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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: 26th October, 2021

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

Subject: 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. 923.70 lakh (Rupees Nine crore twenty three lakhs Seventy thousand only) for the year 2021-22.

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. 923.70 lakh (Rupees Nine crore twenty three lakhs Seventy thousand only)** for plantation & maintenance in river bank districts/ forest divisions of West Bengal namely; Birbhum, Bankura (North), Bankura (South), Burdwan, Purulia, Kangsabati North, Howrah, Malda, Nadia Murshidabad, Kolkata URF, Durgapur, Panchet, 24 PG s. (N), 24 PG s. (S), Kangsabati South, Kurseong, Darjeeling, Paschim Burdwan, Darjeeling WL & Purulia Extension Forestry with 100% central funding.

2. 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.

3. The summary of cost 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 starting from the date of issue of AA&ES.

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 by the implementing agency.

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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 37th Executive Committee (EC) meeting of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) held on 1st October, 2021 as well as with approval of DG, NMCG vide e-office file no. Ad-34018/3/2021-NMCG-NMCG, Note # 41, dated 25.10.2021 and financial concurrence of ED (Finance) vide e-office file no. Ad-34018/3/2021-NMCG-NMCG, Note # 39, dated 23.10.2021.

Yours faithfully,


26/10/2021

(K.L. Ahuja)
Under 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” in West Bengal under the “*Namami Gange*” programme.

The overall financial outlay for the approved proposal is **Rs. 923.70 lakh (Rupees Nine crore twenty three lakhs Seventy thousand only)** as per the details provided below.

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

APO 2021-22 “Forestry Interventions for Ganga- West Bengal”													
Scheme	Sl. No.	Component /Activity	Sl. No.	Sub Heading	Activities Cost per ha.	Nature	Ha.	Rate (Rupees)	Rs. In Lakhs				
2021-22 Activities	A	Plantation & Treatment Models	A1	Natural landscapes	NI/P/13-QGS Plantation	Advanc e cum Creatio n	412	99711.00	410.81				
					NI/P/16-River Bank Afforestation		59	68982.00	40.70				
					NI/P/12-Sal & Associates		50	124516.00	62.26				
			A3	Urban Landscapes	UL/I/01- Institutional Plantation		199	92462.00	184.00				
					UL/I/01- Urban Institutional Plantation		29	92462.00	26.81				
					UL/A/01- Urban Avenue Plantation		29	92462.00	26.81				
					UL/A/01 Avenue Plantation		54	92462.00	49.93				
										832	663057	801.32	
			B	A1	Natural landscapes			NI/P/13-QGS Plantation	2nd Year Maintenance	279.4	11930.00	33.33	
								NL/H/12- Misc. plant.		25	11930.00	2.98	
	NI/P/16-River Bank Afforestation	88				11930.00		10.50					
	A3	Urban Landscapes		UL/I/01- Institutional Plantation	78	11930.00	9.31						
				UL/I/01- Urban Institutional Plantation	26.26	11930.00	3.13						
				UL/A/01- Urban Avenue Plantation	36	11930.00	4.29						
				UL/A/01 Avenue Plantation	66	11930.00	7.87						
								5		11930.00	0.60		
								603.66		95440	72.016638		
	C	A1		Natural landscapes		NI/P/13-QGS Plantation	3rd Year	507.35		4343.00	22.03		

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				NI/P/16-River Bank Afforestation	Maintenance	33	4343.00	1.43
		A3	Urban Landscapes	UL/I/01- Urban Institutional Plantation		43.83	4343.00	1.90
				UL/I/01- Urban Institutional Plantation		102.55	4343.00	4.45
				UL/A/01 Avenue Plantation		139.5	4343.00	6.06
				UL/A/01- Urban Avenue Plantation		103.07	4343.00	4.48
						929.3	26058	40.359499
				Total		2364.96	784555	913.70
	D			Office Expenses, Travel Expenses, Equipment, Purchase of Computer	LS			10
		D6	Cost of PMU					
Grand Total						2364.96		923.70

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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. State Government should consider bearing the labour cost for soil work through MNREGA and other available schemes where as NYKS, Ganga Praharis, Ganga Mitras, Ganga Task Force and Ganga Vichar Manch may be involved for providing support for soil work & plantation wherever possible.
- iii. Implementation of the project progress will be closely monitored by NMCG/SPMG to ensure that the project is completed within the stipulated period of time.
- iv. The State Forest Department has to submit the Physical Progress report quarterly followed by a detailed annual report with photographs of the project activities after completion of the project with Project Completion Certificate in the prescribed format provided by NMCG/SPMG.
- v. All project implementation sites should have a proper 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 needs to follow all the observation NMCG/SPMG, and Third Party Inspection (TPI) agency, if any, during the project implementation period.
- vii. Parking of allocated funds under this project in separate account is not allowed.
- viii. Plantation journals in prescribed format should be maintained and kept updated to enable effective monitoring and evaluation of the implemented work.
- ix. Regular photographic documentation of the input, process, output and outcomes should be regularly carried out for all the plantations activities, and should be readily available in the division office. Also, the geo-referenced plantation polygon of the perimeter of the plantation as a KML file should be diligently recorded and stored with the division office for future reference.
- x. Reusing of iron tree guard - As iron tree guard are used to safeguard the plant till it establishes itself. These iron tree guards are expensive with a high carbon footprint. For established plantations more than 3 years old, these iron gabions can be reused for fresh plantation wherever required.
- xi. 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 competent authority of NMCG.
- xii. Staff employed by the State Forest Department under this project are not to be treated as employees of the NMCG.
- xiii. 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.
- xiv. 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.
- xv. The State Forest Department shall ensure conformity to GFRs/Codal procedures/CVC guideline during the execution of the proposed work.

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- xvi. 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.
- v. The State Forest Department has to submit the Utilization Certificates (UC) every six months as per the specified format provided in the GFR, 2017.
- vi. For release of funds, implementing agency need to be submit UC/expenditure statement for the previous utilization.

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 needs 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 expenditure statement) quarterly to NMCG/SPMG with photographs. The report should be 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/division wise plantation detail in hectare as well as the number of plants planted with GPS locations.
- iii. 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.

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- iv. 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.

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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".

(Signature)
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Namami Gange logo:

