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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Project Tiger Division

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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 Bor Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra during 2015-16.

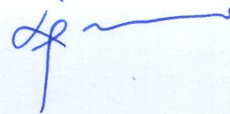
Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme 'Project Tiger' in Bor Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra at the cost of **Rs. 94.58 Lakhs (Rupees Ninety Four Lakhs Fifty Eight thousand only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 42.91 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Maharashtra**. 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. 56.5928 lakhs (Rupees Fifty Six Lakhs Fifty Nine thousand Two hundred Eighty only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Maharashtra 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 **Bor 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 Maharashtra** 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 **Bor 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 Maharashtra in respect of **Bor Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2016.
- (x) **Bor 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 Maharashtra** 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 Maharashtra** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Maharashtra in respect of **Bor 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 **Bor 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 (Bor Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Maharashtra**.
- (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 Maharashtra 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 Maharashtra 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. 780/AS & FA dated 16.06.2015.

Yours faithfully,

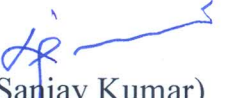

(Sanjay Kumar)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Maharashtra. 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 Maharashtra.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Maharashtra.
4. The Field Director, Bor Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra.
5. The Accountant General, Maharashtra.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
7. The IG, NTCA Regional Office, Nagpur.
8. Forest Finance Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
9. Plan Finance Division (PF-II), Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
10. Guard file/Spare copies.


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ANNEXURE**ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION 2015-16
BOR TIGER RESERVE, MAHARASHTRA**

(Rs. in Lakhs)

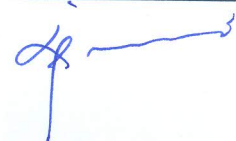
S. No.	Item	Para No. of CSS-PT Guidelines	Location	Physical	Amount for 2015-16
A.	Non-Recurring				
I)	Project Allowance	4.8			
1.	a) DFO – 01			1500x1x12	0.180
2.	b) ACF – 01			1300x1x12	0.156
3.	c) RFO – 02			1000x1x12	0.240
4.	d) Forester – 04			900x4x12	0.216
5.	e) Forest Guard – 34			700x34x12	2.856
6.	f) Van Majdoor – 32			400x32x12	1.536
7.	g) Ministerial staff Class III – 09 1 - A/c 6 - Clerk 2 - Driver			9x12x0.007	0.756
8.	h) Ministerial staff class – IV – 01 1 - Peon			1x12x0.004	0.048
II)	Ration Allowance	4.8			
1.	a) Forester – 04			860x4x12	0.413
2.	b) Forest Guard – 34			860x34x12	3.509
3.	c) Van Majdoor-32			860x32x12	3.302
III)	Antipoaching activities				
1.	Tiger protection lead by Forester (one units each of 10 with local labourers and hired vehicles) (Wages for labours, hiring of vehicles, purchase of material)	4.1	Bor range = 1 unit / New Bor Range = 1 unit	1 Unit (04 labours for 12 months)+ hiring of vehicle + purchase of material	5.00
2.	Habitat improvement and water augmentation	4.3			
1)	Rejuvenation of Nallas (like under ground barrier, deepening dry rubble bund, gabion, dam, brushwood dam etc.)		Bor range / New Bor ranges	02 water courses	2.00
IV)	Mainstreaming wildlife concerns in tiger bearing forests (buffer) and corridor				
1	Purchase of camera traps, batteries and memory card for monitoring of the tigers	4.2		40 @ 0.18 Lakhs	7.20
3.	Implementation of M-STRIPES	As per NTCA guidelines			
	i) Equipments – GPS, compass etc.			10 @0.15	1.50
	ii) Field expenses – material cost for PIP, transects etc.			LS	0.50
	iii) Computer			3 @ 0.40	1.20
	iv)M-STRIPES booklet printing			LS	0.15
V)	Establishment of wireless infrastructure				
	Establishment of wireless infrastructure in newly declared New Bor WLS (as per survey report)	4.1		-	1.50
VI)	Strengthening of wireless infrastructure				
1.	Batteries for new base stations	4.2	Bor range and New Bor range	5 nos. @ 0.05	0.25
VII)	Staff welfare activities				
1.	Drinking water facilities at protection camps	4.2	Bor range and New Bor range	LS	1.00
VIII)	Development activities for co-existence in core zone				

