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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
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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 Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal 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 Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal at the cost of **Rs. 228.031 Lakhs (Rupees Two hundred Twenty Eight Lakhs Three thousand One hundred only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 128.75 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of West Bengal**. 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. 108.7324 lakhs (Rupees One hundred Eight Lakhs Seventy Three thousand Two hundred Forty only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of West Bengal 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 **Buxa 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 West Bengal** 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 **Buxa 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 West Bengal in respect of **Buxa Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2016.
- (x) **Buxa 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 West Bengal** 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 West Bengal** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of West Bengal in respect of **Buxa 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 **Buxa 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 (Buxa Tiger Reserve) and **Government of West Bengal**.
- (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 West Bengal 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.**

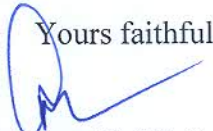
The flexi-fund will be utilized by the State Government as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, read with guidelines of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger in vogue, for utilisation in the tiger reserve.

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 West Bengal 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, 3601.02.789-Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes (Minor Head), 3601.02.789.50- Integrated Development of Wild Life Habitats (Sub Head), 3601.02.789.50.03- Project Tiger (Detailed Head), 3601.02.789.50.03.31- Grants-in-aid General 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. 819/AS & FA dated 24.06.2015.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. Vaibhav C. Mathur)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

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

**BUXA TIGER RESERVE, WEST BENGAL
ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE YEAR 2015-16**

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Description of works	Para No. of CSS-PT Guidelines	Location	Physical Target	Amount for 2015-16	GPS
	<u>NON-RECURRING (CORE)</u>					
	<u>Core Areas</u>					
1	Project Allowances	4.15	Staff	LS	34.50	NA
2	Project Allowances	4.15	Semi-permanent staff	LS	9.70	
3	Office Infrastructure like Computer, Generator, Microscope, Centrifuse Office furniture, GPS, Camera etc			LS	2.50	
	Total Non Recurring (Core)				46.70	
	<u>NON RECURRING (BUFFER)</u>					
1	Solar light in anti poaching camps, Barracks	4.1	Chipra, Balapara, Panbari, Gangutia, SAP Camp, 22, 23, 25 & 28th Mile, Bbasti Tower, Raimatang, Chunia, Adma	20 units	3.60	26°, 43', 15.62" 089°35.40'72" 26°, 40', 13.81" 089°51' 17.49" 26°, 33', 01.47" 089° 51' 59.81" 26°, 41', 56.02" 089° 32' 03.84" 26°, 42', 10.45" 089°30' 51.49" 26°, 38', 20.07" 089° 34' 08.42" 26°, 38', 20.07" 089°34'23.74" 26°, 37', 03.53" 089° 33' 38.81"
2	Procurement of GPS	4.2	All Ranges	10 nos	1.50	NA
3	Procurement of Binoculars	4.1	All Watch Tower	7 Nos.	0.70	NA
4	Procurement of trap Camera (Digital IR) & accessories	4.2	All Ranges	30	5.40	NA
5	Laying of Pressure Impression Pad (PIP) for continuous monitoring	4.7	All Ranges	400 Units	0.75	NA
	Transect Laying out 100 nos	4.7		100 nos	0.75	NA
6	Procurement of Arms & Ammunition	4.1	All Ranges	LS	1.00	NA
7	Construction of Forest Guard Quarter	4.1	Newlands, Kumargram	1 No.	7.00	26°, 40', 53.45" 089° 47' 56.90" 26°, 41', 31.72" 089° 50' 32.77"
8	Procurement of inflatable rubber boat for river patrolling	4.4	Div Hq (BTR E)	1	1.00	NA
9	Procurement of Computer for office	4.1	Divn. HQ.	3 Nos.	1.128	NA
10	Construction of Water storage structure	4.8	Raimatang & Pana	2 Nos.	0.60	26°, 46', 00.09" 089° 30' 27.73" 26°, 46', 12.08" 089° 28' 18.48"
11	Electrification in remote Beat	4.2	South Jayanti, Balapara, Raimatang Adma North Panbari	3 Units	1.50	26°, 40', 13.81" 089° 51' 17.49" 26°, 33', 01.47" 089° 51' 59.81" 26°, 46', 00.09" 089° 30' 27.73" 26°, 37', 00.43" 089° 32' 05.06" 26°, 35', 36.71" 089° 39' 12.45"
12	To carry out herbivores Census to assess the prey base	4.12	All Ranges	LS	1.00	NA
13	Reward to informers & legal support	4.1	Divn.HQ	LS	0.50	NA
14	Vaccinations of cattle in and around Reserve	4.4	All Ranges	60000 Nos.	1.50	NA
15	Advertisement Publicity & Publication	4.8	Div. HQ	LS	0.50	NA
16	Preparation of printing of Tiger Conservation Plan etc. of Buxa Tiger Reserve	4.2	Divn. HQ	LS	0.25	NA

