

F. No. 11-92/2015-Hort
Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
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To

- (1) Mission Directors all States/Implementing agencies
Under OFWM (Micro Irrigation)
- (2) NCPAH, Delhi

Subject: - Revalidation of unspent balances out of Grants-in-Aid released in previous financial years and accrued interest thereon for use during the financial year 2015-16-reg.

Sir/Madam,

There is possibility that Grant-in-Aid released during 2014-15 for Micro Irrigation under On-Farm Water Management (OFWM) under NMSA may remain unutilized, in full or in part, on the close of financial year i.e. 31-3-2015 and as such there may be unspent balance available with the Implementing Agencies under On-Farm Water Management (OFWM) under NMSA for Micro Irrigation.

2. It has been decided with the approval of competent authority that unspent balance in respect of funds released during 2014-15 and accrued bank interest earned on central Grants-in-Aid under Plan Scheme of On-Farm Water Management (OFWM) under NMSA stands revalidated for utilization on approved activities of the new scheme for the current financial year i.e. 2015-16. Further, it may kindly be ensured that Balance Sheet and Audited statement of Accounts should clearly reflect unspent balance and amount earned as interest as on 01.04.2015 so that these amounts are accounted for in a transparent and unambiguous manner.

3. As regards revalidation of unspent balance of funds released for earlier period i.e. prior to 2014-15, a proposal with full justification may be sent to the Joint Secretary and Mission Director (MIDH & OFWM).

4. Proposal for release of first installment should be sent in the prescribed performa (copy enclosed) only after utilizing substantial part of available unspent balance along with following documents for consideration:

- i. Audited Utilization Certificate (in respect of GoI share only) in form GFR 19A alongwith audited statement of accounts of the scheme for the Financial Year 2013-14 supported by physical and financial progress report;
- ii. Provisional Utilization Certificate for the F.Y. 2014-15 (in respect of GoI share only) in form GFR 19A. It should reflect the unspent balance of previous year and accrued bank interest;
- iii. Consolidated Physical-cum-Financial Progress Report pertaining to year 2014-15;
- iv. Details of interest accrued as on 1-4-2015 on central Grant-in-Aid received by grantee institutions/implementing agencies;



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- v. Proof of release of matching State share i.e. mandatory State share (copy of State Government order);
- vi. Copy of annual action plan (AAP) 2015-16 in the prescribed format as per approved allocation to the state.
- vii. Details of additional subsidy provided by the state towards beneficiary contribution (over and above the mandatory state share).
- viii. Certificate to the effect that Annual Action Plan has been prepared as per crop spacing and cost norms as per the scheme guidelines.
- ix. Certificate to the effect that financial assistance is being released to the beneficiaries as per crop spacing and cost norms as provided in the scheme guidelines.
- x. Each page of the above mentioned documents should be duly authenticated indicating the name and designation of the signing authority;

5. While sending the proposal for release of funds, State Governments/Implementing Agencies should take the following into consideration: -

- (i) Mere release of funds from State Headquarters to Districts does not amount to utilization of funds. State Horticulture Missions/Implementing Agencies should also mention in the Utilization Certificate that expenditure for amount shown as spent in UC has been actually incurred and does not include any committed liability or funds transferred to field agencies.
- (ii) Practice of cross transactions amongst various schemes in the state should be discontinued forthwith. Separate accounts for the scheme should be maintained.
- (iii) Auditing of accounts should be completed mandatorily by 30th September 2015.
- (iv) The release of funds shall be regulated as per conditions as stated in this Department's Letter no 18-22/2013-Hort dated 16th March 2015 (please visit nhm.nic.in and midh.gov.in).
- (v) The Government of India is considering changing the funding pattern of Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro Irrigation to 50:50 (Centre: States) pattern. The State-wise allocations so decided should be treated as interim in nature at present which might undergo change on the basis of sharing pattern between Central and State Governments as finally approved by Cabinet/Government of India.

Yours faithfully,


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