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

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**Dated the 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2014**

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 Bhadra Tiger Reserve, Karnataka during 2014-15.**

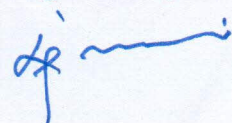
Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme 'Project Tiger' in Bhadra Tiger Reserve, Karnataka at the cost of **Rs. 478.638 Lakhs (Rupees Four hundred Seventy Eight lakhs Sixty Three thousand and Eight hundred only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 362.05 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. 221.995 lakhs (Rupees Two hundred Twenty One lakhs Ninety Nine thousand and Five 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 **Bhadra 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.



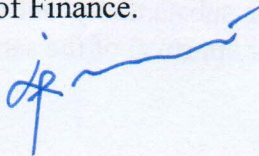


- (v) The **Government of Karnataka** agrees to make reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes or OBC in the posts or services under its control on the lines indicated by Govt. of India.
- (vi) The accounts of the **Bhadra Tiger Reserve** shall be audited by C&AG or by any person authorized 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 **Bhadra Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.7.2014.
- (x) **Bhadra Tiger 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 **Bhadra Tiger 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 **Bhadra Tiger 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 (Bhadra Tiger 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 such 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 utilisation 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.

9. 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).

10. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 894/AS & FA dated 03.07.2014.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Sanjay Kumar)

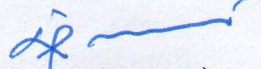
Assistant Inspector General of Forests (PT)

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, Bhadra Tiger Reserve, Karnataka.
5. The AIG, Regional Office of NTCA, Bengaluru.
6. The Accountant General, Karnataka.
7. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
8. Forest Finance Division, MoEFCC, New Delhi.
9. Plan Finance Division (PF-II), Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
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Assistant Inspector General of Forests (PT)

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**BHADRA TIGER RESERVE, KARNATAKA  
ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE YEAR 2014-15**

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Item of works	Para No. of CSS PT Guidelines/ Indicative TCP	Current year proposal			GPS Coordinates
			Location	Physical Target	Amount for 2014-15	
<b>A. NON-RECURRING (Core)</b>						
	<b>Protection activities</b>					
	<b>Antipoaching &amp; Anti smuggling activities</b>					
	<b>Communication</b>					
	<b>Wireless equipment procurement</b>					
1.	Batteries for solar panels		All ranges	19	2.375	
2.	Wireless equipment		Muthodi & Tanigebyle	13	3.00	
	<b>Antipoaching camp</b>					
3.	Electrical connection to APC		Hebbe	1	0.40	
			Tanigebyle	2	0.80	
4.	Purchase and fixing of solar lights to APC (home lights)		All ranges	10	2.00	
6.	<b>Providing water supply to APC</b>					
	d) Gravity water supply to camps		Hebbe & Tanigebyle	3	1.30	
	e) Water supply to APCs		Muthodi	3	1.80	
7.	<b>Essential to antipoaching staff</b>					
	Warm cloths / rain coats, uniforms / shoes, utensils, medical / insurance facilities/ cycles		All ranges	LS	2.00	
9.	<b>Bridges and Culverts</b>					
	iv. Construction of revetment to causeway		Hebbe	1	0.50	
12.	<b>Research and Monitoring</b>					
	Phase-IV monitoring of tiger source population					
	a) Purchase of camera trap unit, range finders, Sunto compass		All ranges	130 camera traps, 20 range finders, 20 sunto compass	25.00	
	b) Field work cost on laying out of transect, 8 day protocol, logistics and reporting		All ranges	LS	4.00	
13.	Implementation of M-STripes at Bhadra Tiger Reserve		All ranges	LS	3.00	
15.	Printing of approved TCP		Division	LS	2.00	
16.	Digitization of forest boundary of Bhadra Tiger Reserve to prepare digitised beat maps		Division	LS	2.00	
	<b>Ecodevelopment</b>					
	Ecodevelopment Committees					
17.	Vaccination of cattle in fringe		All ranges	LS	1.00	



