adjustable to the Demand No. 28. (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change) under the following Heads during the Financial Year 2024-25 (Plan):

Scheme	Budget Head	Amount (Rs. in Lakh)
Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme	3601.06.796.01.02.31	23.16
Unspent balance available with the State in respect of Annual Plan of Operation during 2023-24 (TSP Works).		2.25
	TOTAL	25.41

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 the Government of India.

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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. **The details of benefits to the tribal population in terms of No of tribal people benefitted by way of No. 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 program is to be monitored by the State regularly and the **quarterly progress report** shall be submitted by the State on the progress of implementation of the scheme in the 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 the 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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- xvii. The fixed assets created out of this grant shall not be disposed of without the concurrence of this Ministry.
- 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 carry out 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 the 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 the Government of **Kerala** 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 the Internal Finance Division vide their **Dy. No. E-138414 dated 13.08.2024** under the powers delegated to the Ministries/Departments.

Yours faithfully

Annexure: Approved Annual Plan Operation 2024-25 (TSP Works).


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Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
2. The Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
3. The Secretary, Forests Department, Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
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. Sr. 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 (FPM)

Annual Plan Operation for the year 2024-25 (TSP Works)

Name of the State / UT : Kerala

(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	Engagement of fire watchers	Mandays	0.00900	33530	301.77	5000	45.00	
2	Awareness campaign	Nos	0.25	152	38.00	100	25.00	
3	Incentivizing Villages/Communities for protection against forest fire, under the participatory forest management approach	LS	LS	LS	134.39	Ls	7.00	
	Total				474.16		77.00	
	Imprest Money (guidelines at Annexure-I) (5%)				23.71		3.85	
	Monitoring and review (guidelines at Annexure-II). 2%				0.00		1.54	
	Short term research/survey on forest fire related issues (guidelines at Annexure-III). 3%				0.00		2.31	
	Grand Total				497.87		84.70	

Central share (60%) : 50.82 Lakh
 State share (40%) : 33.88 Lakh
 Total : 84.70 Lakh

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