F.No. 3-6/2020-RE
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
(Research in Environment Division)

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Dated : 18th March,2021

To

The Pay & Accounts Officer
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
New Delhi

Subject: Release of Grants-in-Aid to the Principal, Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi, Delhi for the FY 2020-21(Plan) - Sanction regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to the payment of Rs. 12,97,140/- (Rs. Twelve Lakh Ninety Seven Thousand One Hundred Forty only) to the Principal, Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi, Delhi towards release of Grants-in-aid for the Research Project entitled "Microbial communities in changing climatic regime: Analysis of primary and secondary risk factors" undertaken by Dr. Vartika Mathur, Assistant professor Animal-Plant Interactions lab, Department of Zoology, Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi, Delhi 110021, for the FY 2020-21 (plan), being 1st installment of the total project cost of Rs. 43,23,800/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Only) for a period of 2 years.

2. The Grants-in-Aid will be regulated in accordance with the provisions contained in 'Guidelines for revised scheme on Research & Development (R&D) for Conservation & Development (2017-2020)' by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change. The Grants-in-Aid is also subject to the General Financial Rules, 2017, as amended from time to time, read with the Government of India's decisions incorporated there under, and any other guidelines, which may be issued in this regard, and in particular to the following conditions: -

i. All relevant information and documents/certificates as required as per GFR 2017-230(1) would be submitted.
ii. The pattern of assistance of rules governing such Grants-in-Aid have received the approval of the Ministry of Finance, as required under Govt. of India Decision No. (1) under DFPR –Rules 20.
iii. As per GFR 2017- 230(8) 'All interests or other earnings against Grants in aid or advances (other than reimbursement) released to any Grantee institution should be mandatorily remitted to the Consolidated Fund of India immediately after finalization of the accounts. Such advances are not allowed to be adjusted against future release.
iv. Dr. Vartika Mathur, Assistant professor Animal-Plant Interactions lab, Department of Zoology, Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi, Delhi 110021 will ensure implementation of the Expenditure Advance and Transfer (EAT) Module of the PFMS.

v. Assets acquired wholly or substantially out of Government Grants will be the property of the Govt. of India and shall not be disposed of without obtaining the prior approval of the sanctioning authority of Grants-in-Aid. All equipment and store purchased can be utilized in future project after completion of the present project. The Equipment should be purchased as per GFR 2017 norms and copy of purchase of permanent equipment may be furnished. It may also be ensured that the list of assets acquired under the project as per prescribed proforma (Appendix-IV), may be submitted.

vi. The accounts of the concerned institution shall be open for inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India under the provision of C&AG (DPC) Act, 1971 and internal audit party by the Principal Accounts office of the Ministry or Department whenever it is called upon to do so.

vii. Noted at Serial No. R&D Projects/17/2020-2021 in the Register of Grants and sanction ID has been generated vide No. 3-6/2020-RE dated 18th March, 2021.

viii. The UC for the released amount will be furnished by the implementing agency when request for release for further grant for the project is made, or at the end of the financial year, whichever is earlier.

ix. The implementing agency shall furnish their annual performance-cum-achievement report to the sanctioning authority.

x. The concerned Institution will spend Grants-in-Aid exclusively in pursuance of the objectives envisaged in rules/memorandum of concerned institution and for the purpose it is being sanctioned.

xi. Grants-in-Aid to the concerned Institution is subject to the Economy Instructions issued from time to time by the M/o Finance or by the Competent Authority.

xii. Grants-in-Aid shall be utilized before the end of the current financial year 2020-21. Request seeking carry forward permission for unspent balance, if any, shall be sent at the end of financial year by the implementing agency.

xiii. The concerned Institution will maintain and will present their annual accounts in the standard format as required under GFR.

3. The Grant-in-aid is further subject to the conditions, in addition to the above which should be compiled with:

i. Full utilization of funds as per approved allocation of the project.

ii. Payments towards wages/remuneration as well as other contractual obligations are made through bank accounts of recipients and DBT Scheme. Travel and Contingencies will be as per actual bills, which are produced.

iii. A separate interest bearing account shall be opened for the project which will be open for C&AG audit.

iv. Evidence of deposit of TDS/Service Tax in case of contract payments and CST in case of purchase of leviable goods.

v. The UCs, Expenditure Statement, Progress Report along with Photographs of equipments shall be timely furnished for uploading on the website of the Ministry for public access before further release of funds..

vi. The fixed assets created out of this grant will be the property of the Ministry and shall not be disposed of without concurrence of this Ministry.

vii. Copy of purchase of permanent equipment is to be furnished. The organization will submit the list of assets acquired under the project as per prescribed proforma (Appendix-IV). GFR 2017 is to be followed for purchase of the equipment and bills are to be submitted. The equipment should be purchased as per GFR norms.

viii. All equipment and store purchased out of the grants will be the property of the Government of India. This property can be utilized in future project after completion of the present project.

ix. Penalty clause may be incorporated for not completing the project on time and leaving the project without completing it.

x. In case of employment through contract, copy of PF & ESI contributions of employees shall be submitted, wherever applicable.
xi. The timeline for completion of the project is to be strictly adhered to.
xii. The expenditure should not exceed beyond the approved allocation of funds.
xiii. The implementing agency who do not render accounts/submit physical progress reports against the released grants will be blacklisted by the Ministry after ensuring an adequate dialogue, both in speech and writing, by the Ministry with the authorities of the concerned defaulting institution.
xiv. there should not be any overlapping of activities under the project/scheme with the activities of on going scheme of Central/State Govt

4. The sanction of the grant is subject to terms and conditions as detailed at pre-page, the 'Guidelines for revised scheme on Research &Development (R&D) for Conservation & Development (2017-2020)' published by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and the General Financial Rules 2017. The Grants-in-Aid is recurring in nature and will be released in instalments. The grantee organization falls under category – (A) Autonomous Body.

5. The amount of Rs. 12,97,140/- (Rs. Twelve Lakh Ninety Seven Thousand One Hundred Forty only) will be drawn by the Drawing and Disbursing Officer, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi and disbursed through RTGS to the account of the Principal, Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi, Delhi as per the following details:

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| Beneficiary's Name | MOEFCC CLIMATE CHANGE AND MICROBES PROJECT |
| Agency Name | Sri Venkateswara College (University of Delhi) |
| Name of the Bank | Union Bank of India |
| Name of the Branch | Union Bank of India, Sri Venkateswara College, Benito Juarez Marg, Dhaula kuan, New Delhi -110021 |
| Account Number | 136212010000032 |
| IFSC code | UBIN0813621 |
| MICR Code | 110026198 |

6. The expenditure involved will be met under the Demand No. 27 Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Major Head '3435', Minor Head 03.102, Environmental Planning and Coordination-3435.03.102, Decision Support for Environmental Awareness, Policy, Planning and Outcome Evaluation-06. R&D for Conservation and Development – 06.05, Grants-in-aid (General) - 31 for the financial year 2020-2021 Plan/Recurring.

7. This issues under the power delegated to Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change and with the concurrence of IFD vide Dy. No. 150013/SS&FA dated 15.03.2021.

Yours faithfully,

(Navil Kapur) 18-3-2021
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

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i. Cash Sections (2 copies);