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Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmer's Welfare
(Natural Resource Management Division)

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
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To
All Head of Departments/State Mission Directors (Nodal Officers SMAF)

Subject: Utilization of unspent funds out of grants-in-aid released under SMAF in Financial Year 2020-21 for implementation of Submission of Agroforestry (SMAF) scheme of DAC&FW during FY 2021-22 Revalidation- regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to inform that the unspent funds out of grants-in-aid released under SMAF in previous financial year 2020-21 for implementation of Submission of Agroforestry (SMAF) scheme of DAC&FW during FY 2021-22 stands revalidated for its utilization during 2021-22 subject to following conditions:

- i. Unspent balance of grants-in-aid released in the previous financial year, i.e., 2020-21 will be counted towards grants-in-aid for the current year.
- ii. Revalidation of unspent balance will be adjusted against release of first/second installment and allocation of current financial year will be reduced to that extent. Annual Action Plan (AAP) for 2021-22 shall be on the basis of availability of total funds [Allocation under BE 2021-22 (+) unspent balance as on 1.4.2021 out of funds released in 2020-21, if any]. **AAP 2021-22 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 mandatory remitted to the Consolidated Fund of India immediately after finalization 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 2020-21 for utilization in 2021-22, 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 2021-22 under SMAF vide dated 23-03-2021 has already communicated. The states must comply with the above and send the details on the above while submitting their AAP for CFY 2021-22.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours' faithfully

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