

DST/INT/AUS/P-67/2015
Government of India
Ministry of Science & Technology
International Division

17.04.2015

ORDER

Sanction of the President is hereby accorded for incurring an expenditure not exceeding Rs.23,70,400/- (Rs. Twenty three lakh seventy thousand four hundred only) in connection with implementation of the Indo Australian Joint Project on "Biomonitoring of pesticides in rivers and streams vis-à-vis ecological services and functions" by Prof Abhik Gupta, Dept of Ecology & Environmental Science, Assam University in collaboration with Dr. Ben John Kefford, Institute of Applied Ecology, University of Canberra for a total duration of three years from the date of receipt of the DD of initial grant which has to be intimated by the grantee institution

2. The composition of the project team is as below:

Indian Side	Australian Side
i) Prof Abhik Gupta Dept of Ecology & Environmental Science, Assam University, Dargakona, Silchar 788011 Cachar, Assam	i) Dr. Ben John Kefford Institute of Applied Ecology University of Canberra, Australia
(ii) Dr. Susmita Gupta -----do-----	ii) Dr. Susan Nichols -----do-----
	iii) Prof. Jochen Muller National Centre for Environmental Toxicology, University of Queensland, Brisbane

The change/replacement of project participants is not allowed. The participating scientists should be working on the project and affiliated with the Institute/University holding the indicated position at the time of start of the project as well as at the time of exchange visits under the project. The expenditure related to approve visits of participating scientists, as mentioned above, only can be met from the project grant.

3. The break up of estimated expenditure is as indicated below and re-appropriation of funds from one budget head to the other is NOT permitted under this project:

Items of Expenditure	1 st Year	2 nd Year	Total (Rs.)
A. Manpower			
- 1 RA @ Rs. 38,000/- p.m. + HRA 3,600/- = Rs. 39,600/-	Rs. 4,75,200/-	Rs. 4,75,200/-	Rs. 9,50,400/-
- Field Assistant (contractual on actual field visit basis)	Rs. 30,000/-	Rs. 30,000/-	Rs. 60,000/-
B. Equipments	Nil	Nil	Nil
C. Consumables	Rs. 3,15,000/-	Rs. 1,85,000/-	Rs. 5,00,000/-
D. Cost for visits by Indian scientists to Australia			
1 st Visit x 3 persons (Silchar- Sydney-Canberra and return) (7 days for PI and Co-PI, 2 months for RA)	(3 visits) Rs. 2,70,000/-	(3 visits) Rs. 3,00,000/-	Rs. 5,70,000/-
2 nd visit x 3 persons (Silchar- Sydney-Canberra and return) (7 days for PI, Co-PI and RA)	Rs. 10500/-	Rs. 10500/-	Rs. 21,000/-
Medical Insurance @ Rs.3500/-			

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	Rs. 30,000/-	Rs. 30,000/-	Rs. 60,000/-
Visa fee			
E. Costs for visits by Australian scientists to India			
Visit by 2 scientists (1 month for Australian PI, 14 days for Australian Co-PI)			
-Accommodation @ Rs. 700/- per person	Nil	Rs. 30,000/-	
- Per Diem @ Rs. 1000/- per day subject to a maximum of Rs 25,000/- per month)	Nil	Rs. 39,000/-	Rs. 69,000/-
Sub-Total	Rs. 11,30,700/-	Rs. 10,99,700/-	Rs. 22,30,400/-
Overhead	Rs. 50,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-	Rs. 1,00,000/-
Contingency	Rs. 20,000/-	Rs. 20,000/-	Rs. 40,000/-
Grand Total	Rs.12,00,700/-	Rs. 11,69,700/-	Rs. 23,70,400/-

4. As per the financial terms agreed by both sides, the sending side will pay the international transportation cost and the receiving side would provide the local hospitality of the visiting Scientists under the project.

5. All project related Visits to be undertaken by the scientists from either side in connection with the implementation of the project should be as per this order and prior approval is to be obtained from DST. The scientists listed in project are eligible for the exchange visits.

6. It must be ensured that the complete statement of expenditure, utilization certificate and project completion report is submitted within one year after the scheduled date of completion of the project.

7. As per MOF instructions dated 13.07.2009 all cases of air travel both domestic and international, the officials may travel only by Air India. For travel to stations not connected by Air India the officials may travel by Air India to the Hub/Point closest to their eventual destination, beyond which they may utilize the services of another airline which should also preferably be an alliance partner of Air India.

8. Sanction of the President is also accorded for the release of Rs.11,00,000/- (Rs. Eleven lakh only) as initial installment and the payment of this amount may be made to DDO, DST for electronic transfer (E-transfer) to the account of Registrar, Assam University as indicated below:

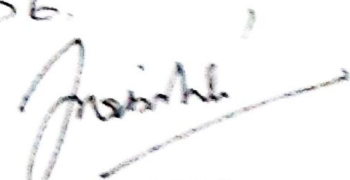
1	Name of A/C holder (as per Bank A/C)	Registrar, Assam University
2	Bank Account No.	305 010 100 0285
3	Bank Branch Name & Address	Canara Bank, Silchar Branch, Assam- 788011
4	IFSC Code	CNRB0003050

9. This sanction is subject to submission of Utilization Certificate (UC) and audited statement of expenditure (SE) along with up to date progress report at the end of each financial year for the grants already received under the project and seeking specific approval of this Department for carry forward of unspent funds to the next financial year for utilization of project and list of exchange visits of scientists under the project.

10. The grantee Institute/University shall maintain separate accounts for the project and the amount of grant will be kept in a bank account earning interest. The interest earned should be reported to DST while submitting the SE/UC. The interest thus earned will be treated as a credit to the institute to be adjusted towards further installment of grant.

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11. As per rule 211 (i) of GFR, the accounts of project shall be open to inspection by sanctioning authority/audit whenever the institute is called upon to do so
12. Grants-in-aid will be utilized for scientific research only.
13. Assets acquired wholly or substantially out of government grants except those declared as obsolete and unserviceable or condemned in accordance with the procedure laid down in GFRs, shall not be disposed of without obtaining the prior approval of DST.
14. Grant released are proprietary in nature and DST reserves proprietary rights on the assets created out of grants.
15. The expenditure involved will be debitable to Demand No. 86
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| 3425 | - Other Scientific Research (Major Head) |
| 60.798 | - International Cooperation (Minor Head) |
| 12 | - Cooperation with Other Countries |
| 12.00.31 | - Grants-in-aid general during the current financial year 2015-2016 (Plan Expenditure)** |
16. This sanction order being 1st installment for implementation of this project no SE/UC is due from the grantee institute against this project at this stage.
17. This issue under the delegated powers to the Ministries/Departments and with the approval of Head, International Division and with the concurrence of US (IFD) Dy. No. 353/2015-16, dated 16.04.2015.
18. This Sanction Order has been entered in Grant-in-aid Register at S. No. 56.


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To
The Pay & Accounts Officer,
Dept. of Science and Technology, New Delhi

Copy to:

1. Office of the Principal Director & Audit IIIrd Floor, AGCR Bldg., IP Estate, New Delhi-2
2. Cash Section (3 copies), DST
3. I.F. Division/Accounts Section, DST
4. Prof Abhik Gupta
Dept. of Ecology & Environmental Science, Assam University
Dargakona, Silchar 788011, Cachar, Assam
5. Registrar, Assam University
Dargakona, Silchar 788011, Cachar, Assam
6. Sanction folder.


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