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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 Bhadra Tiger Reserve, Karnataka 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 Bhadra Tiger Reserve, Karnataka at the cost of **Rs. 385.53 Lakhs (Rupees Three hundred Eighty Five Lakhs Fifty Three thousand only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 309.563 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Karnataka**. 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. 170.8404 lakhs (Rupees One hundred Seventy Lakhs Eighty Four thousand Forty only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Karnataka 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 **Bhadra 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 Karnataka** 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 **Bhadra 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 Karnataka in respect of **Bhadra Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.03.2016.
- (x) **Bhadra 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 Karnataka** 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 Karnataka** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Karnataka in respect of **Bhadra 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 **Bhadra 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 (Bhadra Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Karnataka**.
- (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 Karnataka 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 Karnataka 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. 725/AS & FA dated 05.06.2015.

Yours faithfully,



(Sanjay Kumar)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Karnataka. 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 Karnataka.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Karnataka.
4. The Field Director, Bhadra Tiger Reserve, Karnataka.
5. The Accountant General, Karnataka.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
7. The IG, NTCA Regional Office, Bangalore.
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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Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Annual Plan of Operations of Bhadra Tiger Reserve for the year 2015-16 under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger
(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Item of works	Para No. of CSS PT Guidelines / Indicative TCP	Current year proposal			GPS Coordinates	
			Location	Physical Target	Amount sanctioned for previous financial year		Amount for 2015-16
A	NON-RECURRING (CORE)						
1	Anti-poaching camp						
a	Warm cloths / Rain coats, Uniforms / Shoes, Utensils / Medical / Insurance facilities / Cycles	4.1	All Ranges	LS	2.000	2.000	
2.	HUMAN RESORUCE DEVELOPEMNT						
	Project allowance to different category of staff from 01-04-2014 to 31-03-2016						
a	Director @ Rs. 2000 / month	4.8	-	1 No.		0.480	
b	Assistant Director 2 Nos. @ Rs. 1300/ month		-	2 Nos.		0.624	
c	Range Forest Officer 4 Nos. @ Rs. 1000/ month		-	4 Nos.		0.960	
d	Forester 14 Nos. @ 900/ month		-	14 Nos.		3.024	
e	Forest Guard 32 Nos. @ Rs. 700/ month		-	32 Nos.		5.376	
f	Forest watchers 43 Nos. @ Rs. 700/ month		-	43 Nos.		7.224	
g	Care Taker 1 No. Rs. 700/ month		-	1 Nos.		0.168	
h	Ane Mavutha 1 Nos. Rs. 700/ month		-	1 No.		0.168	
i	Superintendent 1 No. @ Rs.700/month				1 No.		0.168
j	FDA 3 Nos. @ Rs.700/ month				3 No.		0.504
k	SDA 2 No. @ Rs.700/ month			2 No.		0.336	
l	Peon 1 No. @ Rs.400/ month			1 No.		0.096	
3.	Ration Allowance @ Rs.860/- p.m. to field staff working on regular pay rolls from 01-04-2015 to 31-03-2016						
a	Dy. Range Forest Officers			14 Nos.		1.444	
b	Forest Guards			32 Nos.		3.302	
c	Forest Watchers			43 Nos.		4.437	
d	Ane Mavuth			1 No.		0.103	
4.	Research and monitoring						
	Phase-IV monitoring of tiger source population						
a	Field work cost on laying out of transect, 8 days protocol, logistics and reporting		All Ranges	LS	4.000	3.000	
b	Implementation of MSTripES at Bhadra Tiger Reserve		All Ranges	LS	3.000	2.000	
c	Forest Boundary of Bhadra Tiger Reserve to prepare digitalized bet Msps		Division	LS	2.00	0.500	
	Total (Non-Recurring)					35.914	
a	Dy. Range Forest Officers			14 Nos.		1.444	
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	Total (Non-Recurring)					35.914	
5	Eco-Development						
a	Vaccination of cattle in fringe villages of sanctuary	4.4	All Range	LS	1.000	1.000	
b	Conducting Health checkup camps for the EDC's	4.4	All Range	LS	0.500	0.500	
	Total Eco Development					1.500	
	RECURRING (CORE)						
1	Protection activities						
	Anti poaching and Anti-smuggling activities						
a	Deployment of local work force of 3 members for each APCs from 01.04.2015 to 31.03.2016 = 365 days × 36 camps × 3 person	4.1	All Range	36 camps	102.390	114.37	
b	Wages to protection vehicle drives from 01.04.2015 to 31.03.2015 = 365 days – 11 Nos.	4.1	All Range	11 Nos.	10.719	12.408	
	Maintenance of patrolling vehicles						
a	Fuel Charges	4.2	All Ranges			3.278	
b	Repairs	4.2	All Ranges		3.500	2.000	
2	Monsoon protection camp						
a	Deployment of 5 labourers for monsoon protection works from 01.06.2015 to 30.09.2015 = 122 days × 5 Nos.	4.1	All Ranges	4 camps	6.321	7.272	
3	River patrolling boats						
a	Deployment of 1 boat driver and 3 labours each for river patrolling in boats 01.04.2015 to 31.03.2016 = 365 days	4.1	Hebbe	1 item	7.564	8.703	
			Lakkavalli	1 item			
4	Boats maintenance						
	Fuel and repairs	4.2	Lakkavalli & Hebbe	LS	5.000	3.000	
5	Other Protection watchers and daily wages						
	Deployment of 1 boat driver and 3 labours each for river patrolling in boats 01.04.2015 to 31.03.2016 – 365 days	4.2					
a	Data Entry Operators		All Ranges	7 Nos.	8.440	7.384	
b	Literate Assistant		All Ranges	3 Nos.	3.165	3.636	
c	Wireless Operator		All Ranges	9 Nos.	9.002	10.350	
d	Cook Assistant, Peon, Night Watchman etc.		All Ranges	16 Nos.	18.910	16.945	
6	Protection from Fire						
a	Fireline clearance (in kms)						
b	Along sanctuary roads		All Ranges	425 kms	18.599	18.90	
		4.2					
c	Along patrolling paths		All Ranges	498 kms	20.913	7.097	
d	Along sanctuary boundary		All Ranges	250 kms	12.942	10.70	
7	Fire protection Camps (FPC)						
	Deployment of local fire watchers of 5 members for each fire protection camps from 01.04.2015 to 31.05.2015 & 15.01.2016 to 31.03.2016 = 137 days	4.1	All Ranges	26 Camps		53.05	

