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To,
The Sr. Pay & Accounts Officer,
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,
New Delhi.

Sub: Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme 'Project Tiger' Administrative Approval for funds release to Achanakmar Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh during 2015-16.


Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme 'Project Tiger' in Achanakmar Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh at the cost of **Rs. 370.466 Lakhs (Rupees Three hundred Seventy Lakhs Forty Six thousand Six hundred only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 289.02 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Chhattisgarh**. 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. 162.583 lakhs (Rupees One hundred Sixty Two Lakhs Fifty Eight thousand Three hundred only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Chhattisgarh during the current financial year 2015-16. The balance amount of the Central Assistance will be released in due course after a review of the progress of expenditure/work is undertaken.

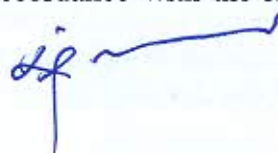
3. The grants-in-aid will be regulated in accordance with the provisions contained in the memorandum of the Centrally Sponsored Project Tiger Scheme. The Grants-in-Aid is also subject to the Chapter 9 of the General Financial Rules 2005, as amended from time to time, read with the Government of India's 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 **Achanakmar 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 Chhattisgarh** 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 **Achanakmar 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 Chhattisgarh in respect of **Achanakmar Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2016.
- (x) **Achanakmar 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 Chhattisgarh** 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 2015-16 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by **Government of Chhattisgarh** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Chhattisgarh in respect of **Achanakmar 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 **Achanakmar Tiger Reserve** strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, acting through the National Tiger Conservation Authority, Field Director (Achanakmar Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Chhattisgarh**.
- (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.
- (xix) The cost estimates worked out by the Field Director should be based on approved schedule of rates of the State Government, with due approval of the competent authority.

4. As the annual budget of the Scheme is approved by the Central Government, the Government of Chhattisgarh 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.

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 Chhattisgarh 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. 32, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Major Head 3601 – Grants-in-aid to the State Governments, 3601.02- Grants for State Plan Scheme, 3601.02.659-Environmental Forestry and Wildlife – Wildlife Preservation, 3601.02.659.04-Integrated Development of Wild Life Habitats, 3601.02.659.04.03- Project Tiger, 3601.02.659.04.03.31- Grants-in-aid for the year 2015-16 (Plan).

10. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 994/AS & FA dated 6.8.2015.

Yours faithfully,



(Sanjay Kumar)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Chhattisgarh. A copy of the detailed sanction letter issued by the State Government in respect of this scheme for 2015-16 may kindly be furnished to this Ministry immediately.

2. The Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Chhattisgarh.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Chhattisgarh.
4. The Field Director, Achanakmar Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh.
5. The IG, NTCA Regional Office, Nagpur.
6. The Accountant General, Chhattisgarh.
7. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
8. Forest Finance Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
9. Plan Finance Division (PF-II), Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
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ANNEXURE**ACHANAKMAR TIGER RESERVE, CHHATTISGARH
ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE YEAR 2015-16****(Rs. in lakhs)**

Sl No.	Item	Para No. of CSS-PT guidelines	Location/ GPS	Financial		Location/ GPS coordinates	Physical Target	Amount for 2015-16
				Coordinates	Target			
NON RECURRING :- CORE AREA								
A	Research & Field Equipment (on Going) (Non Recurring)	4.7						
1	Procurement of Camera Traps and batteries		Core Area	15.00	14.99	Core Area	100	20.00
2	(a)Project Allowance- (Director, Dy. Director, Asst. Director, Range Officer, A.R.O., F.G., & equivalent rank, 10 Official Staff)	4.15	Core Area	20.00	20.00	Core Area	-	6.00
3	(b)food grain allowance- for field staff (forester and below)	Gazette Notification 06/06/2014	Core Area	-		Core Area	-	5.00
B	Strengthening of Infrastructure	4.2						
1	Computer-06, Laptop-01, Fax-01, Photocopy Machine-01 Scannar-01 and colour printer-01 with accessories.	4.2	FD, DD & AD Office	-	-	FD, DD & AD Office	11	2.00
2	Complete Establishment of IT & GIS Cell	4.2	ATR	-	-	ATR	-	1.00
3	Revision of Management Plan (TCP)	4.12		1.00	0.99		-	0.40
Total (Non - Recurring) :- Core								34.40
NON RECURRING :- BUFFER AREA								
A	Wildlife Management (Extension of Communication Network)	4.1						
1	Procurement of Camera Traps and batteries	4.7	ATR Buffer	-		ATR Buffer	50	10.00
Total (Non - Recurring) :- Buffer								10.00
Total (Non - Recurring) :- Core + Buffer								44.40
RECURRING - CORE AREA								
A	Wildlife Management (Extension of Communication Network)		4.1					
1	Maintenance of Wireless Handset & Fix Set	4.1 & 4.2	Core Area	2.00	2.00	Core Area	20	5.00
2	Maintenance of Camera Traps	4.1 & 4.2	Core Area	1.00	1.00	Core Area	20	0.50



