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Project Tiger Division

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To,

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

Sub: Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme 'Project Tiger' Administrative Approval for funds release to Palamau Tiger Reserve, Jharkhand 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 Palamau Tiger Reserve, Jharkhand at the cost of **Rs. 292.814 Lakhs (Rupees Two hundred Ninety Two lakhs Eighty One thousand Four hundred only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 191.926 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Jharkhand**. 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. 84.04 lakhs (Rupees Eighty Four lakhs and Four thousand only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Jharkhand during the current financial year 2014-15 (1/3rd of release made during the previous financial year). 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 **Palamau 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 Jharkhand** 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 **Palamau 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 Jharkhand in respect of **Palamau Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.7.2014.
- (x) **Palamau 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 Jharkhand** 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 Jharkhand** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Jharkhand in respect of **Palamau 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 **Palamau 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 (Palamau Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Jharkhand**.
- (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.**

4. As the annual budget of the Scheme is approved by the Central Government, the Government of Jharkhand 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 Management Plan and the Annual Plan of Operation by the field inspections from time to time.

7. The State is requested to resubmit a revised APO again, indicating items already approved for the year 2014-15, with physical and financial achievements of 2013-14, utilisation certificate and status of compliance of the tripartite MOU.

8. 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.

9. 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 Jharkhand 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 State 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. 634/AS & FA dated 05.05.2014.

Yours faithfully,

(Sanjay Kumar)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Jharkhand. 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 Jharkhand.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Jharkhand.

4. The Field Director, Palamau Tiger Reserve, Jharkhand.
5. The IG, Regional Office of NTCA, Guwahati
6. The Accountant General, Jharkhand.
7. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
8. Forest Finance Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
9. Plan Finance Division (PF-II), Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
10. Guard file/Spare copies.

(Sanjay Kumar)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests (PT)

**PALAMAU TIGER RESERVE, JHARKHAND
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 approved by PT Division for 2014-15	
NON-RECURRING						
1.	Antipoaching initiatives					
b.	Organising vehicular patrolling by constituting squads (Tiger Protection Force), comprising of field staff, home guards, labourers / ex-army personnel, with wireless handset and paraphernalia for apprehending offenders, apart from prescribing a patrolling calendar for the squad.	4.1 / TCP-4.3.2	Core & buffer areas of Palamau Tiger Reserve	5 section TPF	40.00	
g.	Deployment of 10 home guard / ex-service man personnel at each range round the year	TCP-10.2	Core of Palamau Tiger Reserve	21 person	16.108	
4.	Addressing man-animal conflict					
c.	Payment of compensation of cattle lifting / kill	4.4 / TCP-5.4	Core & buffer areas of Palamau Tiger Reserve	LS	1.00	
d.	Payment of compensation for crop deprecation	4.4 / TCP-5.4	Core & buffer areas of Palamau Tiger Reserve	LS	14.00	
5.	Research and field equipments					
b.	Procurement of field gear, night vision devices and other equipments	4.7 / TCP-8.3	Core & buffer areas of Palamau Tiger Reserve	LS	2.00	
c.	Wildlife estimation, analysis and interpretation of data including preparation of PIP	4.7 / TCP-9.2	Core & buffer areas of Palamau Tiger Reserve	LS	4.00	
d.	(i) Data entry, compilation and management including provision for data analyst, hiring of system analyst/GIS expert	4.7 / TCP-9.2, 9.3 & 9.5	Core & buffer areas of Palamau Tiger Reserve	3 person	5.28	
g.	Procurement of compass, range finder, GPS, camera traps	4.7 / TCP-8.3	Core & buffer areas of Palamau Tiger Reserve	LS	1.00	
6.	Staff development and capacity building					
a.	(i) Providing project allowance	6.2	Core & buffer areas of Palamau Tiger Reserve & FD PTR	LS	17.50	
TOTAL (NON-RECURRING)					100.888	
RECURRING						
1.	Antipoaching initiatives					
a.	Deployment of antipoaching squads (strike force) wages and	4.1 / TCP-10.2	Core area PTR	24 person for 4 months	36.864	

