

File No. T-17/2014-15/359/NMCG-Afforestation
National Mission for Clean Ganga
Ministry of Water Resource,
River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation
Government of India

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Dated: 6th June, 2018

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Head of Forest Force West Bengal,
Aranya Bhawan, LA-10A, Block III, Salt Lake City
West Bengal, Kolkata 700098

Sub: Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction (AA&ES) for the project proposal Submitted by West Bengal Forest Department on "Afforestation programme in West Bengal", approved under the Clean Ganga Fund at a cost of INR 10.0933 crore (Rupees Ten crore nine lakh thirty three thousand only) for the year 2018-19.

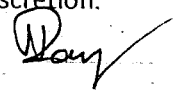
Sir,

I am directed to convey the grant of Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction (AA&ES) for the project proposal of "Forestry Interventions for Ganga" under the Clean Ganga Fund at a cost of INR 10.0933 crore (Rupees Ten crore nine lakh thirty three thousand only) for plantation in River bank districts/forest division of West Bengal namely; Darjeeling, Bankura, Birbhum, Paschim Mednipur, Purba Bardhaman, Paschim Bardhaman, Purulia, Murshidabad, 24 PGN (North), 24 PGN (South), Bishnupur and Kolkata with 100% funding under the central assistance with the following major project components:

The overall objective of the project is to Contribute towards clean Ganga, particularly *Anant Van* and *Aviral Dhara* besides maintenance of ecological and geological integrities of the Riverscape. The work mentioned in the APO is part of the overall DPR prepared by FRI, Dehradun for the Afforestation of Ganga River bank.

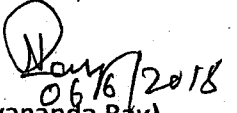
The summary of cost for the proposal is given in Annexure-I with 100% funding from Clean Ganga Fund.

1. Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction for the project is granted subject to the conditions as per Annexure-II.
2. The period of completion of the proposal under "Forestry Interventions for Ganga" will be one year.
3. The NMCG/ Clean Ganga Fund reserves the right to withdraw the sanction at any stage, if it is convinced that the fund has not been properly utilized or appropriate progress is not being made.
4. In case of violation of any of the conditions of the grant or in case of closure or dissolution of the grantee organization, the Clean Ganga Fund shall take possession of all the assets of the organization acquired out of the Government grants and use them in any manner deemed appropriate or to recover from the organization the value of such assets at its discretion.



5. This is issued based on the approval by the Board of trustees of Clean Ganga Fund and the financial concurrence of ED (Finance) vide Dy no. 633, dated 04/05/2018 and with the approval of DG, NMCG vide Dy. No. 171720 dated 04.05.2018.

Yours faithfully,

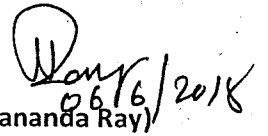

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Deputy Secretary, NMCG

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- 3) Executive Director (Finance), NMCG
- 4) Project Director, SPMG, West Bengal
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Annexure-I

Summary of cost of the project proposal of "Forestry Interventions for Ganga" funded by Clean Ganga Fund.

The overall financial outlay for the approved proposal is **10.0933 crore** (Rupees Ten crore nine lakh thirty three thousand only) as per the details provided below.

Total consolidated budget outlay for implementation of Forestry Interventions in West Bengal (Rs.)

