

Grant in Aid Rule - 2002

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH

FOREST DEPARTMENT

NO. FFE-B(G)9-6/99

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NOTIFICATION

The Governor, HP is pleased to promulgate the following rules regulating payment of Grant-in Aid to the Village Forest Development Societies under the Participatory Forest Management (PFM) schemes operative in Himachal Pradesh

Short Title And Extent 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">. These Rules may be called “Rules Regulating the Grant-in-Aid to the village Forest Development Societies under the PFM schemes in Himachal Pradesh.. These rules shall come into force immediately.
Definitions 2	<p>In these Rules, unless there is any thing repugnant in the subject or context.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">. Department’ means the Himachal Pradesh Forest Department.. ‘Govt.’ mans the Government of Himachal Pradesh.. ‘Revenue’ means the revenue administered by Himachal Pradesh Government.. ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh in the Himachal Pradesh Forest Department.. ‘Conservator’ means the Conservator of Forests of the Circle concerned.. ‘DFO’ means the Divisional Forest Officer of the Division concerned.. ‘PFM’ means Participatory Forest Management.. ‘Society’ means Village Forest Development Society.
Purpose of the Grant-	The purpose of Grant-in-aid is for the furtherance of

<p>in-Aid 3</p>	<p>objectives of PFM and its implementation through the Societies. <i>The assistance in the shape of Grant-in-Aid would be meant for expenditure on plantation & pasture improvement, soil & water conservation, income generation activities, maintenance, fencing, protection etc., subject to the availability of funds, and based on such norms and for such other purposes, as may be decided by the Govt. from time to time.</i> All Grant-in-aid disbursed will be funded by transparent norms, framed in advance, to govern not merely the unit of cost of different activities, but to also specify maximum costing for amounts for different activities and individual Societies would be entitled to.</p>
<p>Mode of payment. 4</p>	<p>The amount of Grant-in-aid shall be sanctioned <i>and released quarterly</i> by the DFO, keeping in view both, the norms and , within these, the requirement of the society, as well as available funds, on receipt of a written request from the Society, indicating the purpose for which it is required. Normally a self contained proposal containing the demand for the whole year shall be furnished by the Society by 30th April every year for scrutiny of the DFO, prior to sanction</p>
<p>Conditions for Sanction of Grant-in-Aid 5</p>	<p>The sanction of the Grant-in-aid shall be subject to following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . That the DFO shall have right to check the accounts of the Society, to satisfy himself that the Grant-in-aid has been spent for the purpose for which it has been sanctioned. In case it is found that the Grant-in-aid has been mis-utilized, it will be open to the DFO to recover the aid from the Society, and to stop further payment. . The assets acquired wholly or substantially out of Government grants would not, without the prior sanction of the Govt. be disposed of, encumbered or utilized for purposes other than those for which grants are sanctioned. The Society shall maintain a register in the form (as in Annexure-A) in respect of the permanent and semi-permanent assets acquired wholly or mainly out of govt.

	<p>grant. This register should be maintained by the Society separately in respect of each sanctioning authority to whom a copy thereof will be furnished annually for permanent record. The assets would be taken to mean all immovable and movable property of capital nature where the value exceeds Rs. 10000/- Library books and articles of furniture will not, however, be included in it.</p>
<p>Maintenance of Accounts and Submission of Utilization Certificates. 6</p>	<p>The Society shall maintain its accounts and records and the same will be open to inspection by the nominee (s) so deputed by the government.</p> <p>An un-audited utilization certificate will be furnished by the Society in respect of Grant- in-aid released to the Society during a particular year by 15th April of next year, as per form in Annexure-B, to the sanctioning authority, who will furnish the same to the Accountant General HP. The account in respect of the Grant-in-aid released to the Society for <i>PFM</i> activities during a particular year, under various <i>PFM</i> schemes, will be furnished by the DFO to the Accountant General (Audit) Hp by the end of September of the <i>next/</i> following year of sanction of Grant-in-aid. The <i>PFM</i> account of the Society will be audited by a qualified Accountant, or any other agency approved by the government, before, December next, in order to ensure proper utilization of the amount of the Grant-in-aid released by the department of the Society. Thereafter the Society will submit one copy of the audited utilization certificate in respect of each project activity to the DFO. The quarterly installment in respect of the Grant-in-aid for a particular year will be released by the DFO on the basis of un-audited utilization certificate furnished by the Society.</p>
<p>Miscellaneous 7</p>	<p>In order to ascertain the utilization of funds released to Societies by DFOs under various microplan activities, the Conservators shall prescribed format to the <i>Addl. PCCF.PFM</i>. The expenditure on account of payment of Grant-in-aid is to be charged under Head 2406</p>

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Forestry & Wildlife (Plan(-01-Forestry-800 Other Expenditure-06-SOON & 06-SOOS- under those schemes as may be included under PFM.

By Order
Principal Secretary(Forests)
to the Government of HP.