	patrolling					
b.	Establishing and maintenance of existing patrolling camps with the provisions of existing trekkers and other daily wagers (as per HRD Plan of Tiger Conservation Plan Para No. 8.5)	4.1 / TCP-4.3.2				
	i. Highly skilled daily wagers / trekkers	TCP-4.3.1	Core & buffer of Palamau Tiger Reserve	44	32.692	
	ii. Skilled daily wagers / trekkers	TCP-4.3.1 & 8.5	Core & buffer of Palamau Tiger Reserve	31	19.654	
	iii. Semi skilled daily wagers / trekkers	TCP-4.3.1 & 8.5	Core & buffer of Palamau Tiger Reserve	23	12.512	
	iv. Unskilled daily wagers / trekkers	TCP-4.3.1 & 8.5	Core & buffer of Palamau Tiger Reserve	28	14.616	
d.	Establishing and maintenance of wireless network alongwith closed user group and mobiles	4.1 / TCP-4.3.3 & 8.5	Core & buffer of Palamau Tiger Reserve	LS	2.00	
e.	Establishing and maintenance of patrolling camps, chowkis and deployment of camp labourers for patrolling	TCP-4.3.2	Core of Palamau Tiger Reserve	10 No.	5.00	
f.	Legal support for defending court cases	4.1 / TCP-10.3.2	Core & buffer of Palamau Tiger Reserve	LS	0.50	
g.	Rewards to informers	4.1 / TCP-10.5	Core & buffer area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	LS	0.50	
2.	Strengthening of infrastructure within tiger reserve					
a.	Maintenance and running cost of office equipments & generators	4.2 / TCP-4.3.1	Core & buffer area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	LS	6.00	
b.	Maintenance of fire watch tower	4.2 / TCP-4.3.4	Core & buffer area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	20 Nos.	1.40	
c.	Maintenance of firelines	4.2 / 10.4.3	Core & buffer area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	312 km.	16.647	
e.	Maintenance of vehicles (Gypsy, jeep, truck, tractor, motor cycles) including running cost of fuel for patrolling	4.2 / TCP-4.3.1	Core & buffer area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	LS	15.00	
f.	Fire protection work on fire patrol camp by employing EDC members/ fire fighting squad team	4.2 / TCP-10.4.3	Core & buffer area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	50 camps	5.35	
g.	Fire protection work – Provision of torch, batteries, Satu, Gur, water bottle etc.	4.2 / TCP-10.4.3	Core & buffer area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	LS	3.00	
h.	Wages for labourers engaged on fire watch tower	4.2 / TCP-10.4.3	Core & buffer area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	20 Nos.	6.26	
i.	Improvement of office	TCP-8.3	Core area PTR	LS	2.00	
3.	Habitat improvement and water development					
a.	Water holes maintenance	4.3 / TCP-4.2.2.1.4	Core & buffer area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	208 water hole	10.431	

c.	Veterinary care including vaccination, treatment etc.	4.3 / TCP-12.2	Core & buffer area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	LS	0.50	
5.	Staff development and capacity building					
b.	Specialised training in the use of GPS, Wildlife Forensics and Antipoaching operations	TCP-8.4	Core & buffer area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	4 training	1.00	
TOTAL (RECURRING)					191.926	
GRAND TOTAL (NR+R)					292.814	

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non-Recurring	100.888	100.888
2	Recurring	191.926	95.963
3	Total	292.814	196.851
4	10 % Flexi-fund		21.87
	Grand Total		218.721

Ceiling of 1/3 rd of BE, of central share to Palamau Tiger Reserve	=	Rs. 75.636 lakhs
10% flexi-fund to State Government	=	<u>Rs. 8.404 lakhs</u>
Total	=	Rs. 84.04 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.**