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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
Project Tiger Division

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To,

The Sr. Pay & Accounts Officer,
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
New Delhi.

Sub: Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme 'Project Tiger' Administrative Approval for funds release to Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Karnataka during 2014-15.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme 'Project Tiger' in Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Karnataka at the cost of **Rs. 512.421 Lakhs (Rupees Five hundred and twelve lakhs forty two thousand and one hundred only)** (excluding Flexi Fund) as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 345.886 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Karnataka**. The remaining cost of the scheme will be treated as 100% Central Assistance by the Government of India.

2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President to the payment and release of an amount of **Rs. 298.163 lakhs (Rupees two hundred ninety eight lakhs sixteen thousand and three hundred only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Karnataka during the current financial year 2014-15. The balance amount of the Central Assistance will be released in due course after a review of the progress of expenditure/work is undertaken.

3. The grants-in-aid will be regulated in accordance with the provisions contained in the memorandum of the Centrally Sponsored Project Tiger Scheme. The Grants-in-Aid is also subject to the Chapter 9 of the General Financial Rules 2005, as amended from time to time, read with the Government of India's decision incorporated there-under, and any other guidelines which may be issued in this regard, and in particular to the following conditions:-

- (i) All relevant information and documents/certificates as required under GFR 209(I) have been received.
- (ii) The pattern of assistance of rules governing such grants-in-aid have received the approval of the Ministry of Finance, as required under Government of India decision No. (1) under DFPR-Rules 20.
- (iii) Terms and conditions of the service of the employees employed in the **Bandipur Tiger Reserve** under the Project Tiger Scheme are not higher than those applicable to similar categories of employees of Central Government and where it is not in accordance with



- above, the relaxation of Ministry of Finance have been obtained for such discrepancies as required under GFR 208(6)(iv)(a).
- (iv) Assets acquired wholly or substantially out of Government Grants shall not be disposed off without obtaining the prior approval of the sanctioning authority of Grants-in-aid.
 - (v) The **Government of Karnataka** agrees to make reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes or OBC in the posts or services under its control on the lines indicated by Govt. of India.
 - (vi) The accounts of the **BandipurTiger Reserve** shall be audited by C&AG or by any person authorized by him on his behalf in accordance with the provisions laid down in Section 14 of the C&AG (DPC) Act, 1972 as amended from time to time.
 - (vii) The accounts of the Project Tiger Scheme shall be open for inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India under the provision of C&AG (DPC) Act, 1972 and internal audit party by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry whenever it is called upon.
 - (viii) The Utilisation Certificate against the earlier funds released under Grants-in-aid have been received and accepted by the competent authority.
 - (ix) Government of Karnataka in respect of **BandipurTiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2015.
 - (x) **BandipurTiger Reserve** will spend Grants-in-aid exclusively in pursuance of the objectives envisaged in rules/memorandum of the Centrally Sponsored 'Project Tiger Scheme' and for the purpose it is being sanctioned.
 - (xi) Grants-in-aid to **Government of Karnataka** is subject to the Economy Instructions issued from time to time by the Ministry of Finance or by the Competent Authority.
 - (xii) Grants-in-aid shall be utilized before the end of the current financial year 2014-15 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by **Government of Karnataka** to the **Govt. of India**.
 - (xiii) Government of Karnataka in respect of **BandipurTiger Reserve** will maintain a separate account and will present their annual accounts in the standard format as required under GFR 209(xiii).
 - (xiv) Grants-in-aid shall be utilized for **BandipurTiger Reserve** strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Ministry of Environment and Forests, acting through the National Tiger Conservation Authority, Field Director (**BandipurTiger Reserve**) and **Government of Karnataka**.
 - (xv) Monitorable outcomes on the item of works contained in the sanction letter both in physical and financial terms are required to be furnished in the monthly report regularly. Compliance status on Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding is required before submission of additional or ensuing year's Annual Plan of Operation (APO).
 - (xvi) The expenditure should be limited to the amount released and in no case should be done in anticipation of further release by the Ministry.
 - (xvii) **The payments of daily wagers should be done through account transfer / account payee Cheques only.**
 - (xviii) **It may please be ensured that there is no duplication of nature and items of work being proposed in the same area under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes as Project Elephant, Eco-development and IDWH Schemes, etc.**

4. As the annual budget of the Scheme is approved by the Central Government, the Government of **Karnataka** is not required to furnish bond and sureties, in accordance with the Ministry of Finance O.M. No. 14(1)-EII(A)/64 dated 23.6.1965.



