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Ministry of Environment and Forests
Project Tiger Division

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Dated the 19th May, 2014

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 Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, Kerala 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 Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, Kerala at the cost of **Rs. 331.050 Lakhs (Rupees Three hundred Thirty One lakhs and Five thousand only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 275.550 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Kerala**. 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. 69.814 lakhs (Rupees Sixty Nine lakhs Eighty One thousand and Four hundred only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Kerala 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 **Parambikulam 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 Kerala** 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 **Parambikulam 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 Kerala in respect of **Parambikulam Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.7.2014.
- (x) **Parambikulam 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 Kerala** 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 Kerala** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Kerala in respect of **Parambikulam 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 **Parambikulam 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 (Parambikulam Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Kerala**.
- (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 Kerala 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 Kerala 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. 623/AS & FA dated 05.05.2014.

Yours faithfully,

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

Copy to:-

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

4. The Field Director, Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, Kerala.
5. The AIG, Regional Office of NTCA, Bengaluru.
6. The Accountant General, Kerala.
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)

**Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, Kerala
Annual Plan of Operation 2014-15**

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Item	Para No. of CSS-PT Guidelines	Para No. of TCP	Location	Physical	Amount for 2014-15
A.	NON-RECURRING (Core)					
1	Antipoaching Activities					
a	Purchase of camping gears including Sleeping Bags, Torches, Search lights, Tents, Bags, Rain coats, etc	16.1	7.2.2.1.2	PKMTR	80 Nos.	4.00
b	Conducting Road patrol to prevent illicit activities in the tiger reserve	16.1	7.2.1.1	PKMTR	12 month	2.00
2.	Strengthening of Infrastructure within Tiger Reserve					
a	Establishment of communication network including procurement of wireles sets/walkie takies/batteries/mast	16.2	7.2.2.1.11	PKMTR	25 Nos.	10.00
3.	Addressing Man-Animal Conflif					
	Construction of Elephant Proof Trench around camp sheds	16.4	10.2	PKMTR	2 nos	3.00
4	Research & Field Equipments					
a	Equipping the staff and watchers with facilities like torches, sleeping bags, tents, Rucksacks, etc.	16.7	7.2.2.1.5	PKMTR	40 Units	2.00
b	Procurement of Binoculars for field patrolling	16.7	7.2.2.1.5	PKMTR	10 Nos.	1.00
c	Procurement of Digital cameras for documentation and monitoring by field staff etc	16.7	7.2.2.1.5		25 nos	3.00
d	Conducting Phase IV Tiger Monitoring exercise twice in a year	16.7	8.3	PKMTR	2 nos	4.00
5.	Provision for the Project Allowance to the staff					
	Provision for the Project Allowance to staff of Parambikulam Tiger Reserve and Field Directors Office including arrear payment	16.15	8.4	PKMTR	LS	16.00
6.	Staff Welfare Activities					
	Supply of kerosene, medical kit etc. and conducting medical camp/assistance to the field staff and watchers	16.16	7.2.2.1.18	PKMTR	15 nos	1.50
	Total Non Recurring					46.50
B	Recurring (Core)					
1.	Antipoaching Activities					
a	Engaging antipoaching watchers	16.1	7.2.2.1.2	PKMTR	15750 man mazdoor	70.00
b	Engaging protection watchers for monsoon patrolling	16.1	7.2.2.1.2	PKMTR	6750 man mazdoor	30.00
c	Conducting Inter Division/Inter State joint Camps and patrolling	16.1	7.2.2.1.7	PKMTR	25 Camps	0.50
2	Strengthening of Infrastructure within Tiger Reserves					
a	Maintenance and improvement of Wireless Sets, Walkie Talkies including wages to the Wireless attenders	16.2	7.2.2.1.11	PKMTR	LS	2.00
b	Fuel and Repair & maintenance of Vehicles of Range Officers, Deputy Director and Field Director including Wages to the Drivers	16.2	7.2.2.1.10	PKMTR	8 Nos	24.00
c	Engaging field protection watchers for Tiger Monitoring	16.2	8.3	PKMTR	2250 mm	10.00
d	Treatment of sick, injured animals & postmortem and disposal	16.2	12.4	PKMTR	LS	0.50
e	Maintenance of Firelines	16.2	7.2.2.2.3	PKMTR	100 Km	16.00

