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Subject: Approval of the Small Grant (SG) for the project entitled "Value addition of Fruits and Vegetables of Western Himalayas through Eco-friendly and Low-Cost Technologies"

Sir,

I am directed to convey the approval of the Competent Authority for the above-mentioned project at a total cost of **Rs. 40,28,600/- (Rupees: Forty Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Only)** for a period of three years, as per the break-up given below:-

Head	1 st year (in Rs.)	2 nd year (in Rs.)	3 rd year (in Rs.)	Total grant
A. Recurring				
(i) Salary: 01 JRF @ Rs.31,000/- + HRA @ 16% per month for 35 months.	431520.00	431520.00	395560.00	1258600.00
(ii) Travel(Domestic):	70000.00	70000.00	70000.00	210000.00
(iii) Consumables:	115000.00	115000.00	115000.00	345000.00
(iv) Contingency:	70000.00	70000.00	70000.00	210000.00
(v) Activities & other project cost: Survey costs, Trainings and Meeting/ Workshops.	240000.00	240000.00	240000.00	720000.00
(vi) Institutional charges/ Overhead:	35000.00	35000.00	35000.00	105000.00
B. Non Recurring				
(i) Equipment: Solar dryer- 1 nos Rs.3.00 lakh, Microwave dryer- 2 nos Rs.7.86 lakh, Vegetable Dicer/ Cuber-1 nos Rs.0.948 lakh.	1180000.00	0.00	0.00	1180000.00
Grand Total A+B	2141520.00	961520.00	925560.00	4028600.00

2. The approval of the project is subject to incorporation of following points:

- Strengthening the marketing strategy, more smart tie-ups and collaborations should be worked out to ensure long-term sustainability of the efforts and work done under the project.
- Ensure correlation of each lab assessment activity (e.g. phenotypic, biotic, abiotic, probiotic, etc.) with specific set of outcomes/deliverables and bring in the demonstrative project achievements/ outputs.
- A report based on baseline data should be submitted by the project proponent in the **1st quarter of the project** since the initiation of the project. Further, the **Periodic Progress Report** of the NMHS Project along with all the supporting data generated under the NMHS Project needs to be submitted and updated on the Online Portal of the NMHS (<http://nmhsportal.org>) by the PI/ Project Proponent on **Quarterly basis** consistently. Monitoring indicators reported for the project should be able to quantify the difference made on ground.

- A Certificate should be provided that this work is not the repeat of earlier work (as a mandatory exercise).
- On completion of the study, a Seminar/ Conference/ Workshop should essentially be organized by the PI/ Proponent to discuss and disseminate the findings among the experts and concerned beneficiaries/stakeholders.
- The PI should ensure follow-up of the agreed time line with deliverables

3. The Project Objectives, Quantifiable Deliverables and Monitoring Indicators are as follows:

Project Objectives	Quantifiable Deliverables	Monitoring Indicators
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value addition of fruits and vegetables grown in rural and tribal areas of Western Himalayas by use of natural lactic acid fermentation. • Value chain recognition by studying ecological diversity of lactic acid bacteria of Himalayan fermented vegetables • Processing of fruits and vegetables grown in rural and tribal areas of Western Himalayas into value added products by use of eco-friendly low cost techniques. • Training and educating people about various low cost processing techniques for enhancing employment generation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of value added products (6 No.) along with their storage strategies • Facilitating better returns to producers (100 HH largely including ST community) through value addition of their produce • Empowerment of the inhabitants of Kashmir Himalayas through enhancement of their skills in processing and preservation of produce (>50 ST families). • Develop the knowledge products: 01 Policy, 01 manual document and 2-3 publications in well reputed journal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Database on Physio chemical and microbial diversity • Number of value added products developed (Nos.) • Number of Training/Awareness Programme Organized (Nos.) • Number of beneficiaries village/ local people (Nos.) • No. of Reports/Research articles/Policy documents prepared and published (Nos.)

4. Sanction of the Competent Authority is also hereby conveyed for the release of **Rs. 21,41,520/- (Rupees: Twenty One Lakh Forty One Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Only)** towards Grants-in-Aid to **The Registrar, University of Kashmir, Hazratbal, Srinagar, J&K-190006** for the aforementioned NMHS-SG project for the Financial Year 2019-20 Plan/recurring being the 1st installment of grants as per the following break-up.

Expenditure Head	Amount (INR)
A : Recurring (as Above)	
(i) Salary	431520.00
(ii) Travel	70000.00
(iii) Consumables:	115000.00
(iv) Contingency:	70000.00
(v) Activities & other project cost(as above):	240000.00
(vi) Institutional charges/Overhead:	35000.00
B. Non Recurring	
(i) Equipment(as above):	1180000.00
Total A+B	2141520.00

