

Grassroot level Response towards Ecosystem Enhancement and Nurturing (GREEN) Meghalaya SCHEME

GUIDELINES

GREEN (Grassroot level Response towards Ecosystem Enhancement and Nurturing) Meghalaya Scheme under PES model is meant to support villages, communities, clans or individuals who commit to conserve and protect Natural Forests for a minimum period of 30 years.

Villages, communities, clans or individuals that have a minimum of 2 Hectares of Natural Forest, including pine trees and natural bamboo reserves, are eligible under this scheme.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

Rs. 8000 per Hectare per year for 5 years

Additional amount will be given if the forests meet the following criteria:

TABLE 1

S.No.	Particular	Additional Reward amount (in Rupees)
1	<p>If the Forest is notified as community reserve with Forest Department</p> <p><i>If the forest is not yet notified, the applicant can apply for notification with State Forest Department (Wildlife Division) and submit a copy of the application receipt while submitting the application</i></p> <p>Or</p> <p>If forest is covered under Working Scheme</p> <p><i>If the forest is not yet covered under working scheme, the applicant can apply for Working Scheme with the relevant Autonomous District Councils and submit a copy of the application receipt while submitting the application</i></p>	Rs. 5000 per hectare per year
2	<p>If Forest is very dense forest or traditionally recognised Sacred Grove or has Living Root Bridge or is located in eco-sensitive zones around protected areas* (National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuary) or in wildlife corridors**.</p>	Rs. 2000 per hectare per year

*Eco-sensitive zone as defined by Forest Department

** Wildlife corridor as identified by Forest Department

Note:

1) Financial support for Village/Community/Clan Forest is as follows:

For the first 50 Hectares : As per the amounts indicated in previous page

For the next 50 Hectares : 50% of the amounts indicated in previous page

Any additional hectares above 100 Hectares : 25% of the amounts indicated in previous page

2) Financial support for Individual Forest is as follows:

For the first 25 Hectares : As per the amounts indicated in previous page

For the next 25 Hectares : 50% of the amounts indicated in previous page

Any additional hectares above 50 Hectares : 25% of the amounts indicated in previous page

HOW CAN THE FUNDS BE USED?

The funds can be used for the following activities:

TABLE 2

	Year 1 100% of the funds to be used for the following activities	Year 2 50% of the funds to be used for the following activities	Year 3 50% of the funds to be used for the following activities	Year 4 50% of the funds to be used for the following activities	Year 5 50% of the funds to be used for the following activities
S.No.	Activities				
1	Demarcation of forest boundary	Nursery – creation and maintenance	Nursery – creation and maintenance	Nursery – creation and maintenance	Nursery – creation and maintenance
3	Land preparation for gap filling plantation	Gap Filling	Gap Filling	Gap Filling	Gap Filling
4	Forest protection activities	Forest protection activities	Forest protection activities	Forest protection activities	Forest protection activities
5	Forest fire prevention and control activities	S&MC activities	S&MC activities	S&MC activities	S&MC activities
6	Assisted Natural Regeneration	Preparation of Forest Management Plan	Preparation of Forest Management Plan	Preparation of Forest Management Plan	Preparation of Forest Management Plan
7		Composting	Composting	Composting	Composting
8		Forest fire prevention and control activities	Forest fire prevention and control activities	Forest fire prevention and control activities	Forest fire prevention and control activities
9		Assisted Natural Regeneration	Assisted Natural Regeneration	Assisted Natural Regeneration	Assisted Natural Regeneration
10		Any activity outside forest boundary	Any activity outside forest boundary	Any activity outside forest boundary	Any activity outside forest boundary
11	Fund utilization for the remaining 50% in year 2 to year 5 is to be undertaken for Community Developmental Activities such as footpath repair, school/ community hall repair and maintenance etc along with the forest management and conservation activities.				

WOULD APPLYING FOR THIS FUND TAKE AWAY THE OWNERSHIP OF THE FOREST?

No, there will be no change in status of ownership of the forest/land.

WOULD APPLYING FOR THIS FUND RESTRICT THE USE OF THE FOREST?

No, only some activities will be restricted. A list of permissible and restricted activities are given below.

Permissible Activities:

1. Collection of minor forest produce for household use (Fire Wood, medicinal plants and herbs, fruits, mushrooms, honey and other produce that is not timber)
2. Nature tourism which does not involve construction or physical alteration of the forest landscape
3. Water collection for local consumption

Prohibited Activities:

1. Grazing
2. Felling of trees
3. Mining
4. *Jhumming* or Agricultural activities
5. Hunting
6. Introduction of exotic or invasive species
7. Construction of permanent structures except those activities that are listed in table 2
8. Any other activities that lead to diversion of forest into non-forest activity

PRIORITY FOR SELECTION

In case proposals received exceeds the funds allocated under this scheme, then priority for financial support will be as follow:

1st Priority : Village and Community Forests meeting criteria in Table 1, point 1

2nd Priority : Clan Forests meeting criteria in Table 1, point 1

3rd Priority : Individual Forests meeting criteria in Table 1, point 1

4th Priority : Village and Community Forests meeting criteria in Table 1, point 2

5th Priority : Clan Forests meeting criteria in Table 1, point 2

6th Priority : Village, Community and Clan Forests

7th Priority : Individual Forests meeting criteria in Table 1, point 2

8th Priority : Individual Forests

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