

GRANT-IN-AID UNDER SANJHI VAN YOJNA - 2000

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 Sanjhi Van Yojna, Himachal Pradesh.

RULES

Short Title And Extent:

- i. These Rules may be called "Rules Regulating the Grant-in-Aid to the Village Forest Development Societies under the Sanjhi Van Yojna, Himachal Pradesh.
- ii. These Rules shall come into force immediately.

Definitions:

In these Rules, unless there is any thing repugnant in the subject or context:

- i. 'Department' means the Himachal Pradesh Forest Department.
- ii. 'Govt.' means the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
- iii. 'Revenue' means the revenue administered by Himachal Pradesh Govt.
- iv. 'Secretary' means the Secretary to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh in the Himachal Pradesh Forest Department.
- v. 'Conservator' means the Conservator of Forests of the Circle concerned.
- vi. 'DFO' means the Divisional Forest Officer of the Division concerned.
- vii. 'SVY' means Sanjhi Van Yojna.
- viii. 'Society' means Village Forest Development Society.

Purpose of Grant in Aid

The purpose of Grant -in-aid is for the furtherance of objectives of Sanjhi Van Yojna and its implementation through the Societies. The assistance in the shape of Grant -in- Aid would be meant for expenditure on preparation of microplans, Entry Point Activity, Establishment of Modern nurseries, Trainings, Workshops and Publicity 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. All Grant-in- Aid disbursement will be guided by transparent norms, framed in advance, to govern not merely the unit of cost of different activities, but to also specify maximum costings for amounts for different activities that individual Societies would be entitled to.

Mode of Payment

The amount of Grant-in-Aid shall be sanctioned 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.

Sanction of for Conditions for Grant-in-Aid:

The sanction of the Grant -in-Aid shall be subject to

following conditions:

1. 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-utilised, it will be open to the DFO to recover the aid from the Society, and to stop further payment.
2. The assets acquired wholly or substantially out of Govt. 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. 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 means all immovable and movable property of capital nature where the value exceeds Rs. 1000/-. Library books and articles of furniture will not, however, be included in it.

Maintenance of Accounts :

1. 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.
2. 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 SVY activities during a particular year, under various SVY schemes, will be furnished by the DFO to the Accountant General (Audit) H.P. by the end of September of the next/ following year of sanction of Grant-in-Aid. The SVY 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 to 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.

Miscellaneous:

In order to ascertain the utilization of funds released to Societies by DFOs under various microplan activities, the Conservators shall furnish a report to the Addl. PCCF, H.P. and/or Secretary (Forests) to the H.P. Govt., as and when desired by them.

Head of Account

The expenditure on account of payment of Grant-in-Aid is to be charged under Head 2406 Forestry Wild Life (Plan)- 01 Forestry - 800 Other Expenditure-06-SOON & 06-SOOS- New Forestry Scheme(SVY).

By Order:

FC-cum-Secretary (Forests)

Govt. of Himachal Pradesh

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