17	Training in advanced agriculture practices providing livelihood options through ecotourism to fringe villagers including Guide, Apiary, Motor Driving, Computer training	4.17	Poro, Garam, Kalchini, Raimatang, Pana, Gangutia, Jayanti, Buxaduar, ERVK Bhutri, Narathali	LS	0.60	NA
18	Training of notified village guides in nature interpretation, advanced agriculture practices to support their livelihood	4.17	All Ranges	10 Nos.	0.50	NA
	Total Non Recurring (Buffer)				29.778	
	Total Non Recurring (Core+Buffer)				76.478	
	<u>RECURRING (CORE AREAS)</u>					
1	Desiltation of Narathali Beel	6'3'6	Narathali	1 no	2.00	26°, 34', 46.44" 089°46.30.34 "
2	Engagement of research Assistant two person remuneration Rs. 30000 per person per month			1 Person	3.60	
3	Engagement of Field Assistant three person Rs. 20000 per person per month			1 Person	2.40	
4	Maintenance :-					
	a) Roads	4.2	All Ranges	80 km.	8.00	NA
	b) Patrolling Path	4.2	All Ranges	90 km	6.00	NA
	c) Fire lines	4.2	All Ranges	55 km	5.00	NA
	d) Fire watcher	4.2	All Ranges	LS	4.00	NA
	e) Watch Towers, anti poaching camps/ barracks	4.2	All Watch Towers	LS	3.00	NA
	F) Departmental vehicles including hiring & POL	4.2	Divn. HQ, Range HQ	LS	8.00	NA
	Total Recurring (Core)				42.00	
	<u>RECURRING (BUFFER AREAS)</u>					
1	Repair/of Barrack for anti-poaching	4.1	22, 23, 23.5 & 26th Mile	4 Nos.	3.00	26°, 38', 20.07" 089° 34' 08.42" 26°, 38', 20.07" 089° 34' 23.74" 26°, 37', 03.53" 089° 33' 38.81" 26°, 40', 43.40" 089° 34' 38.81"
2	Repairing of Forest Guard Quarter	4.1	All Ranges	5 Nos.	2.50	NA
3	Maint./Dev. Of Conference room 10-15 seated with audio visual & library facilities	4.2	BTR W, Rajabhatkhawa	1 No.	3.00	26°, 36', 54.31" 089° 32' 01.34"
4	Maintenance :-					
	a) Roads	4.2	All Ranges	30	3.00	NA
	b) Departmental vehicles including hiring & POL	4.2	Divn.HQ, Rng. HQ	LS	10.00	NA
	c) Fire lines	4.2	All Ranges	25	5.00	NA
	d) R. T. Sets, walkie talkie including maintenance	4.2	Ant poaching Camps	Ls	1.50	NA
	e) Patrolling Path	4.2	All Ranges	60 km	4.50	NA
	f) Pilkhana	4.1	South Rydak, Ghoramara, checko, South Jayanti, Mainabari	5 Nos.	2.50	NA
	g) Watch Towers, anti poaching camps/ barracks	4.2	Tashigoan, Bhutiabasti, 22, 23, 23.5, 26, 28 & 35th Mile,	LS	3.00	26°, 38', 20.07" 089°34' 08.42" 26°, 38', 20.07" 089° 34' 23.74" 26°, 37', 03.53" 089° 33' 38.81" 26°, 40', 43.40" 089° 34' 38.81" 26°, 39', 38.52" 089° 33' 08.42"

