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Government of India
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare
(NRM Division, Sub-mission on Agroforestry)

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To
All the State/UT Mission Directors (SMDs)

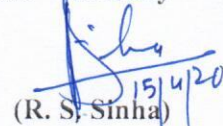
Subject: **Utilization of unspent funds out of grants-in-aid released under SMAF in Financial Year 2019-20 for implementation of Sub-mission on Agroforestry (SMAF) scheme of DAC&FW during FY 2020-21- Revalidation- regarding**

Sir,

I am directed to inform that the unspent funds out of grants-in-aid released under SMAF in previous financial year 2019-20 for implementation of Submission on Agroforestry (SMAF) scheme of DAC&FW during FY 2020-21 stands revalidated for utilization during 2020-21 subject to following:

- i. Unspent balance of grants-in-aid released in the previous financial year, i.e., 2019-20 will be counted towards grants-in-aid for the current year.
- ii. Revalidation of unspent balance will be adjusted against release of first/second instalment and allocation of current financial year will be reduced to that extent. Annual Action Plan (AAP) for 2020-21 shall be on the basis of availability of total funds [Allocation under BE 2020-21 (+) unspent balance as on 1.4.2020 out of funds released in 2019-20, if any]. **AAP 2020-21 have to compulsorily include unfinished/spill over activities as also the committed liabilities of previous financial year.**
- iii. Utilisation Certificates, Balance Sheet and Audited Statement of Accounts of State Governments/ Implementing Agencies/Nodal designated agencies shall clearly reflect unspent balances carried forward to the next financial year at the beginning of that financial year. So that these amounts are accounted for in a transparent and unambiguous manner.
- iv. As per Rule 230(8) of GFR 2017, 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 finalisation of the accounts. Such advances should not be allowed to be adjusted against future releases.
- v. **As regards revalidation of unspent balances from out of funds released under SMAF before 2019-20 for utilization in 2020-21, revalidation will be done only with the concurrence of IFD for which proposals with full justification will have to be sent separately by the State Mission Directors (SMDs) so that the same may be taken up with the IFD.**
- vi. The allocation order for 2020-21 under SMAF vide dated 31-3-2020 has already communicated. The states must comply with the above and send the details on the above while submitting their AAP for 2020-21

Yours' faithfully


(R. S. Sinha)

Additional Commissioner (NRM)

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