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Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare
(RFS Division, Climate Change Cell)

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated 25th April, 2017

To

Principal Chief Conservator of Forest
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh,
Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Tamil Nadu

Subject: Revalidation of unspent balances out of Grants-in-Aid released during 2016-17 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 2016-17 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 1-4-2017.

2. Therefore, it has been decided with the approval of competent authority that unspent balance in respect of Central Grant released under SMAF during 2016-17 and the bank interest earned & accrued thereon stands revalidated for utilization for the activities of the same Scheme during current financial year i.e. 2017-18.

3. Unspent balance of Grant-in-Aid released in the previous financial year, i.e. 2016-17 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 30.09.2017.**

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 installment of funds for FY 2016-17 and first instalment of funds for FY 2017-18 will only be considered after the utilization of substantial amount of available unspent balance of previous year (2016-17).

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 01.04.2017 so that these amounts are accounted for in a transparent and unambiguous manner.

6. It may be ensured that the AAP 2017-18 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.

Yours faithfully,


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