

**No. 4-1(14)/2014-PT**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment and Forests  
Project Tiger Division

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**Dated the 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Periyar 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 Periyar Tiger Reserve, Kerala at the cost of **Rs. 383.60 Lakhs (Rupees Three hundred Eighty Three lakhs and Sixty thousand only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 276.25 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. 92.204 lakhs (Rupees Ninety Two lakhs Twenty Thousand 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 (1/3<sup>rd</sup> 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 **Periyar 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 **Periyar 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 **Periyar Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.7.2014.
- (x) **Periyar 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 **Periyar 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 **Periyar 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 (Periyar 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. 614/AS & FA dated 01.05.2014.

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, Periyar 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)

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

**(Rs. in lakhs)**

S. No.	Item	Para No. of CSS-PT Guidelines	Current year 2014-15 proposal		
			Location	Physical	Amount for 2014-15
1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>A</b>	<b>NON RECURRING (CORE)</b>				
<b>1.</b>	<b>Anti-Poaching</b>				
a	Deployment of anti-poaching squads	4.1	DD (E)-PTR DD (W)-PTR	5500 MM 250 MM	22.00 1.00
b	Procurement field gear, tents, umbrella, ruck sacks/sleeping bag / gum boots / shoes, torch etc	4.1	PTR	LS	2.00
c	Organising vehicular patrolling (Tiger Protection Force) comprising of field staff, watchers etc	4.1	PTR	30 Nos.	30.00
			Azhutha & Pamba Ranges	13 Nos	6.00
<b>2.</b>	<b>Strengthening infrastructure within Tiger Reserves.</b>				
a	Purchase of walkies talkies	4.1 4.1	Pamba & Azhutha Ranges Thekkady, Vallkkadavu & Periyar Ranges	5 Nos. 5 Nos.	1.00 1.00
b	Purchase of wireless mobile / base sets		Thekkady, Vallkkadavu & Periyar Ranges Pamba & Azhutha Ranges	5 Nos. 5 Nos.	1.00 1.00
<b>3.</b>	<b>Addressing man-animal conflict (ensuring inform timely compensation for human deaths to wild animals, live stock depredation by carnivores , crop depredation by wild ungulates</b>				
a	Compensation for wildlife attack / victims		PTR	LS	1.00
<b>4.</b>	<b>Habitat improvement and water development</b>				
a	Creation of fire lines		Pamba & Azhutha Ranges	25 km	3.75
b	Project Allowance	4.8	PTR	19 Nos. 242 Nos. 103 Nos.	1.60 20.00 10.00
<b>5.</b>	<b>Phase-IV Tiger Monitoring</b>				
a	Tiger Monitoring		PTR	LS	5.00
b	Preparation of final IV phase monitoring report	4.7			0.50
	<b>Total Non-Recurring (Core)</b>				<b>106.85</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>NON-RECURRING (BUFFER)</b>				
	<b>Strengthening Infrastructure</b>				
a	Procurement of medicines / drugs for the treatment / tranquilization etc.	4.4	PTR	LS	0.50
	<b>Total Non- Recurring (Core + Buffer)</b>				<b>107.35</b>
<b>C.</b>	<b>RECURRING (CORE)</b>				
<b>1.</b>	<b>Anti-Poaching</b>				
a	Establishing and maintenance of existing patrolling camps/chowkis / deployment of anti-poaching watchers for patrolling.	4.1	PTR	16500 MM	66.00
			Azhutha & Pamba	10000 MM	40.00
b	Establishment, maintenance and replacement of wireless network & walkie talkies (Purchase & Maintenance of batteries, solar systems, wages including replacement of walkies talkies, base sets etc)	4.1	PTR	LS	7.50
			Kuttikkanam Ponnambamedu	LS	5.00

c	Deployment of local work force for patrolling surveillance of water holes manning barriers	4.1	PTR	1375 MM	11.00
			Azhutha & Pamba	1000 MM	4.00
d	Reward of informers	4.1	PTR	LS	0.50
e	Legal support for defending court cases, TA to officers and staff	4.1	FD (PT) PTR	LS	0.50
			DD (E) PTR	LS	0.50
			DD (W) PTR	LS	0.50
f	Ensuring special site specific protection measures during monsoon as Operation monsoon - considering the terrain and accessibility of protected areas	4.1	PTR	5000 MM	20.00
			Azthua & Pamba Ranges	2000 MM	8.00
g	Facilitating and mitigating measures from animal conflict around protection camp sheds	4.2	PTR	LS	5.0
			Azthua & Pamba Ranges	3 Nos.	3.00
h	Replacement of patrolling bikes	4.1	PTR	3 Nos.	2.25
<b>2.</b>	<b>Strengthening infrastructure within Tiger Reserves.</b>				
a	Fire watchers for fire season	4.1	PTR (East)	10000 MM	40.00
			Azthua & Pamba Ranges	3000 MM	12.00
b	Fire clearing	4.2	PTR	100 km	25.00
			Azthua & Pamba Ranges	100	15.00
c	Control burning	4.20	PTR	LS	4.00
			Azthua & Pamba Ranges	LS	2.00
d	Maintenance of waterholes	4.3	PTR (East)	15 Nos.	3.00
			PTR (West)	5 Nos.	1.00
<b>3.</b>	<b>Addressing man-animal conflict (ensuring inform timely compensation for human deaths to wild animals, live stock depredation by carnivores , crop depredation by wild ungulates</b>				
a	Payment of compensation for cattle lifting, death of human beings and crop depredation due to wild animals	4.4	PTR	LS	0.50
	<b>Total Recurring</b>				<b>276.25</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL (NR+R)</b>				<b>383.60</b>

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S.No.	Items	Sanction / proposed for advance	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring	<b>107.35</b>	<b>107.35</b>
2.	Recurring	276.25	138.125
	<b>Total</b>	<b>383.60</b>	<b>245.475</b>
	<b>10% Flexi-fund</b>		<b>27.275</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>272.750</b>

Ceiling of 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of BE, of central share to Periyar Tiger Reserve = Rs. 82.9836 lakhs  
10% flexi-fund to State Government = Rs. 9.2204 lakhs  
**Total = Rs. 92.204 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.