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

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Dated the 19th September, 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 Nagarhole 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 Nagarhole Tiger Reserve, Karnataka at the cost of **Rs. 586.576 Lakhs (Rupees Five hundred Eighty Six lakhs Fifty Seven thousand Six hundred only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 426.943 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. 279.506 lakhs (Rupees Two hundred Seventy Nine lakhs Fifty thousand and Six 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 **Nagarhole 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.

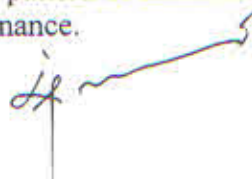


- (v) The **Government of Karnataka** agrees to make reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes or OBC in the posts or services under its control on the lines indicated by Govt. of India.
- (vi) The accounts of the **Nagarahole Tiger Reserve** shall be audited by C&AG or by any person authorized 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 **Nagarahole Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2015.
- (x) **Nagarahole 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 **Nagarahole 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 **Nagarahole 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 (Nagarahole 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. 1114/AS & FA dated 08.09.2014.

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, Nagarahole 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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(Sanjay Kumar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (PT)

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

ANNEXURE

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Item of works	Para No. of CSS PT Guidelines/indicative TCP	Location	Physical Target	Amount for 2014-15	GPS Coordinates
	SPILL OVER WORK FOR THE YEAR 2013-14					
	Non-Recurring (Core)					
1.	Project allowances (sanctioned strength)	16.15				
(a)	Staff of Nagarahoel Tiger Reserve			304 Nos.	14.321	
(b)	Project allowances for the staff of the Field Director, Project Tiger, Mysore			12 Nos.	0.314	
2.	Phase-IV monitoring of tiger source populations	16.7				
(a)	Purchase of camera trap unit			LS	10.0	
	TOTAL (NR) (Spillover work 2013-14)				24.635	
	NON-RECURRING (Core)					
1.	Construction of culverts	16.2				
	Veeranahosahally		Naviladimara Halla, Mathimaradahalla, Honnemarahalla	3	3.60	N 12 08 41.1 E 76 13 30.3 N 12 08 39.9 E 76 13 33.6 N 12 08 39.3 E 76 13 35.4
	Metikuppe		Basavarajappa land, Vishwa land, Basavanamunti Point 1 & 2	3	7.50	N 12.09723 E 76.24068 N 12.10507 E 76.25362 N 12.10704 E 76.25811
2.	Construction of causeway cum checkdam	16.2				
	Veeranahosahally		Halla Doddi Hebballa	1	2.30	N 12 09 25.3 E 76 09 20.0
	Metikuppe		Gudihalla, Kempadevi Katte	3	10.00	N 12.08550 E 76.21839 N 12.09551 E 76.21729 N 12.12209 E 76.17968 N 12.14465
3.	Establishment of new antipoaching camps					
	Veeranahosahally WL range		Chammalli (Murukoodu)	1	4.50	N 12 09 53.0 E 76 09 50.0
	Antharasanthe WL range		Poojekal	1	4.50	N 12.00930 E 76.14694
7.	Exposure visits of officials and other frontline staff to other tiger	16.8			1.00	

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	reserves in the country (TA and other expenses)				
8.	Capacity building to the frontline park staff (training, workshops and others)	16.8			1.00
9.	Project allowances (sanctioned strength)	16.15			10.040
	a) CF & Director, Nagarahole Tiger Reserve			1	
	b) Asst. Conservator of Forests			3	
	c) Veterinary Surgeon			1	
	d) Range Forest Officer			9	
	e) Dy. Range Forest Officer			25	
	f) Forest Guard			83	
	g) Forest Watcher			71	
	h) Drivers, Caretakers, Elephant Mahuts, Kavadis and others			63	
	i) Ministerial staff (class II)			1	
	j) Ministerial staff (Class III)			8	
	k) Ministerial staff (Class-IV)			21	
9.	Project allowance for the staff of the Field Director, Project Tiger, Mysore				0.90
	a) Ministerial staff (Class-II)			1	
	b) Ministerial staff (Class-III)			7	
	c) Ministerial staff (Class-IV)			4	
11.	Implementation of 'M-STriPES' by WII, Dehradun	16.2	Nagarahole TR	LS	15.00
12.	Payment of ex-gratia amount in respect of human-animal conflict cases (crop compensation, other financial loss / human injury / human death, livestock depredation by wild animals)	16.4	Nagarahole TR	LS	4.00
	NON-RECURRING (BUFFER)				
1.	Providing LPG connection to fringe villages	16.5		300	7.50
2.	Addressing the serious issue of straying of tigers into human dominated landscape. This includes the ex-gratia to be paid towards human/cattle deaths, injury and rehabilitating the strayed tigers	16.4		LS	4.00
3.	Exposure trip to EDC members to other reserves in the State	16.5			0.50
	TOTAL (Non-recurring) (Core + Buffer)				100.975
	SPILL OVER WORK FOR THE YEAR 2013-14				
	Recurring (Core)				
1.	Wages to antipoaching squads in the ranges from 1.4.2014 to 31.3.2015	16.1		101 Nos.	7.315
2.	Wages for engaging drivers, literate assistants, computer operators, wireless operators, night watchmen, gate assistant, etc. for protection works from 1.4.2014 to 31.3.2015	16.1		57 Nos.	3.235