	h) Energized Fencing	4.4	22, 23, 23.5, 25 & 26, Mile, etc.	LS	4.00	26°, 38', 20.07" 089° 34' 08.42" 26°, 38', 20.07" 089° 34' 23.74" 26°, 37', 03.53" 089° 33' 38.81" 26°, 40', 43.40" 089° 34' 38.81" 26°, 39', 38.52" 089° 33' 08.42"
	i) Buildings (Maintenance)	4.2	All Ranges	LS	5.00	NA
5	Grassland creation by cut back & Burning	4.3	Jayanti, Hatipota, SRD, Kumargram, RVK, DPO	120 ha.	4.00	NA
6	Water Hole Maintenance	4.3	All Ranges	10 Nos.	2.00	
7	Office expenses					
8	04-Other Office expenses	4.2	All Ranges	LS	3.00	NA
9	Wages for watchers, patrolling and camp labourers	4.1	All Ranges	LS	13.00	NA
10	Feed & Veterinary care of rescued animals	4.4	All Ranges	LS	0.75	NA
11	Feed & Veterinary care for Departmental Elephants	4.1	SRD, JNT, BH, NRD, Checko, WRVK	7 No.	4.00	NA
12	Repair of Barrack for Anti poaching	4.1	28, Tashigano, 23.6 22 & 26.6	5nos	2.50	NA
13	Repair of Forest Guard quarter	4.1		20	2.00	NA
14	Payment of compensation for death of human, crop depredation etc. due to wild animals	4.4	All Ranges	LS	8.00	NA
15	Installation/Repair of gates at entry point	4.4	22, 23, 23.5 & 26th Mile	5 Nos.	0.50	26°, 38', 20.07" 089° 34' 08.42" 26°, 38', 20.07" 089° 34' 23.74" 26°, 37', 03.53" 089° 33' 38.81" 26°, 40', 43.40" 089° 34' 38.81"
	Total Recurring				86.75	
	Total Recurring (Core+Buffer)				128.75	
	Grand Total Non Recurring + Recurring				205.228	

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring	76.478	76.478
2.	Eco development	--	--
3.	Recurring	128.75	64.375
	Sub Total	205.228	140.853
4.	10% Flexi-fund (x/9)	22.803	15.650
	Total (X)	228.031	156.503
	Adjustment of balance of previous year 2014-15	16.47	16.47
	Grand Total	211.561	140.033

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share (including Flexi Fund)	A	228.031
Centre's share in APO (without Flexi Fund)	B	140.853
FF on Centre's share	$C=B/9$	15.650
Centre's share including FF	$D=B+C$	156.503
1 st release @ 80% of Centre's share	$E=0.8*D$	125.2024
Less: Unspent balance FY 14-15	F	16.47
Adjusted 1 st release including FF	$G=E-F$	108.7324
2 nd release @ 20% of Centre's share	$I=0.2*D$	31.3006
Total release towards APO in FY 15-16	$J=(9/10)*(G+I)$	126.0297
Total release towards FF in FY 15-16	$K=(1/10)*(G+I)$	14.0033
Grand total release in FY 15-16	$L=G+I$	140.033
Total effective release including USB	$L+F$	156.503
Effective release for APO activities	$J+0.9*F$	140.8527
Effective release for FFs	$K+0.1*F$	15.6503

* 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.