

F. No. 7-7/2017-CC
Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare
(RFS Division, Climate Change Cell)

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated 20th April, 2018

To

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Punjab, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh
2. Agriculture Production Commissioner of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Nagaland
3. Commissioner of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Maharashtra
4. Commissioner of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Rajasthan
5. Director (Agriculture) Government of Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Meghalaya, Mizoram
6. Director (Horticulture & Farm Forestry), Govt. of Chhattisgarh
7. Mission Director (NMSA), Government of Jammu & Kashmir, Kashmir

Subject: Revalidation of unspent balances out of Grants-in-Aid released during 2017-18 and accrued interest thereon for implementation of Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF).

Sir/Madam,

I am directed say that there is possibility that Central Grant released during 2017-18 for implementation of Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF) may remain unutilized, in full or in part on the close of financial year and as such, there may be unspent balance available with the State Govt. / Implementing Agencies as on 1-4-2018.

2. Therefore, it has been decided with the approval of competent authority that unspent balance in respect of Central Grant released under SMAF during 2017-18 and the bank interest earned & accrued thereon stands revalidated for utilization for the activities of the same Scheme during current financial year i.e. 2018-19.

3. Unspent balance of Grant-in-Aid released in the previous financial year, i.e. 2017-18 and interest earned thereon, if any, in case money is kept in Saving Bank Account, will be counted towards Grant-in-Aid for the current financial year. **Such unspent amount needs to be utilized on or before 30.09.2018.**

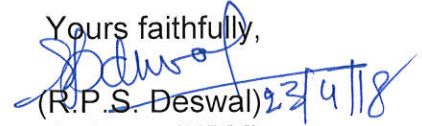
4. Revalidation of unspent balances will be adjusted against release of first/second instalment and allocation of current financial year and the allocation / release of funds for current financial year will be reduced to that extent. Proposal for release of second instalment of funds for FY 2017-18 and first instalment of funds for FY 2018-19 will only be considered after the utilization of substantial amount of available unspent balance of previous year (2017-18).

5. Further, it may kindly be ensured that Utilization Certificate along with Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts should clearly reflect the amount of unspent balance including the bank interest earned as on 01.04.2018 so that these amounts are accounted for in a transparent and unambiguous manner.

6. It may be ensured that the AAP 2018-19 also include unfinished/spill over activities of the previous financial year, if any. However, the same shall be accounted for in the utilization of current year in the Utilization Certificate.

7. **As regards revalidation of unspent balances brought forward from out of the funds released before 2017-18 for utilization in 2018-19, separate revalidation will be done only after receipt of proposal with full justification for non utilization of funds.**

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R.P.S. Deswal', is written over the typed name. To the right of the signature, the date '23/4/18' is handwritten in blue ink.

Addl. Commissioner (NBM)