

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO VARIOUS IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES FOR TREE PLANTING AND PRODUCTION OF QUALITY PLANTING MATERIAL AND AWARENESS PROGRAMME DURING 2007-08

Ministry of Environment and Forests is providing financial assistance under the Grants-in-Aid for Greening India Scheme, to various Implementing Agencies during Eleventh Five Year Plan. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided for afforestation and establishment of High-tech/Satellite nurseries for production of Quality Planting Material (QPM) on Government, Forest, Community and Private lands alongwith Awareness Programme. Guidelines of the scheme along with format of application have been made available to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, of all States/UTs, and can also be accessed at the web site of the Ministry at <http://www.envfor.nic.in>

2. Eligibility Criteria :

Items	Tree Planting	Establishment of Satellite Nurseries	Central High-Tech Nursery & Awareness Programme
Implementing Agencies	Government Department, Urban Local Bodies, Panchayati Raj Institutions, State Forest Department, Registered Societies, Non-Profit Organizations, Cooperatives, Charitable Trusts, Voluntary Agencies, Public Sector Undertaking, Autonomous Bodies, Registered Schools, Colleges and Universities	(i) State Forest Department on its own or in collaboration with Forestry/Agricultural Research Organizations/FDAs/ Farmers below poverty line/Tree Growers Co-operatives/Panchayats. (ii) Individuals including Farmers below poverty line and private entrepreneurs.	State Forest Department on its own or in collaboration with Forestry/Agricultural Research Organizations/FDAs/ Farmers below poverty line/Tree Growers Co-operatives/Panchayats.
Minimum Registration Period	Must have completed five years of registration as on 31 st March 2007	Should be registered under provisions of local Acts and Rules at the time of application.	NA
Experience	At least 3 years experience in the field of environment or related social sector.	At least 3 years experience in nursery raising with knowledge of sources and procuring of QPM	NA

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) has been made the focal point for receiving and scrutiny of the proposals of tree planting and establishment of Satellite nurseries in the State. The Project proposals, complete in all respects, should be submitted in duplicate in prescribed format directly to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests of the concerned State Government/UT Administration. The completed proposals as per the scheme guidelines, shall be received by the State/UT Forest Departments upto 15th August 2007. Proposals from each State/UT should be recommended by the PCCF after due scrutiny and prioritization. The last date for receipt of complete project proposals with all requisite documents from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, in this Ministry is 15th September, 2007. All proposals/documents/papers need to be sent by Registered post only.

The Ministry will not receive/entertain any proposal directly.

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