

No: 16-4/2014 Fert. Use  
Government of India  
Ministry of Agriculture  
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation  
(INM Division)

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi  
Dated the .13..February 2015

To

The Pay & Accounts Officer (Sectt.)  
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation  
Ministry of Agriculture,  
16, Akbar Road Hutments,  
New Delhi 110 011

Subject: Administrative Approval and expenditure sanction for Implementation of Soil Health Card Scheme under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) – Release of Funds during 2014-15 – reg.

Sir,

I am directed to convey administrative approval and expenditure sanction of Competent Authority for implementation of Soil Health Card under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) and to convey the sanction of the President to the payment of Rs.30 lakh (Rupees Thirty lakh only) to Government of **Rajasthan under Mission Management component of Soil Health Card Scheme** during 2014-15.

2. The amount will be debited to the following Major Head under Demand No.1 Agriculture:-

3601- Grant in aid to State Government  
02- Grant for State Plan Schemes.  
437- Crop Husbandry – Manures and Fertilizers  
01-National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility  
010031- Grants-in-aid-General

3. The expenditure to be incurred is subject to the following terms and condition:-
- (i) The grants shall be utilized by the concern implementing agency in accordance with the operational guidelines of the scheme namely "Soil Health Card' Scheme (guidelines is already circulated to all States and are also available at DAC website: [www.agricoop.nic.in](http://www.agricoop.nic.in)).
  - (ii) The implementing agency shall maintain proper accounts of the expenditure incurred and submit the statement of Audited accounts and utilization certificate to this Department as soon as possible along with progress report after close of the financial year.

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- (iii) The audited records of all assets (permanent or semi-permanent) acquired wholly or substantially out of the grant to the implementing agency should be maintained as prescribed in the form of GFR-19 and 19-A.
- (iv) Assets permanent or semi-permanent acquired wholly or substantially out of the grant from the Government of India shall not, without prior approval of the Government of India, be disposed off, encumbered or utilized for the purpose other than those for which the grant is being sanctioned.
- (v) The accounts of the implementing agency shall be open to Internal Audit of the Principal Accounts Officer, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation as well as Statutory Audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India at his discretion and he shall have the right to demand the production of books, accounts, connected vouchers and other documents and papers in the regard.
- (vi) Balance Sheet and Audited statement of accounts of State Governments/Implementing Agencies should clearly reflect amounts earned as interest and unspent balances, at beginning of financial year, so that these amounts are accounted in a transparent manner.
- (vii) Strict economy should be observed so as to keep the expenditure to the minimum.
- (viii) "This has been noted at S. No ...51.....of Register of grant of Financial Year 2014-15 as per GFR 212 (4) (b)."
- (ix) This sanction issues with the approval of Integrated Finance Division vide their Dy. No1147/FTS/AS&FA dated 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

Yours faithfully,

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Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

Deputy Secretary  
भारत सरकार / Govt. of India  
कृषि मंत्रालय / Ministry of Agriculture  
कृषि भवन, नई दिल्ली / Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Copy to:-

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2. Office of the Director General of Audit, Central Expenditure, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi 110 002
3. The Secretary (Agriculture), Govt. of Rajasthan, Secretariat, Durgapura, Jaipur.
4. The Director of Agriculture, Govt. of Rajasthan, Secretariat, Durgapura, Jaipur
5. Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Rajasthan, Secretariat, Durgapura, Jaipur
6. Secretary (Planning), Govt. of Rajasthan, Secretariat, Durgapura, Jaipur
7. Accountant General (A&E), Govt. of Rajasthan, Secretariat, Durgapura, Jaipur
8. The Advisor, Agriculture (Niti Commission), Yojna Bhawan, New Delhi.
9. Sr. PPS to Secretary (A&C).

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10. PPS to Addl. Secretary (AKS), DAC.
11. Joint Secretary (INM), DAC.
12. Deputy Secretary (Finance), DAC.
13. Under Secretary (Fin-VI), DAC.
14. AD Budget Section/ B&A Section.