3	Habitat improvement and water development					
a	Habitat improvement - Maintenance of Vayals/ Marshy grasslands	16.3	7.2.2.3.3	PKMTR	500 Ha	25.00
b	Habitat improvement - Weed /invasive species eradication	16.3	7.2.2.3.4	PKMTR	100 Ha	5.00
c	Vista / View line clearance	16.3	7.2.2.1.9	PKMTR	200 Ha	10.00
d	Improvement and maintenance of Checkdams and other water harvesting structures	16.3	7.2.2.3.2	PKMTR	4 No.	4.00
e	Desilting of Waterholes & Checkdams	16.3	7.2.2.3.2	PKMTR	40 Nos.	10.00
4.	Fostering Ecotourism in Tiger Reserves					
	Total Recurring					207.00
C	NON-RECURRING (Buffer)					
1.	Antipoaching Activities					
a	Purchase of camping gears including Sleeping Bags, Torches, Search lights, Tents, Bags, Rain coats, etc	16.1	7.2.2.1.2	PKMTR	20 units	1.00
2.	Research & Field Equipments					
a	Conducting Phase IV Tiger Monitoring exercise twice in a year /Disease surveillance programmes	16.7	8.3	PKMTR	2 Nos.	2.00
3	Provision for the Project Allowance to the staff					
a	Provision for the Project Allowance to staff of Parambikulam Tiger Reserve and Field Directors Office including arrear payment	16.15	8.4	PKMTR	LS	6.00
	Total Non Recurring					9.00
	Grand Total Non-Recurring (Core+Buffer)					55.50
D	Recurring (Buffer)					
1.	Antipoaching Activities					
a	Engaging antipoaching watchers	16.1	7.2.2.1.2	PKMTR	3250 man mazdoor	15.00
b	Engaging protection watchers for monsoon patrolling	16.1	7.2.2.1.2	PKMTR	1550 man mazdoor	7.00
c	Maintenance of antipoaching camp sheds	16.1	7.2.2.1.2	PKMTR	10 Nos.	5.00
d	Conducting Inter Division/Inter State joint Camps and patrolling	16.1	7.2.2.1.7	PKMTR	50 Camps	1.00
2	Strengthening of Infrastructure within Tiger Reserves					
a	Maintenance and improvement of Staff Quarters, office buildings including Field Director's Office	16.2	7.2.2.1.1	PKMTR	5 Nos.	5.00
b	Fuel and Repair & maintenance of Departmental Boats including wages to boatman driver	16.2	7.2.2.1.10	PKMTR	2 Nos.	2.00
c	Engaging field protection watchers for Tiger Monitoring	16.2	8.3	PKMTR	500 man mazdoor	2.00
d	Preparation of Tiger Conservation Plan and Engaging Assistant for data compilation in Field Directors office	16.2	8.3	PKMTR	LS	1.00
e	Maintenance of Firelines	16.2	7.2.2.2.3	PKMTR	30 Km	5.10
f	Engaging Fire Protection Watchers	16.2	7.2.2.2.12	PKMTR	1000 man mazdoor	4.45
3.	Habitat improvement and water development					
a	Habitat improvement - Maintenance of Vayals /marshy grasslands	16.3	7.2.2.3.3	PKMTR	50 Ha	3.00
b	Habitat improvement - Weed / invasive speceis eradication	16.3	7.2.2.3.4	PKMTR	50 Ha	3.00
c	Vista / view line clearance	16.3	7.2.2.1.9	PKMTR	150 Ha	7.50
d	Improvement and maintenance of Checkdams, waterholes and other water harvesting structures	16.3	7.2.2.3.1.3	PKMTR	15 Nos.	7.50
4.	Conducting Nature Education Camps	16.3				
	Total Recurring					68.55
	Grand Total Recurring (Core + Buffer)					275.550

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non-Recurring	55.500	55.500
2.	Recurring	275.550	137.775
3.	Total	331.050	193.275
4.	10 %		21.475
5.	G. total		214.750

Ceiling of 1/3rd of BE, of central share to Parambikulam Tiger Reserve = Rs. 62.8326 lakh
10% flexi-fund to State Government = Rs. 6.9814 lakh
Total = **Rs. 69.814 lakh**

* 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.