5. The Grants-in-Aid will be regulated in accordance with the provisions contained in the guidelines of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi. The Grants-in-aid is also subject to Chapter 9 of the General Financial Rules (GFRs), 2017, as amended from time-to-time, read with 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. A separate ledger is maintained for the purchasing of equipments/Instruments as per the provision of GFRs.
- II. Engagement of staff as per the provision of GFRs and MoEF&CC guidelines given in **Appendix A**. The emoluments for the retired persons hired for the project should not exceed **Rs. 30,000/- consolidated (fixed) per month** as stipulated in the MoEF&CC guidelines.
- III. Expenditure on items other than salary is incurred keeping in view the austerity measures issued on the subject, and GFR is followed by the Institute as well as regional office and other agencies receiving funds.
- IV. All account maintained by the concerned Organization will be subject to audit by the C&AG or internal auditors. On termination of the project, statements of accounts duly certified by the Competent Authority of the Organization shall be submitted and the unspent balance, if any, in the funds sanctioned will be refunded to G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and Sustainable Development, Kosi-Katarmal, Almora, Uttarakhand.
- V. No cash payment is made exceeding Rs. 20,000/- to anybody for any expenditure. The taxes and dues are recovered and deposited in Government Account as per law.
- VI. The 2nd installment will be considered only after the expenditure of 80% of the 1st installment released and on submission of the latest UC as per GFR format along with the Statement of Expenditure (item-wise) and signed duly by the Competent Authority. The UC shall also be verified and signed by the Chartered Accountant/Finance Officer along with the cash flow statement.
- VII. The UC shall be submitted along with up-to-date physical progress report (annual/ half yearly/quarterly) indicating progress made against each objective and quantifiable deliverables, both online on NMHS web portal <http://nmhsportal.org> and offline hardcopy *via* speed post, certified by the authorized person, along with data, photographs/satellite pictures, etc.
- VIII. Assets acquired wholly or substantially out of Government grants shall not be disposed of without obtaining the prior approval of the sanctioning authority of Grants-in-aid, and a separate sheet should be enclosed with details of Assets with cost.
- IX. The accounts of concerned Organization shall be audited by C&AG or by any person/agency authorized by it on its behalf in accordance with the provisions laid down in Section 14 of the C&AG (DPC) Act, 1971 as amended from time-to-time.
- X. The internal audit party of the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry or Department may also inspect the accounts whenever it is called upon to do so.
- XI. The Grants-in-aid will be spent exclusively in pursuance of the objectives for the project entitled "**Value addition of Fruits and Vegetables of Western Himalayas through Eco-friendly and Low-Cost Technologies**" as given above and for the purpose it is being sanctioned.
- XII. The Grants-in-aid is subject to the Economy Instruction(s) issued from time-to-time by the Ministry of Finance or by the Competent Authority.
- XIII. The sanction of the NMHS grant is subject to compliance with the Terms and Conditions given in **Annexure-I** and duly signing of the Bond with NMHS-PMU in the prescribed format (**Appendix B**). Compliance of all conditions mentioned in the Bond and **Annexure I** must be ensured.
- XIV. On the basis of the Terms and Conditions given in **Annexure-I**, action is being taken up for the drawal of the sanctioned amount of the first installment of the first year's grant during the Financial Year 2019-20.

XV. The sanction of the grant is subject to the whole details with nature of work of this project under "National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS)" clearly mentioned in the website/all knowledge products of the Grantee.

XVI. A **separate saving bank account** is to be opened for NMHS Project as per the provision Direct Beneficiary Account (DBA)/ Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) as laid out by the Govt. of India, with facilitation of the audit of accounts as and when required. The interest earned out of the NMHS project Grant should be reported clearly in the latest Utilization Certificate (UC).

XVII. The Project commissioned under "National Mission Himalayan Studies-Small Grant" would be for the **tenure of three years w.e.f. 10.10.2019**. If the project proponent/ lead agency is able to produce the desired results after mid-term evaluation/ assessment in terms of measurable and quantifiable deliverables on the ground, the extension can be given for maximum up to 2 years.

XVIII. As per the directive of the Govt. of India, the implementing agency should be registered online on **Public Financial Management System (PFMS)**. After registration on the PFMS (accessible at <https://pfms.nic.in/Users/LoginDetails/NewlayoutLogin.aspx>), please provide the Unique Code for further needful.

XIX. The amount of **Rs. 21,41,520/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Forty One Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Only)** will be drawn by the Drawing and Disbursing Officer, G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and Sustainable Development, Kosi-Katarmal, Almora (U.K.) and disbursed to **The Registrar, University of Kashmir, Hazratbal, Srinagar, J&K-190006** through bank by ECS. The Grantee will open a **new saving Bank Account** in a nationalized bank and send the following details to NMHS-PMU for release of the NMHS Grant.

Bank Name -
Account No. -
IFSC Code -
Account Holder -

6. The amount will be debited in the Major Head 3435.03.104.11.04.31 Grant-in-Aid-General-NMHS.

7. **Please send your acceptance with the Terms and Conditions of this NMHS Grant sanction letter so that aforementioned grant could be transferred to the Head of Implementing Agency through Bank transfer on the designated account.**

8. Please note that following documents must be submitted before the start of the project activities.

1. **Quotations for the equipments/instruments to be procured.**
2. **Roles and responsibilities of the partners with the budget allocated to each of them.**
3. **Original copy of Bond duly signed by authorized person of grantee (Rs. 100 stamp paper)**

**Encl.: Annexure-I
Appendix- A
Appendix- B**

Yours Sincerely,



(Kireet Kumar)
Scientist 'G' & Nodal Officer
NMHS-PMU, GBPNIHESD

Copy to:

1. The Registrar, University of Kashmir, Hazratbal, Srinagar, J&K-190006
2. Dr. Subrata Bose, Director, Mountain Division, CS-1, 2nd Floor, Vayu Wing, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi-110003
3. PS to Director, G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and Sustainable Development, Kosi Katarmal, Almora, Uttarakhand-263643
4. Finance Officer, G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and Sustainable Development, Kosi-Katarmal, Almora, Uttarakhand-263643
5. Principal Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi
6. Database team, NMHS-PMU
7. Guard File - NMHS.