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Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

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No. 1-2/2014 - Fert. Use (xxii)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Agriculture  
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation  
(INM Division)

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi  
Dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2015

To

The Pay & Accounts Officer (Sectt.)  
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation  
Ministry of Agriculture, 16, Akbbar Road Hutments,  
New Delhi 110 011

Subject: **Administrative approval and expenditure sanction for implementation of 'Soil Health Card' scheme under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) during 2014-15.**

Sir,

I am directed to convey Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction of Competent Authority for implementation of 'Soil Health Card' scheme under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) at a cost of Rs 113.42 lakh (Rupees One crore Thirteen Lakh Forty Two Thousand only) during financial year to State Govt. of **Rajasthan**, during **2014-15**. The expenditure will be debited from the following Budget Heads of accounts:-

3601- Grant in aid to State Government  
02- Grant for State Plan Schemes.  
437- Crop Husbandry – Manures and Fertilizers  
01-National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility  
010031- Grants-in-aid-General

2. Main components of the 'Soil Health Card' scheme are as follows:

- (i) The Soil Health Card
- (ii) Training for soil analysis
- (iii) Financial assistance for package of nutrient recommendations
- (iv) Capacity building and regular monitoring and evaluation.
- (v) Mission Management

3. Component-wise tentative allocation is given at Annexure.  
The approval is subject to following conditions:-

- (a) Financial assistance for various components shall be allowed as per cost norms and pattern of assistance mentioned in the operational guidelines of 'Soil Health Card' scheme distributed to the States in the Zonal Conferences and also available on the website i.e. [www.agricoop.nic.in](http://www.agricoop.nic.in).

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- (b) The implementing agency shall maintain proper accounts of expenditure incurred and submit the statement of Audited Accounts and utilization certificate to this Department as soon as possible along with progress report for further release of funds. The implementing agency will also furnish quarterly progress report regularly with details of physical and financial target and achievement for various components separately.
- (c) Balance Sheet & Audited Statement of Accounts relating to the scheme to be furnished by State Governments/Implementing Agency shall clearly reflect unspent balance and amount earned as interest at the beginning of the financial year, so that these amounts are accounted for in a transparent and unambiguous manner.
- (d) "This has been noted at S. No 40 of Register of grant of Financial Year 2014-15 as per GFR 212 (4) (b)."

4. This issues with approval of Integrated Finance Division vide their Diary No. 3179/AS &FA dated 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015

Yours faithfully,

  
(Shailesh)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

Copy for information to:-

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2. Dir. of Audit Commerce Works Misc., AGCR Building, IP Estate, N. Delhi.
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4. The Director of Agriculture, Govt. of Rajasthan, Secretariat, Jaipur 302 005
5. Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Rajasthan, Secretariat, Jaipur 302 005
6. Secretary (Planning), Govt. of Rajasthan, Secretariat, Jaipur 302 005
7. Accountant General (A&E), Govt. of Rajasthan, Secretariat, Jaipur 302 005
8. PS to AS & FA/ DS (Fin)/ US (Finance)/Budget & Accounts Section/INM Section.
9. Plan Coordination Division, DAC, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
10. Agriculture Advisor, Planning Commission, Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi.
11. JS (Plan Fin), Department of Expenditure, North Block, New Delhi.

Copy also for information to:-

1. Sr. PPS to Secretary (A&C), DAC.
2. PPS to AS (INM).
3. PPS to Joint Secretary (INM), DAC.
4. Additional Commissioner (INM), DAC / AC (INM) / AD(M)
5. Deputy Secretary (INM), DAC/ US (INM)/ SO (INM).

**Annexure**

Govt. of Rajasthan

(Rs. in lakh)

Soil Health Card		Training of Soil Chemist		Capacity Building					Total	Mission Mgt	Grand Total
Number of samples				Farmers Training		Line Staff Trg		ICT			
	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Fin			
275222	94.95	10	4.50	7	1.26	7	1.89	9.69	112.29	1.13	113.42

Note:

- (i) Amount indicated is 75% GOI share, remaining 25% is to be contributed by State.
- (ii) Activities included under Soil Health Card component are sampling cost, contractual services & training, awareness and providing GPS equipment. The approximate per sample cost for these activities come to Rs. 46 per sample (GOI share Rs. 34.50).

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