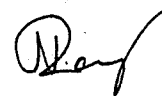
Against on-going scheme of 2016-17								
Sr.no.	Components/ Activity	Sr. No.	Sub Heading	Activities	Nature	Hac	Rate (Rs)	(Rs. In Lacs)
A	Plantation & Treatment Models	A1	Natural Landscapes	NL/P/13-QGS Plantation	1st year Maintenance	125	16952	2119000
				NL/P/16-River Bank Afforestation		83	16952	1399388
		A3	Urban Landscapes	UL/I/01-Institutional Plantation		118	16952	2000336
				UL/A/01-Avenue Plantation		205	16952	3475160
				UL/E/01-Eco Plantation	49	16952	830648	
		Total						580
Against on-going scheme of 2017-18								
B	Plantation & treatment Models	A1	Natural Landscapes	NL/H/12-Misc. Plantation	Creation (Balance)	35	23286	815010
				NL/P/13-QGS Plantation	Creation	569.15	43286	24636227
				NL/P/16-River Bank Afforestation	Creation (Balance)	33	23286	768438
		A3	Urban Landscapes	UL/I/01-Institutional Plantation	1st Year Maintenance	117.03	16952	1983893
				UL/A/01-Avenue Plantation	1st year Maintenance	157	16952	2661464
		Total						911
Against the new Scheme for 2018-19								
Sr. No.	Component/Activity	Sr.no	Sub Heading	Activities	Nature	Hac	Rate (Rs)	(Rs. In Lacs)
C	Plantation & Treatment Models	A1	Natural Landscapes	NL/H/12-Misc. Plantation	Advance	37	16903	625411
					Creation (part)		20000	740000
				NL/P/13-QGS Plantation	Advance	471.65	16903	7972300
					Creation (Part)		20000	9433000

				NL/P/16- River Bank Afforestation	Advance	16	16903	270448
					Creation (Part)		20000	320000
	A3	Urban Landscapes	UL/I/01- Institutional Plantation	Advance & Creation	75.12	105425	7919526	
			UL/A/01- Avenue Plantation	Advance & Creation	220	150000	32962500	
D	Supporting Activities	C2	Capacity Building	Awareness Campaigns	LS		5	
				Publishing pamphlets, booklets etc.	LS		5	
		C3	Awareness	Local Level training	LS		5	
				Division level	LS		5	
		C6	Cost of PMU	Office Expenses, Travel Expenses, contractual Staff, equipment	LS		10	
Total						819.77	60243215	
Grand total (A+B+C+D)						2310.95	1009.33	

Conditions on Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction for the project proposal Submitted by West Bengal State Forest Department on "Forestry Interventions for Ganga" approved for funding by Clean Ganga Fund.

1. General Conditions:

- i. The State Forest Department will be implementing the proposal and shall be responsible for effective implementation of the Annual Plan of Operation (APO).
- ii. The Clean Ganga Fund will share 100 percent cost of the project.
- iii. State Government to bear the labour cost for soil work in rural area through MNREGA scheme where as NYKS to be involved for providing support for soil work in urban areas wherever possible for plantation by the state forest department.
- iv. The State Forest Department need to report the progress of implementation (both physical and financial progress including fund utilization certificate) quarterly to NMCG.
- v. The reporting arrangement shall be based on monthly and quarterly reports, i.e. one report every month shall be submitted by the 8th day of every month (MPR) and 3 quarterly reports (QPR) with **detailed activities performed during the quarter with photographs** followed by a detailed final report at the end of the project. The format for submitting the monthly report is enclosed as **Annexure-III**.
- vi. Implementation of the project progress shall be closely monitored by NMCG so as to ensure that the project is completed within the stipulated period of time.
- vii. The State Forest Department need to follow all the observation of NMCG, and Third Party Inspection (TPI) agency, if any, during the project implementation.
- viii. All components of the project shall be completed within specified time limits and the outcomes are to be clearly mentioned in the final report submitted to NMCG on completion of the project.
- ix. Any additional component relevant for project or any component require modification or deletion, may be added or modified or deleted as the case may be, only with the prior approval of the NMCG.
- x. Staff that may be employed for preparation, execution or operation of the programme by the State Forest Department are not to be treated as employees of the NMCG/ Clean Ganga Fund. The deployment of such staff at the time of completion or termination of the project will not be the concern or responsibility of the NMCG/ Clean Ganga Fund.
- xi. The State Forest Department shall ensure that all provisions of the RTI Act 2005 are adhered to as far as information pertaining to the project is concerned.
- xii. Conditions/commitment indicated in the Executive Committee (EC) Memo, Minutes and other documents including those to be fulfilled before start of the programme shall be strictly adhered to in the project implementation and management.
- xiii. The State Forest Department shall ensure conformity to GFRs/codal procedures/CVC guideline during the execution of the proposed work.
- xiv. All the equipment's/data generated out of the study would be property of Clean Ganga Fund and decision as to its storage/ownership and disposal would be undertaken with the approval of NMCG on completion of study.