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Fire protection works

Engaging fire watchers from

13

Repair and maintenance of
equipment

1.4.14 to 31.3.2015

Anechowkur range

Veeranahosahally

range

Kallahalla range

Nagarahole range

Metikuppe range

Antharasanthe range

Attendance of firewatchers from

1.4.2014 to 31.3.2015

D.B. Kuppe range

19	Fire protection works			
a	Fire line clearance	16.2		43.00
	Cutting and clearing thick jungle growth including grass to a width of 10 m for the maintenance of D lines and fire line including burning		Anechowkur range	238 km
			Veeranahosahally range	164 km
			Kallahalla range	225 km
			Nagarahole range	318 km
			Metikuppe range	222 km
			Antharasanthe range	225 km
			D.B. Kuppe range	365 km
b	Engaging fire watchers from 1.4.14 to 15.4.14 (for 15 days)	16.2		12.24
			Anechowkur range	675 mandays
			Veeranahosahally range	675 mandays
			Kallahalla range	675 mandays
			Nagarahole range	675 mandays
			Metikuppe range	675 mandays
			Antharasanthe range	675 mandays
			D.B. Kuppe range	675 mandays
c	Engaging fire watchers from 1.1.15 to 31.3.15 (for 15 days)	16.2		65.26
			Anechowkur range	3600 mandays
			Veeranahosahally range	3600 mandays
			Kallahalla range	3600 mandays
			Nagarahole range	3600 mandays
			Metikuppe range	3600

2	Fire protection works				
(u)	Engaging fire watchers (from 1.1.2015 to 31.3.2015 – 90 days)	16.2		280 Nos.	9.373
	Total (Recurring) (Spillover work 2013-14)				19.923
	RECURRING (Core)				
13.	Repair and maintenance of antipoaching camps	16.2			
	Veeranahosahally		Madahally	1	0.50
14.	Maintenance of vehicles	16.2			
a.	Cost of fuel, repairs etc. for existing protection vehicles		Nagarahole TR	33	30.00
b.	Purchase of tyres and tubes for protection vehicles		Nagarahole TR		1.00
c.	Purchase of batteries for protection vehicles and wireless sets		Nagarahole TR		2.00
d.	Maintenance of govt. boats		Nagarahole TR	4	2.00
15.	Wages to antipoaching squads in the following ranges from 1.4.2014 to 31.3.2015				100.00
a.	Veeranahosahally range		Koluvige	4	
			Sollepura	4	
			Madahally	4	
b.	Anechowkur range		Sannagadde	4	
			Gadipalya	4	
			Sulugodu	4	
			Basavanakatte	4	
			Malalakolli	4	
			Paladahalla	4	
			Paradakada	4	
			Kalkere	4	
			Kattepalya	4	
			Hulikal	4	
			Hunsekatte	4	
			Ballemurkal	4	
			Kothanahally	4	
			Jiyara	4	
			G.M. Hally	4	
			Taraka	4	
			Madanakada	4	
			Kallambelle	4	
			Udboor	4	
			Bogeshwara	4	
			Kuduresathanahalla	4	
			Suthanahalla	4	
			Masalebetta	4	
			Kymara	4	
16.	Wages for engaging drivers, literate assistant, computer	16.1			55.00

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	operators, wireless operators, night watchmen, gate assistant etc. for protection works from 1.4.14 to 31.3.2015					
			Anechowkur range	4		
			Veeranahosahally range	14		
			Kallahalla range	5		
			Nagarahole range	10		
			Metikuppe range	6		
			Antharasanthe range	14		
			D.B. Kuppe range	6		
			STPF office	4		
17.	Maintenance of elephant squads for protection works (elephant mahuts and kavadis) from 1.4.2014 to 31.3.2015	16.1	Anechowkur range	18	17.02	
			D.B. Kuppe range			
19.	Fire protection works				43.00	
a.	Fire line clearance	16.2				
	Cutting and clearing thick jungle growth including grass to a width of 10 m. for the maintenance of 'D' lines and fire line including burning		Anechowkur range	238 km		
			Veeranahosahally range	194 km		
			Kallahalla range	235 km		
			Nagarahole range	316 km		
			Metikuppe range	222 km		
			Antharasanthe range	225 km		
			D.B. Kuppe range	365 km		
b.	Engaging fire watchers from 1.4.14 to 15.4.14 (for 15 days)	16.2			12.24	
			Anechowkur range	675 mandays		
			Veeranahosahally range	675 mandays		
			Kallahalla range	675 mandays		
			Nagarahole range	675 mandays		
			Metikuppe range	675 mandays		
			Antharasanthe range	675 mandays		
			D.B. Kuppe range	675 mandays		
c.	Engaging fire watchers from 1.1.15 to 31.3.15 (for 15 days)	16.2			65.28	
			Anechowkur range	3600 mandays		
			Veeranahosahally range	3600 mandays		
			Kallahalla range	3600 mandays		
			Nagarahole range	3600 mandays		
			Metikuppe range	3600		



