

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: 21 June, 2017

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 INR 8.4800 crore (Rupees eight crore and fourty eight lakhs only) for the year 2017-18.

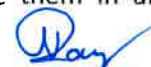
Sir,

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 **INR 8.4800 crore (Rupees eight crore and fourty eight lakhs only)** for the years 2017-18 for plantation in River bank districts of West Bengal namely; Darjeeling, Bankura, Birbhum, West Mednipur, Burdwan, Uttar Dinajpur, Hooghly, Malda, Purulia, Nadia, Murshidabad 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 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. 317, dated 24.5.2017 and with the approval of DG, NMCG vide Dy. No. 1773 dated 18.4.2017.

Yours faithfully,



(Nityananda Ray)
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



(Nityananda Ray)
Deputy Secretary, NMCG

Annexure-I

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 **INR 8.4800 Crore** (Rupees eight crore and forty eight lakhs only) as per the details provided below.

Sr. No.	Component /Activity	Sr. No.	Sub Heading	Activities Cost per Hac.	Nature	Phy. In Hac.	Rate (Rs)	Fin. (in Rs.)	
A	Plantation & Treatment Models	A1	Natural Landscapes	NL/H/12-Mic. Plantation	Nursery	125	16903	2112875	
					Creation (Part)	125	20000	2500000	
				NL/H/13 Grass & Tree Plantation	Nursery				
					Creation (Part)				
				NL/H/12-Sal & Asso. Plantation	Nursery	176	16903	2974928	
					Creation (Part)	176	20000	3520000	
				NL/P/13-QGS Plantation	Nursery	1606	16903	27146218	
					Creation (Part)				
				NL/P/14-RFD	Silvi Operation				
				NL/P/15-MS Cutting	Silvi Operation				
NL/P/16-River Bank Afforestation	Nursery	100	16903	1690300					
	Creation (Part)	100	20000	2000000					
A3	Urban Landscapes	UL/I/01-Institutional Plantation	Advance cum creation	250	105425	26356250			
			UL/A/01-Avenue Plantation	Advance cum creation	100	150000	15000000		
C	Supporting Activities	C2	Capacity Building	Awareness Campaigns	Activity			1500000	
				Publishing pamphlets, booklets etc.	Activity				
		C3	Awareness	Local Level training	No				
				Division level	No				
		C6	Cost of PMU	Office Expenses, Travel Expenses, Contractual Staff, Equipment, Purchase of Computer.					
		Total				2785	8,48,00,000		

Note: The detail of the above summary is in file no. T-17/2014-15/359/NMCG- Afforestation (Part) West Bengal, vide letter no. 1215/Namami Gange Programme/2017, dated 6/3/2017.

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 Ganga" Programme for one year.

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 Central government 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. 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.
- 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 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. The transfer of fund to the state will be through a dedicated Zero balance Mother Child Account in SPMG (State Program Management Group) operational bank account, be opened accordingly.
- 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 under the National Ganga Plan under "Namami Gange" programme. The sanctioned amount should be spent exclusively thereon as per the scope of the project and within the stipulated time. The liability of NMCG will not exceed the amount sanctioned for the project. For carrying forward any work(s) /activities beyond the specified time limit prior approval of the NMCG should be obtained.

2.3 Audit:

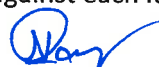
- i. The Comptroller & Auditor General of India (the External Auditor) at his discretion shall have the right of access to the project related books and accounts of the State Forest Department for the purpose of Audit.
- ii. The books of accounts of the grantee, relating to this grant, shall be open 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 the NGRBA programme framework.

2.4 Flow of Funds:

- i. The fund releases by the NMCG shall be as per Mother –Child Funds Flow arrangement as provided in the Financial Management Manual of NGRBA framework.

2.5 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.

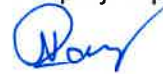


2.6 Submission of 'Accounting and Financial Reports (AFR)' by the EA:

- i. The 'Accounting and Financial Report (AFR)' in standard format as mentioned in the GFR, shall be signed and stamped by the Accounts Department and Divisional Forest Officer (DFO). The AFR 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 AFR shall be clearly mentioned in full and in capital letters. While AFR submitted by fax/e-mail will be acceptable for commencement of processing the case, ink signed AFR 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.

2.2 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.



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											

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