2. The release of funds is subject to the following terms and conditions:-

2.1 Financial Aspects:

- i. The transfer of fund to the state will be on achievement of specified milestones.
- ii. Any cost escalation over and above the sanctioned cost shall be borne by the State Forest Department.
- iii. The State Forest Department to take all the necessary legal and executive measures to ensure adequate resources available for operation and maintenance of the assets created under the project to fulfill its mandate.
- iv. The State Forest Department is not permitted to seek or utilize funds for the same purpose from any other organization (Government, semi-Government, autonomous or private) without prior approval of the NMCG.
- v. The sanctioned cost of the project will be borne by Clean Ganga Fund. The sanctioned amount should be spent exclusively thereon as per the scope of the project and within the stipulated time. The liability of Clean Ganga Fund will not exceed the amount sanctioned for the project. For carrying forward any work(s) /activities beyond the specified time limit prior approval of Clean Ganga Fund should be obtained.

2.2 Audit:

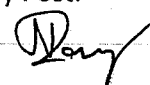
- i. The Comptroller & Auditor General of India (the External Auditor) at his discretion shall have the right of access to the project related books and accounts of the State Forest Department for the purpose of Audit.
- ii. The books of accounts of the grantee, relating to this grant, shall be open to Audit by the Internal Auditor appointed by NMCG/ Clean Ganga Fund.

2.3 Submission of Quarterly Physical Progress Report (QPPR):

- i. The MPR and QPRs to be developed by the State Forest Department shall be signed by at least two designated officers of the State Forest Department, one of whom should be the DFO of the implementing district.
- ii. The signing officers will indicate her/his name and designation in full in capital letters and affix official seal under the signature. While the MPR & QPR submitted by fax/e-mail will be acceptable for commencement of processing the case, ink-signed MPR & QPR must follow by Post.
- iii. Consistency between physical progress and expenditure shall be maintained and reasons for substantial variations shall be appropriately explained against each item.

2.4 Submission of 'Accounting and Financial Reports (AFR)' by the EA:

- i. The Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) in standard format as mentioned in the GFR shall be signed and stamped by the Accounts Department and Divisional Forest Officer (DFO). The MER need to be submitted by the 8th day of every quarter regularly by the State Forest Department to NMCG.
- ii. The name and designation of the officers signing the MER shall be clearly mentioned in full and in capital letters. While MER submitted by fax/e-mail will be acceptable for commencement of processing the case, ink signed MER must follow by Post.



- iii. The State Forest Department has to submit the Utilization Certificates (UC) as per the specified format provided in the GFR.

2.5 Inspection and Monitoring:

- i. NMCG may depute any person to visit the Implementation area for the purpose of monitoring of its work. Full facilities will be provided by the State Forest Department to the person deputed for inspection.
- ii. Director General, NMCG will monitor the overall progress of the project periodically.

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Format for Monthly Progress report

S.no.	District	Treatment site name	GPS coordinate (in degree decimal)	Activity/ Model no.	Physical Target		Fund released by NMCG (in Rs.)	Physical progress		Total expenditure (in Rs.)	Man power utilised
					Total area to be treated in ha.	No. of Plants to be planted		Area treated in ha.	No. of Plants planted		
Total											

Note: Photographs of the treatment site should be Geo tagged through "Bhuvan app".

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