			Antharasanthe range	3600 mandays	
			D.B. Kuppe range	3600 mandays	
d.	Hiring of vehicles from 1.4.14 to 15.4.2014 (for 15 days)	16.2			0.50
			Anechowkur range	1	
			Kallahalla range	1	
			Metikuppe range	1	
			D.B. Kuppe range	1	
e.	Hiring of vehicles from 1.2.14 to 31.3.15 for 59 days	16.2			5.90
			Anechowkur range	1	
			Kallahalla range	1	
			Nagarahole range	1	
			Metikuppe range	1	
			D.B. Kuppe range	1	
20.	Maintenance of roads for effective protection Veeranahosahally range	16.2		25 kms.	6.25
			Gaddagadi road, Yarekatte to Hosakatte, Karikallu Manti road, CPT-8 and 9 Middle road, tower road Dattihalla, Channammanakate-Jaladakatte upto Madahally APC road, Yalaneerkatte road, Yalaneerkatte road, Koluvige to RFO office ring road		
21.	Improvement of waterholes, deepening, desilting and restrengthening of bunds Veeranahosahally range	16.3			
	Metikuppe range		Channammanakatte & Mantally kere	2	8.00
			Jodikatte, Pachi Katte, Dharmagere, Karikalmunti Kere, Gowdana Katte & Sollikatte	6	
22.	Maintenance of hadlus Anechowkur range Kallahalla range Nagarahole range	16.3		20 ha. 20 ha. 20 ha.	4.00
24.	Providing computer operator and Literate assistant (graduate)	16.1	Computer operator	1	1.92
			Literate Assistant (graduate)	1	1.92
25.	Maintenance of solar power fence (SPF)	16.4			
1)	Anechowkur range		Marapala to Marur	7 km	1.75

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2)	Metikuppe range			6.50 km	1.625
3)	Antharasanthe range		Taraka Backwater to Udboor gate	13.00 km	3.25
4)	D.B. Kuppe range		Udboor gate to Kabini back water	1.50 km	0.375
26.	Monitoring of animal health and hygiene	16.4			
a.	Rescue and rehabilitation of orphaned sick, injured and rescued wild animals including special diet, drugs and disposal of carcass of wild animal				2.00
b.	Tranquillising equipments & drugs				1.00
27.	Publicity materials, ancillary expenditure related to internet, purchase / maintenance of photocopying machine / computers / printers / FAX / UPS etc.	16.2			1.50
28.	Office expenses (purchase of stationary, photocopying charges, purchase / maintenance of computers and furniture, telephone / electricity bill etc.)	16.2			3.00
29.	Phase IV monitoring of tiger source populations	16.7			
b.	Maintenance of vehicles (including cost of fuel, repairs etc. for existing vehicles / hiring of vehicles)			32500 km.	5.00
c.	Engaging research fellows and assistants on contract / daily wage basis			LS	6.00
SPILL OVER WORK FOR THE YEAR 2013-14					
Recurring (Buffer)					
1.	Maintenance of APC – wages of antipoaching watchers hired (4 camps – 16 Nos.)			LS	6.862
Total (Recurring) (Spillover work 2013-14)					6.862
RECURRING (Buffer)					
4.	Creation of immunity belt around Nagarahole Tiger Reserve (vaccination of cattle or surrounding village)	16.5		LS	1.00
5.	Publicity and extension (conducting conservation awareness camp for communities in and around the tiger reserve)	16.5		LS	1.00
6.	Maintenance of APC – Wages of antipoaching watchers hired (4 camps – 16 No.)	16.1		16	15.128
7.	Eco-education programme to EDC members, school children etc.	16.5		LS	1.00
TOTAL (RECURRING) (core+buffer)					426.943
GRAND TOTAL (NR+R)					527.918

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non-Recurring	100.975	100.975
2	Recurring	426.943	213.47
3	Total	527.918	314.445
4	Adjustment of previous balance for 2013-14	NIL	NIL
5	Total (x)	527.918	314.445
6	10% Flexi-fund (x/9)	58.658	34.938
7	Grand Total	586.576	349.383

- (i) Total sanction (including 10% F.F.) : Rs. 586.576 Lakhs
(ii) Central assistance (including 10% F.F.) : Rs. 349.383 Lakhs
(iii) Ist Release (80% of CA with 10% F.F.) : Rs. 279.506 Lakhs
(iv) Adjustment of previous balance of 2013-14 : Rs. NIL
(v) Ist Release :
(a) APO for 2014-15 (90% of (iii) above): Rs. 251.555 Lakhs
(b) Flexi fund (10% of (iii) above) : Rs. 27.951 Lakhs

* Ecodevelopment initiatives should be based on normative guidelines of the National Tiger Conservation Authority, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, 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.

