

File No. Ad-34015/1/2020-NMCG-NMCG
Government of India
Ministry of Jal Shakti
Department of Water Resource, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation
National Mission for Clean Ganga

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Dated: 24 September, 2020

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 "Namami Gange" programme at a cost of Rs. 260.65864 lakh (Rupees Two crore Sixty lakh Sixty-five thousand Eight hundred Sixty-four only) for the year 2020-21.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the grant of Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction (AA&ES) for the project proposal "**Forestry Interventions for Ganga**" under the "*Namami Gange*" programme at a cost of **Rs. 260.65864 lakh (Rupees Two crore Sixty lakh Sixty-five thousand Eight hundred Sixty-four only)** for the years 2020-21 for plantation & maintenance in river bank districts/ forest divisions of West Bengal, namely, Birbhum, Bankura (North), Bankura (South), Burdwan, Purulia, Kangsabati North, Raiganj, Howrah, Malda, Nadia, Murshidabad, Kolkata URF, Durgapur, Panchet, 24-PGs. (N), 24-PGs. (S), Kangsabati South, Kurseong, Darjeeling & Purulia Extension Forestry with 100% central funding.

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

3. The summary of cost & milestone for the proposal is given in **Annexure-I** with 100% central funding under the "*Namami Gange*" programme.

4. Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction for the project is granted subject to the conditions as per **Annexure-II**.

5. The period of completion of the proposal under "**Forestry Interventions for Ganga**" will be one year.

6. The NMCG/Government of India 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.

7. In case of violation of any of the conditions of the grant or in case of closure or dissolution of the grantee organization, the Central Government 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.

8. This sanction is based on the approval accorded in the 29th Executive Committee (EC) meeting of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) held on 28th August, 2020 as well as with approval of DG, NMCG vide e-office file no. Ad-34015/1/2020-NMCG-NMCG, note # 12, dated 30.06.2020 and financial concurrence of ED (Finance) vide e-office file no. Ad-34015/1/2020-NMCG-NMCG, note # 10, dated 30.06.2020.

Yours faithfully,



(P.P. Saha)
Deputy Secretary, NMCG

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

- 1) PS to Secretary, MoEF&CC, Government of India
- 2) PS to Director General, NMCG
- 3) Executive Director (Finance), NMCG
- 4) Project Director, SPMG, West Bengal
- 5) Sanction Folder /Guard File/Computer Cell, NRCD/MIS, NMCG



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Annexure-I

Summary of cost of the project proposal of “Forestry Interventions for Ganga” under the “Namami Gange” programme.

The overall financial outlay for the approved proposal is **Rs. 260.65864 lakh** (Rupees Two crore Sixty lakh Sixty-five thousand Eight hundred Sixty-four only) as per the details provided below.

1. Total consolidated budget outlay for implementation of Forestry Interventions in West Bengal

Scheme: 2020-20 Activities						
Component/Activity: Plantation & Treatment Models						
Sub heading	Activities	Nature	Ha.	Cost per/ha.(Rs.)	Total cost (in Rs)	
Natural Landscape	NL/P/13-QGS Plantation	1st Year Maintenance	279.4	16952	4736389	
	NL/H/12-Mic. Plantation		25	16952	423800	
	NL/P/16- River Bank Afforestation		90	16952	1525680	
Urban Landscapes	UL/I/01- Institutional Plantation		78	16952	1322256	
	UL/I/01- Urban Institutional Plantation		26.26	16952	445160	
	UL/A/01-Urban Avenue Plantation		35	16952	593320	
	UL/A/01-Avenue Plantation		56	16952	949312	
Urban Landscapes	UL/E/01-Eco Plantation		5	16952	84760	
	UL/E/01-Eco Plantation		3rd Year Maintenance	34	4343	147662
	NL/P/13-QGS Plantation			125	4343	542875
	NL/P/16- River Bank Afforestation	48		4343	208464	
	UL/I/01- Institutional Plantation	130.5		4343	566762	
UL/A/01-Avenue Plantation	214.8	4343		932876		
Natural Landscape	NL/P/13-QGS Plantation	2rd Year Maintenance	507.35	11930	6052686	
	NL/P/16- River Bank Afforestation		33	11930	393690	
	UL/I/01- Urban Institutional Plantation		43.83	11930	522892	
	UL/I/01- Institutional Plantation		102.55	11930	1223422	
Urban Landscapes	UL/A/01-Avenue Plantation		139.5	11930	1664235	
	UL/A/01-Urban Avenue Plantation		103.07	11930	1229625	
	Total			2076		23565864.22
Cost of PMU	Office Expenses, Travel Expenses, Contractual Staff, Equipment, etc.	LS			25,00,000.00	
	Total				2500000.00	
Grand total					2,60,65,864.22	