5. The payment sanctioned above is provisional and is subject to the adjustment on the basis of the audited figures of expenditure. Other terms and conditions of the payment are as under:

- (a) The grant is in accordance with the pattern of financial assistance approved by the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Finance.
- (b) The grant sanctioned is subject to the adjustment on the basis of the terms and conditions approving the scheme.

6. No deviation from the approved items of expenditure as enumerated in the annexure shall be made without prior concurrence of the Government of India. The guidelines for implementation of National Tiger Conservation Authority shall be fully adhered to. The Chief Wildlife Warden and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests of the State Government should be directed to ensure that the field works are in accordance with the Tiger Conservation Plan and the Annual Plan of Operation by the field inspections from time to time.

7. Further, Ministry of Finance, D/o of Expenditure, Plan Finance-II Division, vide O.M.No.55(5)/PF.II/2011 dated 06-01-2014, has introduced a flexi fund component within the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) to achieve the following objectives:

- (i) To provide flexibility to States to meet local needs and requirements within the overall objective of each programme or scheme;
- (ii) To pilot innovations and improved efficiency within the overall objective of the scheme and its expected outcomes;
- (iii) To undertake mitigation/restoration activities in case of natural calamities in the sector covered by the CSS.

The flexi-fund will be utilized by the State Government as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, read with guidelines of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger in vogue, for utilization in the tiger reserve.

- (iv) As flexi-funds are a part of the concerned CSS, the same State share (including beneficiary contribution, if any) would be applicable for the flexi-fund component as well. However, States may provide additional share (including beneficiary contribution, if any) over and above the required State share for the flexi-funds component of the allocation for the CSS.

8. In accordance with the revised procedure, the Central Accounts Section, Reserve Bank of India, Nagpur, may kindly be advised to pass on credit to the books of the State Government of Karnataka under intimation to this Department.

10. The expenditure involved will be met from within the Sanctioned Budget Grants of Centrally Sponsored Project Tiger Scheme under Demand No. 31, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Major Head 3601 – Grants-in-aid to the State Governments, 3601.02- Grants-in-aid for Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme, 3601.02.659-Environmental Forestry and Wildlife – Wildlife Preservation, 3601.02.659.03- Project Tiger, 3601.02.659.03.00.31- Grants-in-aid for the year 2014-15 (Plan).

11. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 1186/AS & FA dated 17.09.2014.

Yours faithfully,


(Sanjay Kumar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Karnataka. A copy of the detailed sanction letter issued by the State Government in respect of this scheme for 2014-15 may kindly be furnished to this Ministry immediately.
2. The Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Karnataka.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Karnataka.
4. The Field Director, Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Karnataka.
5. The Accountant General, Karnataka.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
7. The AIGF, NTCA Regional Office, Bengaluru.
8. Forest Finance Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
9. Plan Finance Division (PF-II), Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
10. Guard file/Spare copies.


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APO 2014-15 FOR BANDIPUR TIGER RESERVE, KARNATAKA (Rs. in Lakhs)

S. No	Item	Para No. of CSS-PT Guidelines	Current year 2014-15 proposal				
			Location	Physical	Funds sanctioned during PFY	Financial recommended during CFY	GPS Coordinates
1	2	3	4	5		6	
A	NON RECURRING						
	Fresh work						
1.	Human Death /Injury /Crop / Compensation/Cattle death	16.4	1. Omkara range 2. Hediyaala range 3. Maddur range 4. Moliyur range 5. N. Begur range 6. Gundre range 7. Kundukere range		7.00	8.000	
	Phase-IV Monitoring						
3.	Phase-IV monitoring of tiger source population – Purchase of Camera trap unit @ Rs 15500/No	16.7	Bandipur Tiger Reserve-108 Beat	257 Nos	10.00	39.835	
4.	Dibbling of Bamboo seeds in Fire incident area at Bandipur Tiger Reserve	4.3	Bandipur Tiger Reserve	LS	0	5.000	
5.	Creation of new firelines in bamboo areas	16.2		100 Km.	8.0294	9.000	
6.	Project Allowance to Field and Ministerial Staff		Project Allowance to field staff for the year 2013-14	310		27.18	
			Project Allowance to field staff for the year 2014-15	310	0	27.18	
	Sub. Total					116.195	
	NON RECURRING (Buffer Area)						
7.	Addressing the serious issue of straying of tigers into human dominated landscape. This includes the ex-gratia to be paid toward human/cattle death, injury and rehabilitation the strayed tigers		1. Omkara range 2. Hediyaala range 3. Maddur range 4. Moliyur range 5. N. Begur range 6. Gundre range 7. Kundukere range		8.00	10.000	
	Sub Total					10.000	
	Non Recurring (STPF)						
8.	Purchase of fuel For STPF Vehicles			7 No		20.000	
9.	Maintenance of Vehicle			LS		3.500	
10.	Office Expenses			LS		3.000	
11.	Engaging daily wage employees as Drive, computer Operator, Literate Assistant,			14 No		13.840	