8	Fire detection point (FDP)	4.1	All Ranges	13 Team	4,300	10,616	
	Deployment of local fire watchers of 2 members for each fire protection camps from 01.04.2015 to 31.05.2015 & 15.01.2016 to 31.03.2016 = 137 days						
9	Eco-tourism activities						
a	Maintenance of view lines	4.2	Lakkavalli	36 kms × 2 times	1,550	1,70	
			Muthodi	39 kms × 2 times	1,650	1,80	
10	Office expenditure						
a	Electricity charges of offices		All Range	LS	1,000	0,500	
b	Maintenance of phones		All Range	LS	1,000	1,000	
c	Stationery & equipments		All Range	LS	2,000	1,000	
11	Maintenance of officers vehicles						
a	Fuel Charges		All Range	LS	3,000	2,000	
b	Repairs and maintenance		All Range	LS	0,750	1,500	
12	Human resource development						
	Medical / Education help to staff & their families / sports meet	4.1	All Ranges	LS	1,500	1,000	
13	Eco-tourism activities						
	Interpretation facility						
a	Publicity and print media		Division	LS	0,500	0,250	
b	Preparation of annual report and souveneor		All Ranges	LS	0,600	0,250	
14	Awareness Generation						
	Celebration of wildlife week printing calendars, brochures/ pamphlet etc, during wildlife week	4.1	All Ranges	LS	3,000	1,000	
15	Research and monitoring						
	Phase-IV monitoring of tiger source population						
	Engaging research fellow and assistant on contract / daily wage basis	4.1	Division	LS	1,143	1,000	
	Total (Recurring – Core)	302,709					
	RECURRING (BUFFER)						
1	Anti poaching and anti smuggling activities						
	Deployment of gate watchers from 01-04-2015 to 31.03.2016 = 365 days	4.1	Muthodi	2 Nos.	3,800	2,118	
			Hebbe	2 Nos.		2,118	
			Tanigebyle	2 Nos.		2,118	
2	Awareness generation						
	Award and incentive to the villagers contribute protection and information		All Ranges	LS		0,500	
	Total - Buffer					6,854	
	Total Recurring (Core) + (Buffer)					309,563	
	Grand Total Non Recurring + Eco Development + Recurring					346,977	

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non – Recurring	35.914	35.914
2	Recurring	309.563	154.7815
3	Eco-development	1.500	1.500
4	Total (x)	346.977	192.1955
5	10% Flexi-fund (x/9)	38.553	21.355
6	Total (x)	385.53	213.5505
7	Adjustment of previous balance for 2013-14	---	---
8	Grand Total	385.53	213.5505

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share (including Flexi Fund)	A	385.53
Centre's share in APO (without Flexi Fund)	B	192.1955
FF on Centre's share	$C=B/9$	21.355
Centre's share including FF	$D=B+C$	213.5505
1 st release @ 80% of Centre's share	$E=0.8*D$	170.8404
Less: Unspent balance FY 15-16	F	---
Adjusted 1 st release including FF	$G=E-F$	170.8404
2 nd release @ 20% of Centre's share	$I=0.2*D$	42.7101
Total release towards APO in FY 15-16	$J=(9/10)*(G+I)$	192.1955
Total release towards FF in FY 15-16	$K=(1/10)*(G+I)$	21.3550
Grand total release in FY 15-16	$L=G+I$	213.5505
Total effective release including USB	$L+F$	213.5505
Effective release for APO activities	$J+0.9*F$	192.1955
Effective release for FFs	$K+0.1*F$	21.3550

* 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.