2. Milestone /targets:

Activity	Quarterly Fund Required For Plantation								Total	
	1st Quarter		2nd Quarter		3rd Quarter		4th Quarter		APO 2020-21	
	Area in Ha.	Fund required (Rs. in Lakhs)	Area in Ha.	Fund required (Rs. in Lakhs)	Area in Ha.	Fund required (Rs. in Lakhs)	Area in Ha.	Fund required (Rs. in Lakhs)	Area in Ha.	Fund required (Rs. in Lakhs)
Maintenance 1st year, 2nd year & 3rd year	573.96	99.81544	583.22	84.47824	318.30	47.73471	548.16	28.63025	2076.0	260.65864



Conditions on Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction for the project proposal submitted by West Bengal State Forest Department on "Forestry Interventions for Ganga" approved under the "Namami Gange" programme for one year.

1. General Conditions:

- i. The State Forest Department is the implementing agency and shall be responsible for effective implementation of the approved Annual Plan of Operation (APO).
- ii. The Central government will share 100 percent cost of the project.
- iii. State Government should consider bearing the labour cost for soil work in rural areas through MNREGA scheme where as NYKS, Ganga Praharis, Ganga Mitras, Ganga Task Force and Ganga Vichar Manch to be involved for providing support for soil work & plantation wherever possible.
- iv. Implementation of the project progress will be closely monitored by SPMG to ensure that the project is completed within the stipulated period of time.
- v. All project Implementation sites should have a display board with Logo of NMCG and State Forest Department along with display of the number of plants planted and area in Ha. Planted. NMCG Logo is enclosed for reference - as **Annexure-IV**. Soft copy of logo is being sent by email.
- vi. The State Forest Department need to follow all the observation of SPMG/NMCG, and Third Party Inspection (TPI) agency, if any, during the project implementation.
- vii. 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.
- viii. Staff employed by the State Forest Department under this project are not to be treated as employees of the NMCG.
- ix. 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.
- x. 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.
- xi. The State Forest Department shall ensure conformity to GFRs/codal procedures/CVC guideline during the execution of the proposed work.
- xii. All the equipment's/data generated out of the study would be property of Govt. of India 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. Any cost escalation over and above the sanctioned cost shall be borne by the State Forest Department.
- ii. 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.



- iii. 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.
- iv. The sanctioned cost of the project will be borne under the National Ganga Plan under "Namami Gange" programme.

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 of the NMCG.
- iii. The overall auditing arrangements to cover both periodical internal and annual external audit of project shall be ensured as per the 'Financial Management Manual (FMM)' of NMCG.

2.3 Flow of Funds:

The flow of fund to the implementing agency will be through a dedicated Zero balance Mother Child Account of NMCG. Operational bank account need to be opened accordingly.

2.4 Submission of Quarterly Physical & Financial Progress Report (QPFPR):

- i. The State Forest Department should report the progress of implementation (both physical and financial progress including fund utilization certificate) quarterly to NMCG & SPMG with photographs. Signed by at least two designated officers of the State Forest Department, one of whom should be the DFO of the implementing district. The format for submitting the report is enclosed as **Annexure-III**.
- ii. The physical progress report should include the district wise plantation detail in hectare as well as the number of plants planted.
- iii. The State Forest Department has to submit the Utilization Certificates (UC) as per the specified format provided in the GFR, 2017.
- iv. For release of funds, implementing agency needs to submit UC/expenditure statement for the previous utilization.
- v. The signing officers will indicate her/his name and designation in full in capital letters and affix official seal under the signature. While the QPFPR submitted by fax/e-mail will be acceptable for commencement of processing the case, ink-signed QPFPR must follow by Post.
- vi. Consistency between physical progress and expenditure shall be maintained and reasons for substantial variations shall be appropriately explained against each item in QPFPR.

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 including local logistics shall 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.



Format for Quarterly Progress Report (Physical & Financial)

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 "Green Ganga app/ Bhuvan Ganga app".

Namami Gange logo:



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