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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 Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh 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 Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh at the cost of **Rs. 476.855 Lakhs (Rupees Four hundred Seventy Six Lakhs Eighty Five thousand Five hundred only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 280.17 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Madhya Pradesh**. 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. 237.1344 lakhs (Rupees Two hundred Thirty Seven Lakhs Thirteen thousand Four hundred Forty only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Madhya Pradesh 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 **Bandhavgarh 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 Madhya Pradesh** 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 **Bandhavgarh 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 Madhya Pradesh in respect of **Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2016.
- (x) **Bandhavgarh 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 Madhya Pradesh** 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 Madhya Pradesh** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Madhya Pradesh in respect of **Bandhavgarh 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 **Bandhavgarh 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 (Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Madhya Pradesh**.
- (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 Madhya Pradesh 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 Madhya Pradesh 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. 723/AS & FA dated 05.06.2015.

Yours faithfully,


(Sanjay Kumar)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Madhya Pradesh. 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 Madhya Pradesh.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh.
4. The Field Director, Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh.
5. The Accountant General, Madhya Pradesh.
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.
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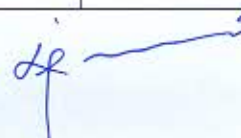

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ANNEXURE**Annual Plan of Operations of Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve for the year 2015-16 under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger**

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S. No.	Item	Para No. of CSS-PT Guidelines	Amount released PFY 2014-15	Location	Current Year Proposal		
					Physical Target	Amount for 2015-16	GPS
NON-RECURRING WORKS (CORE)							
A	Antipoaching Activities						
1	Deployment of Tiger Protection Force						
	Deployment of squads of ex-army personnel and local EDC members and hiring of vehicles.	4.1	90.00	All 6 Core Ranges of BTR	2 Units (1 Unit comprises of 4 ex-army gunmen, 6 ex-army jawans, 15 local people, 1 vehicles and procurement of equipments like wireless, binocular, dress, shoes etc.) and 1 supervisor for all the 3 units	51.00	
2	Operation Monsoon for special monsoon patrolling	4.1	11.00	10 labour each 6 ranges of core.	60 labourers for 3 months only (July, August and September 2015)	11.00	
3	Purchase of Wireless equipment and accessories	4.1					
	i. Fixed/ Mobile sets with requisite accessories, battery panels etc.		2.25	All 6 Ranges of BTR	5 Nos.	1.00	
	ii. Hand held sets with requisite accessories, battery, Chargers, etc.		3.00		12 Nos.	1.00	
4	Purchase of Binoculars, digital cameras etc.						
(i)	Purchase/repair of LED solar lights solar plate etc. at patrolling camps, wireless stations, barriers etc.		2.00	BTR	5 No.	0.50	
(ii)	Purchase of solar chargers for wireless handsets, mobile phones, digital camera batteries and laptop computers and accessories		1.00	BTR	20 No	1.00	
5	Elephant and Elephant camps						



	(i) Accessories		0.00	For 9 Adults and 2 sub-adult/ juvenile elephants	1.00		
6	Rewards to informers and staff		0.50	BTR	L.S.	0.50	
7	Legal Aid		0.50	BTR	-	0.50	
8	Procurement of hardware and software	4.2					
(l)	Software						
	Antivirus Software		0.10	BTR	L.S.	0.20	
9	Provision of Project Allowance and Ration Allowance to staff (all categories) of Project Tiger						
(i)	Provision of Project Allowance to Field and Ministerial Staff.	4.15	22.00	BTR	Field Staff-256 Ministerial Staff-31 Total Staff=287	24.00	-
(ii)	Ration and allowance (Fr=19, FG=60, Labours=425)				No. of Employee =504	52.00	
10	Research Activities						
(i)	To meet out expenses of experts in Research Activities like grassland management in and around relocated villages.		1.50	-	-	0.30	-
	TOTAL OF NON-RECURRING WORKS (CORE)					144.00	
CO-EXISTENCE AGENDA IN BUFFER/FRINGE AREAS							
ECO-DEVELOPMENT WORKS							
1	Prophylactic immunization of livestock						
	To carry out prophylactic immunization of cattle in and around Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve.	4.5	1.00	In and around BTR	About 1,00,000 cattle of 164 villages in and around BTR.	3.00	
2	Reducing the dependency on Fuelwood						
	Provision of smoke less sigdi & chullah, pressure cooker to EDC members	4.5	5.00	Gadhuri-20 Sejawhi-20 Gangital-20 Kusmaha-20 Kothia-20 Kaseru-20 Panpatha-20 Pataur-20 Salkhania-20 Chenchpur-20 Gohdi-20 Mardari-20 Badrehal-20 Pathari-20 Mahaman -20 Parasi-20 Bagdari(FV)-20 Khusarwah-20 EDCs of BTR	360 families of 18 EDCs	2.00	-
	TOTAL OF ECO-DEVELOPMENT WORKS					5.00	
	TOTAL OF NON-RECURRING WORKS (CORE+BUFFER)+ ECO DEVELOPMENT					149.00	