	villages of sanctuary					
18.	Conducting health checkup camps for the EDCs		All ranges	LS	0.50	
19.	Purchase of medicine for Dan Inject Tranquiliser Gun		Division	LS	0.25	
<b>NON-RECURRING (Buffer)</b>						
<b>Infrastructure development</b>						
20.	Installation of watch tower		Muthodi	1	3.00	
21.	Maintenance of watch tower		Lakkavalli	2	0.80	
22.	Purchase of 1 vehicle for protection purpose against the condemned vehicle number; KA-18 G-618 of Lakkavalli Range		Lakkavalli	1	6.00	
24.	<b>Man –animal conflict</b>					
	Payment of compensation for man-animal conflict		All ranges	LS	7.00	
<b>TOTAL (Non-recurring) (Core + Buffer)</b>					<b>68.725</b>	
<b>RECURRING (Core)</b>						
<b>Protection activities</b>						
<b>Antipoaching &amp; anti smuggling activities</b>						
<b>Antipoaching camps</b>						
25.	a) Deployment of local work force of 4 members for each APCs from 1.4.2014 to 31.3.2015 = 365 days x 36 camps x 3 persons		All ranges	36	102.39	
26.	Maintenance and repair works of existing APC sheds		All ranges	12	6.00	
27.	Wages to protection vehicle drivers from 1.4.2014 to 31.3.2015 = 365 days		All ranges	11	10.719	
28.	Maintenance of patrolling vehicles					
	ii) Repairs		All ranges	LS	3.50	
<b>Monsoon protection camp</b>						
29.	Deployment of 5 labourers for monsoon protection works – 122 days x 5 Nos.		All ranges	4 camps	6.321	
31.	Deployment of 1 boat driver and 3 labours each for river patrolling in boats 1.4.2014 to 31.3.2015 = 365 days		Hebbe & Lakkavalli	2 teams	7.564	
	Boats maintenance					
32.	Fuel and repairs		Hebbe & Lakkavalli	LS	5.00	
<b>Other protection watchers and daily wages</b>						
33.	Deployment of wireless operators, gate operators, watchmen, cooks, data entry operators, etc. from 1.4.2014 to 31.3.2015 = 365 days					
	Data Entry Operator		All ranges	8	8.440	
	Literate Assistant		All ranges	3	3.165	

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	Wireless Operator		All ranges	9	9.002
	Cook Assistant, Peon, Night Watchmen etc.		All ranges	20	18.910
	Gate watchers to Sanctuary Main Gate		Muthodi	4	3.782
34.	<b>Weapon training to staff</b>				
	Servicing of arms and ammunition and weapons training to field staff (through Police Department)		All ranges	LS	0.50
38.	<b>Protection from Fire</b>				
	Fireline clearance (in kms.)				
	i) Along sanctuary roads		All ranges	434 kms.	18.599
	ii) Along patrolling paths		All ranges	488 kms.	20.913
	iii) Along Sanctuary boundary		All ranges	302 kms.	12.942
39.	<b>Fire protection camps (FPC)</b>				
	Deployment of local fire watchers of 5 members for each fire protection camps from 1.4.2014 to 31.5.2014 and 15.1.2014 to 31.3.2015 = 137 days		All ranges	26 camps	46.80
40.	<b>Fire detection points (FDP)</b>				
	Deployment of local fire watchers of 2 members for each fire detection point from 1.4.2014 to 31.5.2014 and 15.1.2014 to 31.3.2015= 137 days		All ranges	13 teams	7.30
41.	<b>Fire patrolling and protection</b>				
	i) Hiring jeeps during the fire season from 1.4.2014 to 31.5.2014 and 15.1.2014 to 31.3.2015= 137 days		All ranges	4	6.00
	<b>Infrastructure Development</b>				
45.	Eupatorium clearance in Muthodi range		Hipla Karuvane Kesave	50 ha. 30 ha. 30 ha.	2.00
	<b>Buildings</b>				
47.	Maintenance of office and residential buildings		CF & Director Residence, all ranges and BTR office	LS	8.00
48.	Repairs and renovation of forest inspection bungalows at Muthodi and Lakkavalli ranges		Kesave IB, Seegekhan IB, BRP IB and Sikalatti IB	LS	1.00
49.	Repairs and renovation of existing tents and dormitories for school students		Muthodi	LS	1.00
50.	Maintenance and repairs to solar lights		All ranges	LS	1.50
52.	Maintenance of wireless sets		All ranges	LS	1.00
53.	Maintenance of checking gates		All ranges	LS	2.00
54.	Maintenance of sanctuary gates		Muthodi	LS	1.00
	<b>Ecotourism activities</b>				
	<b>Treks and saffaries</b>				
56.	Maintenance of view lines		Lakkavalli	36 kms x 2 times	3.20
			Muthodi	36 kms x	



