

11. Intensification of Forest Management Scheme (Sharing Basis)

- a. This is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 60:40 sharing basis (Centre: State).
- b. **Financing pattern:** The proposed outlay of the scheme is Rs. 300 lacs for the financial year 2016-17. Out of this, Rs. 180 lacs will be the central share and Rs. 120 lacs will be the state share.
- c. **Aims and objectives:**
 - (i) Protection of forests from devastating forest fires.
 - (ii) Protection of forests against illegal encroachment.
 - (iii) Infrastructure development for frontline staff.
 - (iv) Enhancement to e-Governance initiatives.
- d. **Targets achieved:**

The targets achieved under the scheme include maintenance of fire lines in the forest areas, demarcation of forest boundaries, infrastructure development for frontline staff and creation of awareness amongst local population.
- e. **Physical and Financial targets for the year 2016-17:**

During the year, the proposed outlay under the scheme is Rs. 300 lacs and the physical targets again include maintenance of fire lines in the forest areas, demarcation of forest boundaries, infrastructure development for frontline staff and improvement in communication methods etc.
- f. **Quantum of funds likely to be borne by Government of India or by any other external agency:** Rs. 180 lacs will be borne by Govt. of India as central assistance and Rs 120 lacs will be the state share.
- g. **Benefits of the scheme:** World over, the efforts are being made to protect and conserve the forests for healthy and clean environment. Government of India launched “Integrated Forest Protection Scheme”, commencing from the year 2002-2003. This scheme has now been renamed as “Intensification of Forest Management Scheme”. The scheme makes judicious use of all available methods for better protection and conservation of forest resources of the country. These methods include management of forest fires, maintenance of fire lines, purchase of firefighting equipment, demarcation of forest boundaries, enumeration of trees, improving communication through wireless equipments and creation of awareness among the local masses. After the initiation of this scheme the annual loss of forests and wildlife during the fire season has considerably come down.

Buildings constructed during 2015-16 under IFMS Scheme for front line staff



Forester Quarter at Forest Complex, Bhiwani (28 48 23 87 N, 76 08 58 15 E)



Forester Quarter at Hansi Range, Hisar Division (29 08 24 10 N, 75 57 1 40 E)



Forester Quarter at Bhavdin Nursery, Sirsa Range, Sirsa (29 31 54 32 N, 75 12 27 80 E)



Forest Guard Hut at Range office, Hisar (29 10 08 42 N, 75 44 58 66 E)



Forest Guard Hut at Forest Complex, Mahendergarh (28 16 25 N, 76 09 11 E)