1.	Organising workshops for sensitizing local villages in core area	4.8	Bor range and New Bor range	4 workshops @ 0.50	0.40
2.	Construction of earthen bunds to increase water availability in waterholes	4.3	Bor range and New Bor range	10 structures @ 0.2 Lakhs	2.00
3.	Construction of fire watchtower	4.2	Bor range and New Bor range	1 nos. @ 4.00 Lakhs	4.00
TOTAL (NON-RECURRING)					39.912
B. Recurring					
1.	Wireless communication network royalty to govt. of India	4.1	1 network	1 network	0.50
2.	Wages for wireless operator 3 stations 2 person each 0.07/- per month	4.1	Bor range and New Bor range	2 control room x 2 person x 12 @ 0.07	3.36
3.	Anti-grazing squad for Amgaon, Navargaon and Aadegaon beat where heavy incidences of illegal grazing exists (1 June to 31 January)	4.1	Bor range and New Bor range	4 person x 3 places x 7 months x 0.07	5.88
4.	Wages for check naka labours	4.1		4 check naka x 2 person x 12 months x 0.07	6.72
5.	Maintenance of offices	4.2		1 DFO @ 2.00	0.50
				2 RFO @ 1.00	0.50
6.	Wages for driver of vehicle 4 drivers + 1 cleaner = 5x12 @ 0.075 for jeep / tractor	4.1		Wages for driver of vehicle 2 drivers + 1 cleaner = 3x12 @ 0.075 for jeep / tractor	2.70
7.	Maintenance / repair / vehicles / fuel	4.2			
i)	Diesel vehicles – 4			Diesel – 4 @ 0.75	1.50
ii)	Motorcycles – 5			Motorcycle – 5 @ 0.15	0.30
8.	Maintenance of residential and other administrative building	4.2	Bor range and New Bor range	LS	1.50
9.	Maintenance of forest roads				
i)	Murrum road – 90.00 km	4.2	Bor range and New Bor range	90.00 km @ 0.06	4.50
ii)	Earthen road – 40.00 km	4.2	Bor range and New Bor range	40.00 km @ 0.05	1.50
10.	Water augmentation work				
a)	Maintenance of existing water holes	4.3	Bor range and New Bor range	40 water holes @ 0.05 each	1.00
11.	Firelines cutting and burning				
	A' class	4.2	Bor range and New Bor range	70 km @ 22 m.days, total 1400 mandays x 270 perday	4.00
	B' class	4.2	Bor range and New Bor range	163.80 km @ 18 mandays/km, total 2948 mandays x 270 per day	
12.	Payment of fee to pleader in offence cases	4.1		LS	0.40
13.	Removal of lantana, parthenium from the infested area of core area part 100 ha.@0.04 Lakhs per ha. (ecodevelopment)	4.3	Bor range and New Bor range	Eradication of lantana and weeds in 25 ha. @ 0.04 Lakhs per ha.	1.00
14.	Preparation of posters, banners for wildlife awareness in core area and to mark entrance of core with proper board	4.8	Bor range and New Bor range	LS	0.40

15.	Training of all beat guards of Bor Tiger Reserve a) Protection monitoring and legal aspect b) GPS/PDA / Camera trap training c) 2 training 40 person in each (2 days training) (2x0.50 each batch)	4.8	Bor range and New Bor range	2 training @ 0.40 Lakhs	0.40
16.	Research and field equipments				
i.	Maintenance of camera traps (batteries, SD card etc.)	4.1		LS	0.10
17.	Organizing education programme in buffer villagers during wildlife week (4 programme in each range)		Bor range and New Bor range		0.40
18.	Maintenance of walki-talki sets and accessories for field staff	4.1	Bor range and New Bor range	15 sets @ 0.15	0.15
19.	Engagement of firewatchers for 1.5 month (15.02.2015 to 31.3.2015)	4.1	Bor range and New Bor range	1.5 months x 20 persons @ 0.07	2.10
20.	Engagement of firewatchers for 1.5 month (01/04/2015 to 15/06/2015)	4.1	Bor range and New Bor range	2.5 months x 20 persons @ 0.07	3.50
TOTAL (RECURRING)					42.91
C. Ecodevelopment					
1.	Prophylactic immunization of cattle	4.5	Bor range and New Bor range	LS	0.30
3.	Providing livelihood training to youths in EDC villages	4.5	Bor range and New Bor range	50 youths @ 0.01	0.50
4.	Establishing livelihood training facilities for young girls and women of EDC villages	4.5	Bor range and New Bor range	LS	0.50
5.	Providing community assets to EDC (eco-development committee)	4.5	Bor range and New Bor range	LS	1.00
TOTAL (Eco-development)					2.30
GRAND TOTAL					85.122

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non – Recurring	39.912	39.912
2	Recurring	42.91	21.455
3	Eco-development	2.30	2.30
4	Total (x)	85.122	63.667
5	10% Flexi-fund (x/9)	9.458	7.074
6	Total (x)	94.58	70.741
7	Adjustment of previous balance for 2013-14	Nil	Nil
8	Grand Total	94.58	70.741



(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share (including Flexi Fund)	A	94.58
Centre's share in APO (without Flexi Fund)	B	63.667
FF on Centre's share	$C=B/9$	7.074
Centre's share including FF	$D=B+C$	70.741
1 st release @ 80% of Centre's share	$E=0.8*D$	56.5928
Less: Unspent balance FY 14-15	F	Nil
Adjusted 1 st release including FF	$G=E-F$	56.5928
2 nd release @ 20% of Centre's share	$I=0.2*D$	14.1482
Total release towards APO in FY 15-16	$J=(9/10)*(G+I)$	63.667
Total release towards FF in FY 15-16	$K=(1/10)*(G+I)$	7.074
Grand total release in FY 15-16	$L=G+I$	70.741
Total effective release including USB	$L+F$	70.741
Effective release for APO activities	$J+0.9*F$	63.667
Effective release for FFs	$K+0.1*F$	7.074

* 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.