				2 times		
57.	Wildlife conservation education camps for Govt. school children in and around BTR (2 days camp)		All ranges	LS	0.25	
58.	Training programme for rural youths (2 days programme)		All ranges	LS	0.20	
59.	Maintenance of elephant squads including purchase of essential items		All ranges	4 teams	2.50	
	<b>Office Expenditure</b>					
61.	Electricity charges of offices		All ranges	LS	1.00	
62.	Maintenance of phones		All ranges	LS	1.00	
63.	Stationary and equipments		All ranges	LS	2.00	
64.	Maintenance of officers vehicles					
	(i) Fuel charges		All ranges	LS	3.00	
	(ii) Repairs and maintenance		All ranges	LS	0.75	
	<b>Human resource development</b>					
	Staff welfare measures					
65.	Medical / education help to staff and their families / sports meet		All ranges	LS	1.50	
	<b>Eco-tourism activities</b>					
67.	Interpretation facility					
	i) Signages		All ranges	LS	1.00	
	ii) Publicity and print media		All ranges	LS	0.50	
	iii) Preparation of annual report and souvenir		All ranges	LS	0.60	
	<b>Awareness generation</b>					
68.	Celebration of wildlife week		All ranges	LS	1.00	
	<b>Research and monitoring</b>					
69.	Phase-IV monitoring of tiger source population					
	b) Engaging research fellows and assistant on contract / daily wage basis		All ranges	LS	1.143	
	<b>RECURRING (Buffer)</b>					
	<b>Protection activities</b>					
	<b>Antipoaching and anti smuggling activities</b>					
70.	Erection of checking gates with room		Muthodi	1	2.50	
71.	Deployment of gate watchers from 1.4.2014 to 31.3.2015 = 365 days		Muthodi & Hebbe	4	3.80	
72.	<b>Fire protection camp (FPC)</b>					
	Deployment of local fire watchers of 5 members for each fire protection camps from 1.4.2014 to 31.5.2014 and 15.1.2014 to 31.3.2015 = 137 days		All ranges	4 camps	7.10	
	<b>Ecotourism activities</b>					
	<b>Treks and safaries</b>					
74.	Exposure visit of officials and		All ranges	1 team	1.00	



	other frontline staff to other tiger reserves					
75.	Exposure trip to EDC members to other tiger reserves		All ranges	1 team	0.50	
76.	Maintenance of elephant squads including purchase of essential items		All ranges	4 teams	2.50	
	<b>Mainstreaming wildlife concerns in tiger reserve</b>					
77.	Erection of solar fencing		Muthodi	3.00 kms.	7.41	
	<b>Awareness generation</b>					
78.	Awareness camping celebration		All ranges	LS	0.25	
79.	Income generating of SHGs of fringe villages		All ranges	LS	1.00	
80.	Award and incentive to the villagers contributing towards protection and information		All ranges	LS	1.00	
<b>TOTAL (RECURRING) (Core+Buffer)</b>					<b>362.05</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL (NR+R)</b>					<b>430.775</b>	

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non-Recurring	68.725	68.725
2	Recurring	362.05	181.025
3	<b>Total</b>	<b>430.775</b>	<b>249.75</b>
4	Adjustment of previous balance for 2013-14	-	0.00199
5	<b>Total</b>	<b>430.775</b>	<b>249.748</b>
6	10% Flexi-fund	47.863	27.749
7	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>478.638</b>	<b>277.497</b>

- (i) Total sanction (including 10% flexi fund) : Rs. 478.638 Lakhs  
(ii) Central assistance (including 10% flexi fund) : Rs. 277.497 Lakhs  
(iii) Ist Release (80% of CA without flexi fund) : Rs. 199.798 Lakhs  
(iv) Adjustment of previous balance of 2013-14 : Rs. 00.00199 Lakhs  
(v) Net Release : Rs. 199.796 Lakhs  
(vi) 10% Flexi Fund : Rs. 22.199 Lakhs  
(vii) Total 1<sup>st</sup> Release including Flexi Fund : Rs. 221.995 Lakhs

\* Ecodevelopment initiatives should be based on normative guidelines of the National Tiger Conservation Authority, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India issued earlier based on village level, site specific, participatory micro plan with reciprocal commitment between the tiger reserve and the local people.

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