3	Study tours for appraisal of good practices in other TR like Bandipur in Karnataka, Sunderbans in West Bengal and other TR etc.	4.7	Core Area	1.00	1.00	Core Area	3	2.00	
4	Workshop, seminar & Wild Life Week.	4.7	Core Area	1.00	1.00	Core Area	5	2.00	
5	Census of wild animals & Monitoring of habitat and monitoring by trap camera in winter and summer season	4.1 & 4.2	Core Area	5.00	4.99	Core Area	-	4.00	
6	Employment of Local Force in 79 beats one person for 12 month	4.1	Core Area	44.71	44.70	Core Area	79X1X1 2X6000	56.88	
7	Wages of casual workers (Semi-Skilled) - Chowkidar 50, Barrier Helper 24, Cook 8, Mahaut helper 8.	4.1	Core Area	34.94	34.94	Core Area	52X12X 6000	37.44	
8	Wages of casual workers (Skilled) - Wireless attendant 30, Driver 15, Mahaut 8, Office attendant 15.	4.1	Core Area	32.25	32.25	Core Area	50X12X 6000	36.00	
9	Wages of contingency staff (Fix pay)- Computer Operator 5.	4.1	Core Area	-	-	Core Area	12X5X1 2000	7.20	
10	Employment of ex-Army man/Jawan/ Gunman & Supervisor 12000/- per month (1 Ex Army man + 5 Daily wages labour /Range)	4.1	Core Area	21.60	21.60	Core Area	4x12x12 000 & 5x4x12x 6000	20.16	
11	Maintenance of Vehicles and P.O.L.	4.1 & 4.14	-	5.00	4.99	-	14 Four Wheeler 25 Two Wheeler	10.00	
12	Tiger Protection Force (TPF) Salary 20 Nos.	4.1	Core Area	14.40	14.40	Core Area	20X12X 6000	14.40	
13	Awards for exemplary works to subordinate staff		Core Area	0.50	0.50	Core Area	-	0.50	
14	Reward to informers	4.1	ATR	0.50	0.50	ATR	-	0.50	
Total (Recurring) :- Core								-	196.58
<u>RECURING - BUFFER AREA</u>									
A	Wildlife Management (Extention of Communication Network)	4.1					-	-	
1	Census of wild animals & Monitoring of habitat.	4.4	ATR Buffer	1.00	1.00	ATR Buffer	-	2.00	
2	Employment of Local Force in 29 beats & Patrolling camp in a group of 2 person for 12 month	4.1	ATR Buffer	25.20	25.20	ATR Buffer	29X12X 2X6000	42.00	
3	Wages of casual workers (Semi-Skilled) - Chowkidar 25,	4.1	ATR Buffer	20.00	19.37	ATR Buffer	25X12X 6000	18.00	
4	Wages of contingency staff (Fix pay)- Computer Operator 2.	4.1	ATR Buffer	-	-	ATR Buffer	2X12X1 2000	2.88	
5	Wages of casual workers (Skilled) - Wireless attendant 12, Driver 08, Office attendant 10,	4.1	ATR Buffer	15.00	12.51	ATR Buffer	15X12X 6000	10.80	
6	Employment of ex-Army man/Jawan/ Gunman & Supervisor 12000/- per month	4.1	ATR Buffer	7.25	7.24	ATR Buffer	4x12x12 000	5.76	
7	Maintenance of Vehicles and P.O.L.	4.1 & 4.14	-			-	03 Four Wheeler 05 Two Wheeler	6.00	
8	Cattle/Human Killed by wild animals and Damage to crops	4.4	ATR Buffer	2.00	1.99	ATR Buffer	-	3.00	

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9	Legal Courts cases	4.1	ATR Buffer	0.25	0.25	ATR Buffer	-	0.50
10	Protecting publicity materials, Preparation of sign boards, preparation of DPR, Documentary Films etc	4.7	ATR Buffer			ATR Buffer	-	1.00
11	Awards for exemplary works to subordinate staff	4.1	ATR Buffer	-	-	ATR Buffer	-	0.50
Total (Recurring) :- Buffer						-		92.44
Total (Recurring) :- Core+Buffer						-		289.02
Grand Total (NR+R) :- Core+Buffer						-		333.42

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non – Recurring	44.40	44.40
2	Recurring	289.02	144.51
3	Eco-development	--	--
4	Total (x)	333.42	188.91
5	10% Flexi-fund (x/9)	37.046	20.99
6	Total (x)	370.466	209.90
7	Adjustment of previous balance for 2014-15	5.337	5.337
8	Grand Total	365.129	204.563

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share (including Flexi Fund)	A	370.466
Centre's share in APO (without Flexi Fund)	B	188.91
FF on Centre's share	C=B/9	20.99
Centre's share including FF	D=B+C	209.90
1 st release @ 80% of Centre's share	E=0.8*D	167.92
Less: Unspent balance FY 14-15	F	5.337
Adjusted 1 st release including FF	G=E-F	162.583
2 nd release @ 20% of Centre's share	I=0.2*D	41.98
Total release towards APO in FY 15-16	J=(9/10)*(G+I)	184.107
Total release towards FF in FY 15-16	K=(1/10)*(G+I)	20.456
Grand total release in FY 15-16	L=G+I	204.563
Total effective release including USB	L+F	209.90
Effective release for APO activities	J+0.9*F	188.91
Effective release for FFs	K+0.1*F	20.99

* Ecodevelopment initiatives should be based on normative guidelines of the National Tiger Conservation Authority, Ministry of Environment, Forest 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.