RECURRING WORKS (CORE)							
1	Wages towards patrolling camp labourers/watchers/Other Labours						
	Wages for labourers in patrolling camps / wireless stations/barriers, labours, Mahaouts & chara cutters computer operators and other labourers to working in different camps/offices	4.1	197.49	All 6 Ranges	290 labours	212.51	
2	Strengthening of infrastructure						
1	Maintenance of wireless sets	4.1	2.25	BTR	373 Nos.	2.71	
2	Web Site Development & Uploading			BTR		1.00	
3	Habitat improvement and water development						
(1)	Eradication of weeds such as Sida, Parthenium, vantulsi etc & removal of 20cm woody & bushy growths	4.3	16.00	Kallwah RF- 252B, 252A, 242, 266, 255, 251, 282, 221, 227, 229	640 ha	2.00	23°33'50.6" 81°07'11.06"
				panpatha RF-454, 438, 462, 463, 467, 455, 468, 459, 449, 442, 443, 454	560 Ha	2.00	23°33'50.6" 81°07'11.06"
				Magdhi RF- 290, 291, 267, 268, 279, 293, 294, 289, 292, 247, 259, 233, 258B, 2548, 246, 247, 280, 270, 271, 234, 235, 236	495 Ha	2.00	23°34'55.2" 81°01'12.09"
				Tala RF-309, 310, 307, 300, 299, 295, 300, 327, Batan Patch, 296, 313, 333, 334, 317	620 Ha	2.00	23°38'20.4" 81°00'51.8"
				Khitauli RF-362, 368, 5, 6, 7, 364, 502, 498, 493, 494, 352, 355, 371, 372	175 Ha	2.00	
4	Maintenance of vehicles						
	Maintenance and POL of vehicles (Ambassador car-1, Scorpio-2, Gypsy-5, Bolero-4, Jeep-2, Tata Sumo-2, Mini Bus-2, Tata 407-1, Tata 207-3, Voyager-1, Rescue Squad Truck-1, Mahindra Tractor-1, & Motor cycle-32, Tanker-4).	4.1	24.50	BTR	71 vehicles (39 four-wheelers and 32 two-wheelers including trucks and tractor)	15.70	

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5	Maintenance of hardware						
	Maintenance of Computers and peripherals, GPS, Photocopiers, Fax machines, LCD Projectors, Cameras, Plotters and procurement of consumables and toner/hard disk/pan drive and other accessories	4.2	2.00	BTR	Computers-42 Printers-24, GPS-20, Photocopiers-5, Fax machines-3, LCD Projectors-3, Cameras-10, Plotter-1, Scanner-4	2.00	
6	Maintenance of elephants and elephants camps						
(I)	Maintenance of elephants	4.1	12.00	BTR	For 9 Adults and 2 sub-adult/ juvenile elephants	8.00	
(II)	Medicines	4.1	3.00	BTR	Some micro nutrients possessing supplementary foods like Sharkoferal, Livodex and petroleum jelly etc. are required.	2.00	
(III)	Maintenance of elephants camps		1.00	BTR	4 camps	1.00	
7	Fire Protection						
	Vehicles, Manpower and Fire line maintenance.		25.00	All Ranges	Fireline- 1500 kms, Additional vehicles to be deployed-15 Nos. for four months Additional 142 labourers to be engaged for four months Communication by telephone, wireless etc., Construction of temporary fire watch towers, POL of vehicles, Procurement of binoculars, water bottles, cap, fire beater,	25.00	

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8	Staff development and capacity building					
(1)	Books for Library		0.25	BTR and Ranges		0.25
	TOTAL OF RECURRING WORKS (CORE)					280.17
	GRAND TOTAL (NR+R+Ecodevelopment)					429.17

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S.No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring	144.00	144.00
2.	Eco development	5.00	5.00
3.	Recurring	280.17	140.085
	Sub Total	429.17	289.085
4.	10% Flexi-fund (x/9)	47.685	32.1205
	Total (X)	476.855	321.2055
	Adjustment of balance of previous year 2014-15	19.83	19.83
	Grand Total	457.025	301.3755

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share (including Flexi Fund)	A	476.855
Centre's share in APO (without Flexi Fund)	B	289.085
FF on Centre's share	C=B/9	32.1205
Centre's share including FF	D=B+C	321.2055
1 st release @ 80% of Centre's share	E=0.8*D	256.9644
Less: Unspent balance FY 14-15	F	19.83
Adjusted 1 st release including FF	G=E-F	237.1344
2 nd release @ 20% of Centre's share	I=0.2*D	64.2411
Total release towards APO in FY 15-16	J=(9/10)*(G+I)	271.2380
Total release towards FF in FY 15-16	K=(1/10)*(G+I)	30.1375
Grand total release in FY 15-16	L=G+I	301.3755
Total effective release including USB	L+F	321.2055
Effective release for APO activities	J+0.9*F	289.085
Effective release for FFs	K+0.1*F	32.1205

* 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.

