



ABSTRACT

Forests - Grants-in-Aid - Administrative approval for the implementation of Management Action Plan in Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve(GOMBR) Tamil Nadu during the year 2018-2019 and release of first installment - Orders issued.

ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (FR.5) DEPARTMENT

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Read:

1. Government Letter No.13649/FR.5/2018-1, dated 24.07.2018.
2. The Director, Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Letter No.09/05/2017-CS/BR, dated 15.11.2018.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Letter No.WL3/21559/2018, dated 22.11.2018.

ORDER:-

In the reference first read above, the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden seeking central assistance for implementation of Management Action Plan in Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve (GoMBR), Tamil Nadu was forwarded to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for approval and release of funds as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme during the year 2018-2019.

2. The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in their letter second read above have conveyed their administrative approval for a sum of Rs.179.50 lakhs with the sharing pattern of 60:40 between Central and State Governments. Out of Rs.179.50 lakhs, the Government of India share is Rs.107.70 and remaining amount of Rs.71.80 lakhs is State Government share. The Government of India have now released the Central share of Rs.64.097 lakhs (without indicating the item of works to be taken up by utilizing the 1st installment of funds), which works out to 60% of the Central share after adjusting the unspent balance amount of Rs.0.524 lakhs for the year 2017-18. Based on the above percentage indicated by the Government of India the State Government has to release the 60% of State share including the unspent

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balance amount of previous year which amounts of Rs.43.604 lakhs towards State Share.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden has, therefore, requested the Government to accord administrative approval for Rs.179.50 lakhs and to release a sum of Rs.107.701 lakhs as first installment for implementation of Management Action Plan (MAP) in Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve(GoMBR) in Tamil Nadu during 2018-2019 as detailed below:-

Details of Sanction	Amount
Government of India share 60% of Central Share minus unspent balance of MAP (2017-18 of Rs.0.524 lakhs)	64.097
State Government Share including unspent amount of Rs.0.524 lakhs pertaining to the year 2017-2018 with the State Government.	43.604
Total	107.701

4. The Government after careful consideration accord administrative approval for a sum of Rs.179.50 lakhs (Rupees One crore seventy nine lakh and fifty thousand only) and release a sum of Rs.107.701 lakhs (Rupees One crore seven lakh seventy thousand and one hundred only) [Government of India share Rs.64.097 lakhs + State Government share Rs.43.604 lakhs including unspent amount Rs.0.524 lakh pertaining to the year 2017-18 with the State Government] as first installment to meet the expenditure for implementation of Management Action Plan in Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve (GoMBR), Tamil Nadu and to execute the works mentioned in Government of India's letter second read above.

5. The expenditure sanctioned in para 4 above shall be debited to the following head of account :-

" 4406 - Capital Outlay on Forestry and Wild Life - 01 Forestry -
101 Forest Conservation, Development and Regeneration - Central
Sector Schemes-SA. Scheme of Establishment of Gulf of Mannar
Biosphere Reserve - 16 Major works."
(D.P.Code No.4406- 01- 101-SA -1606).

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden shall ensure that the expenditure does not exceed the sanctioned amount and the Utilization Certificate shall be sent to Government of India in time. He is also to ensure that the terms and conditions laid down by the Government of India in their letter second read above should be followed strictly.

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