

File No. T-17/2014-15/359/NMCG-Afforestation (Pt-14)  
National Mission for Clean Ganga  
Department of Water Resource, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation  
Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India

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Dated: 24 September, 2019

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 Ganga" Programme at a cost of Rs. 5,72,90,779/- (Rupees Five crore Seventy two lakhs Ninety thousand seven hundred Seventy nine only) for the year 2019-20.**

Sir,

I am directed to convey the grant of 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 Ganga" Programme at a cost of Rs. 5,72,90,779/- (Rupees Five crore Seventy two lakhs Ninety thousand seven hundred Seventy nine only) for the years 2019-20 for plantation in River bank districts of West Bengal namely; Birbhum,, Bankura (North), Bankura (South), Burdwan, Purulia, Kangsabati North, Raiganj, Howrah, Malda, Naida Murshidabad, Kolkata URF, Durgapur, Panchet, 24 PG s. (N), 24 PG s. (S), Kangsabati South, Kurseong, Darjeeling, Purulia & Purulia Extension Forestry 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 & milestone for the proposal is given in Annexure-I with 100% funding under the "Namami Ganga" assisted National Ganga River Basin Project.


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/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.
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 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.

5. This is issued based on the approval by the Executive Committee (EC) under the powers vested with it by the statutory order dated 7th October 2016 of the Union Cabinet and the financial concurrence of ED (Finance) vide Dy. no. 1298, dated 20.6.2019 and with the approval of DG, NMCG vide Dy. No. 1605 dated 21.6.2019.

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



(P.P. Saha)

Deputy Secretary, NMCG

Summary of cost of the project proposal of "Forestry Interventions for Ganga" under the "Namami Ganga" assisted National Ganga River Basin Project.

The overall financial outlay for the approved proposal is Rs. 5,72,90,779/- (Rupees Five crore Seventy two lakhs Ninety thousand seven hundred Seventy nine only) as per the details provided below.

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

Scheme	S.no.	Component/ Activity	S. No.	Sub Heading	Activities cost per Hac.	Nature	Hac.	Rate (Rupees)	Cost (In Rs.)	
Against proposal of 2019-20	B	Plantation & Treatment Models	A1	Natural Landscapes	NL/P/13-QGS Plantation	Advance and Creation	74	60189	4453986	
					NL/P/16-River Bank Afforestation		90	60189	5417010	
			A3	Urban Landscapes	UL/I/01- Institutional Plantation		119.96	105425	12646783	
					UL/A/01- Avenue Plantation		143	106000	15158000	
					AL/P/02- Agriculture Plantation		350	18900	6615000	
					Soil Conservation		164	40000	6560000	
	C	Plantation & Treatment Models	A1	Natural Landscapes	NL/P/13-QGS Plantation	Advance	60	16000	960000	
					NL/P/16-River Bank Afforestation		30	16000	480000	
	<b>Total</b>							<b>1030.96</b>		<b>52290779</b>
	2019-20	D	Supporting Activities	D2	Capacity Building	Awareness Campaigns	LS			0
Publishing pamphlets, booklets etc.						LS			0	
D3				Awareness	Local level Training	LS			0	
					Division level	LS			0	
D6				Cost of PMU	Office Expenses, Travel Expenses, contractual Staff, Purchase of equipment	LS			5000000	
<b>Total</b>									<b>5000000</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>							<b>1030.96</b>		<b>5,72,90,779</b>	

Milestone /targets:

Activity	Quarterly Fund Required For Plantation								Total	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter		2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter		3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter		4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter		APO 2019-20	
	Area in Ha.	Fund required 15% of APO (Rs. in Lakhs)	Area in Ha.	Fund required 60% of APO (Rs. in Lakhs)	Area in Ha.	Fund required 20% of APO (Rs. in Lakhs)	Area in Ha.	Fund required 5% of APO (Rs. in Lakhs)	Area in Ha.	Fund required (Rs. in Lakhs)
Advance soil work, Plantation and Supporting activities	940.96	85.94	940.96	343.75	940.96	114.56	1030.96	28.65	1030.96	572.907



Conditions of 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 Ganga" 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 Vihar March 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 and with display of the number of plants planted and area in Ha. Planted - NMCG Logo 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, modified or deleted as the case may be, only with the prior approval of the NMCG.
- viii. Staff employed by the 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 relating to the project is concerned.
- x. Conditions/commitments 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 project implementation and management.
- xi. The State Forest Department shall ensure conformity to GFRs/codal procedures/CVC guideline during the course of the proposed work.
- xii. All the equipment's/created out of the study would be property of Govt. of India and decision as to its ownership and disposal would be undertaken with the approval of NMCG on completion.

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

2.1 **Financial Aspects:**

- i. Any cost escalation 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 adequatees available for operation and maintenance of the assets created under this 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 State Forest Department has to submit the Utilization Certificates (UC) as per the specified format provided in the GFR, 2017.
- iii. For release of funds, implementing agency need to be submit UC/expenditure statement for the previous utilization.
- iv. 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.
- v. 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.

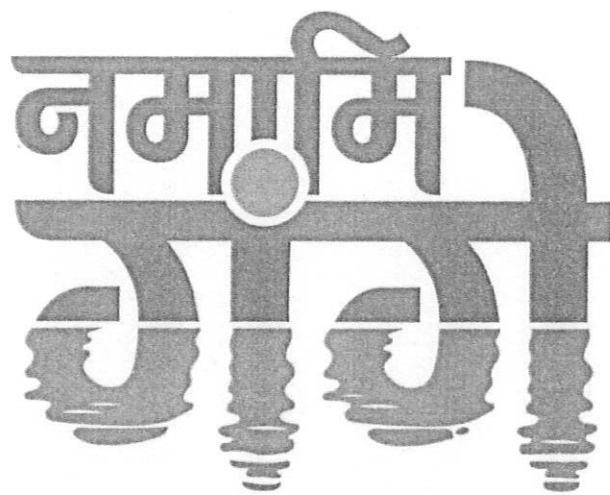


Format for Quarterly Progress Report (Physical & Financial)

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 "Bhuvan Ganga app".

Namami Gange logo:



*Handwritten signature*