	Cook, Peon, Night Watchman						
	Sub Total					40.34	
	NON RECURRING TOTAL (Core + Buffer + STPF)					166.535	
	RECURRING (Core Area)						
	Formation of New Protection Road all along the border/D line/Solar Service Road	16.2	G S Betta	21.75 Km		9.788	
12	Construction of Watch Tower		G S Betta 1.Lakkigudda 2.Hosahalligudda 3.Hithalagudda	3 No		12.000	N11.44 324E-7 6.34.399 N-11.44. 327 E-7 6.37.031 N-11.41. 257 E- 76.38.33 7
13	Maintenance of view lines	16.2	1. Bandipur 2. G S Betta	110 Km	6.4235	9.7000	
14	Engaging fire watchers from 1-1-15 to 31-3-15	16.2	1. Omkara range 2. Hediya range 3. Maddur range 4. Moliyur range 5. N. Begur range 6. Gundre range 7. Kundukere range	350 Nos	74.025	81.598	
15	Maintenance of earthen ponds and soil conservation measures		Bandipur Tiger Reserve-108 Beat				
(a)	De-silting of existing water holes / feeder channels	16.3	Bandipur Tiger Reserve	40 Nos.	8.00	32.000	
16	Special protection strategy						
(a)	Monsoon patrolling 1) Raincoat & gum boot 2) Elephant ration 3) Mahouts/ Kavadies/ Additional staff ration 4) Purchase of tents 5) Purchase of sleeping mats 6) Purchase of jackets 7) Road, causeway + culvert repair 8) Road repair	16.1		LS	22.00	28.000	
17	Rewards to informer	16.2	Project Allowance to field staff for the year 2014-15	LS	0.50	0.50	
18	Phase-IV monitoring of tiger source populations	16.7					
(a)	Maintenance of vehicles (including cost of fuel, repairs, etc. fro existing vehicles/hiring of				5.00	7.000	
(b)	Engaging research fellows and assistants on contract/daily wage basis		1. Omkara range 2. Hediya range 3. Maddur range 4. Moliyur range 5. N. Begur range 6. Gundre range		5.00	7.000	

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			7. Kundukere range			
19	Tiger Protection Force Anti-poaching activities and anti-smuggling activities					
(a)	Maintenance of existing anti-poaching camps with wages from 1.4.14 to 31.3.15	16.1		168 Nos	140.6710	153.300
20	Creation of immunity belt around Bandipur Tiger Reserve (vaccination of cattle or surrounding village)	16.5		LS	1.000	5.00
	RECURRING (TOTAL)					345.886
	GRAND TOTAL					512.421

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring	166.535	166.535
2.	Recurring	345.886	172.943
3.	Sub Total (X)	512.421	339.478
4.	10% Flexi Fund (X/9)	56.935	37.719
5.	Total	569.356	377.197
6.	Adjustment of previous balance of 2013-14	3.595	3.595
7.	Grand Total	565.761	373.602

(i)	Cost of APO (excluding Flexi Fund)	-	Rs. 512.421 Lakh
(ii)	Central Assistance	-	Rs. 339.478 Lakh
(iii)	Flexi Fund on Central Share	-	Rs. 37.719 Lakh
(iv)	Central share including Flexi Fund	-	Rs. 377.197 Lakh
(v)	1 st Release (80 % of Central Assistance)	-	Rs. 301.757 Lakh
(vi)	Adjustment of unspent balance of 2013-14	-	Rs. 3.595 Lakh
(vii)	Adjusted 1 st release including Flexi Fund	-	Rs. 298.163 Lakh
	a) Net Release for APO (90% of (iii) above)	-	Rs. 268.347 Lakh
	b) Flexi Fund (10% of (iii) above)	-	Rs. 29.816 Lakh
			Rs. 298.163 Lakh

