

NOTIFICATION

The Governor, Himachal Pradesh is pleased to promulgate the following rules regulating payment of Grant-in Aid to the Schools under the Vidyarthi Van Mittar Yojna in Himachal Pradesh:-

1-Short Title and Extent 1(i)These Rules may be called "Rules Regulating the Grant-in-Aid to the Schools under the Vidyarthi Van Mittar Yojna in Himachal Pradesh.

(ii)These rules shall come into force immediately.

2-Definitions

2.In these Rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:-

'Department' means the Himachal Pradesh Forest Department.

'Govt.' means the Government of Himachal Pradesh.

'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.

'Scheme' means Vidyarthi Van Mittar Yojna.

'School' means the school selected for implementation of scheme

'GIA' means Grant-in-Aid given by H.P. Forest Department to the schools to implement the activities approved under the scheme.

3-Purpose-of-the Grant-in-Aid

The purpose of Grant-in-aid is for the furtherance of objectives of New Scheme-Vidyathi Van Mittar Yojna and its implementation through the Schools in collaboration with Himachal Pradesh Legal Services Authority. The assistance in the shape of Grant-in-Aid would be meant for cost of planting tools/equipments, transportation costs for students, cost of local farm yard manure/vermicompost and light refreshment and for such other purposes, as may be decided by the Govt. from time to time. All Grant-in-aid disbursed will be funded by transparent norms, framed in advance.



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4-Mode of payment.

The amount of Grant-in-aid shall be sanctioned *and released to the schools in the beginning of the financial year* by the concerned DFO, keeping in view the norms, plants being planted (new plantation as well as maintenance of old plants) by the school as per Technical Plan as well as available funds and APO for the concerned year.

5-Conditions for Sanction of Grant-in -Aid

The sanction of the Grant-in-aid shall be subject to following conditions:

- i) The GIA shall be distributed and utilized as per scheme guidelines.
- ii) The DFO shall have right to check the accounts of the School/Eco-club, to satisfy him/herself that the Grant-in-aid has been spent for the purpose for which it has been sanctioned and released and will obtain utilization certificate after completion of activity
- iii) 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 Schools, and to stop further payment.
- iv) 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.
- v) The Schools shall maintain a register in respect of the permanent and semi-permanent assets acquired wholly or mainly out of govt. grant. This register should be maintained by the School separately in respect of each sanctioning authority to whom a copy thereof will be furnished annually for permanent record.

6- Maintenance of Accounts and Submission of Utilization

Certificates.

- i) The School shall maintain its accounts and records and the same will be open to inspection by the nominee (s) so deputed by the government.
- ii) An un-audited utilization certificate will be furnished by the School in respect of Grant- in-aid released during a particular year by 15th April of next year, as perform in Annexure-B, to the sanctioning authority, who will furnish the same to the Accountant General HP.
- iii) The account in respect of the Grant-in-aid released to the Society for PFM activities during a particular year, under various PFM schemes, will be furnished by the DFO to the Accountant General (Audit) Hp by the end of September of the next/ following year of sanction of Grant-in-aid. The PFM 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.

7-Miscellaneous

The released funds be utilized as per activities prescribed in the technical plan.

8-Head of Account

The expenditure on account of payment of Grant-in-aid is to be charged under Head 2406 Forestry & Wildlife-Plan-01-Forestry-800 Other Expenditure-09-SOON -Vidyarthi Van Mittar Yojna & 2406 Forestry & Wildlife-Plan-01-Forestry-796 Tribal Area Sub Plan-34-SOON Vidyarthi Van Mittar Yojna.

These rules has been issued with the prior concurrence of Fin Department obtained vide their Dy. No. 54738257 and File No. Fin.(C) B(15)-5/2019 dated 11-07-2019.

By Order
Additional Chief Secretary(Forests)to the
Govt. Himachal Pradesh

Endst. No. As above.

Dated Shimla-171002 31-7-2019

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