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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 Kaziranga Tiger Reserve, Assam 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 Kaziranga Tiger Reserve, Assam at the cost of **Rs. 1139.033 Lakhs (Rupees One thousand One hundred Thirty Nine Lakhs Three thousand Three hundred only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 499.70 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 90:10 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Assam**. 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. 866.8088 lakhs (Rupees Eight hundred Sixty Six Lakhs Eighty thousand Eight hundred Eighty only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Assam 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 **Kaziranga 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 Assam** 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 **Kaziranga 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 Assam in respect of **Kaziranga Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2016.
- (x) **Kaziranga 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 Assam** 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 Assam** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Assam in respect of **Kaziranga 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 **Kaziranga 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 (Kaziranga Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Assam**.
- (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 Assam 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 Assam 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. 879/AS & FA dated 08.07.2015.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Sanjay Kumar)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

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

  
(Sanjay Kumar)  
Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

## ANNEXURE

### KAZIRANGA TIGER RESERVE, ASSAM ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE YEAR 2015-16

(Rs. In lakhs)

S. No	Item	Para No. of CSS-PT Guidelines	Location	Physical	Amount for 2015-16	GPS
<b>Non-Recurring (Buffer)</b>						
<b>1</b>	<b>Anti-poaching</b>					
1	Construction of 1 <sup>st</sup> floor barrack	4.1	LWLS		20.00	N 26 28 22.42 E 92 42 44.07 N 26 22'22.18 E 92 40'3.01
2	Construction of watch tower cum AP camp	4.1	LWLS		1.00	N 26 29 07.1 E 92 38 15.3
3	Providing logistics to squads and local work force	4.1	LWLS, BWLS	LS	1.00	
4	Making of machine boat	4.1	BWLS		5.00	
<b>Strengthening of infrastructure</b>						
5	Construction of staff quarter	4.2	LWLS		10.00	N 26 32'1.56 E 92 47'14.93
6	Construction of toilets and bathrooms	4.2	LWLS: Gorajan RO & Dhani		6.00	N 26 28'21 E 92 42'44 N 26 28'02 E 92 47 14 N 26 31'55 E 92 45'19
7	Construction of roads	4.2	LWLS		3.00	
8	Construction of highlands	4.2	LWLS, BWLS		10.00	
	<b>Survey and fixing of boundary pillar</b>	4.2	LWLS, BWLS	LS	5.00	
9	Purchase of generator for Range Office and IBs	4.2	LWLS, BWLS	2 Nos. @ 0.50	1.00	
<b>Man-animal conflict</b>						
10	Compensation and anti depredation activities	4.10	HQ, LWLS, BWLS	LS	1.00	
<b>Eco-development and public awareness: co-existence</b>						
11	Eco-development activities	4.5	WLS, BWLS	3 EDCs	12.00	
12	Staff development					
13	Project allowance including arrear (officers and staff)	4.15	HQ, LWLW, BWLS	170 Nos.	11.68	
14	Reward to informer	4.16	HQ, LWLS, BWLS	LS	0.50	
	<b>Total Non Recurring (Buffer)</b>				<b>87.18</b>	
<b>Recurring (Buffer)</b>						
<b>Anti-poaching</b>						
1	Remuneration of local Protection Squads (LPS) involved in patrolling	4.1	HQ, LWLS, BWLS	24 personnel @ 4000/ month	11.50	
2	Repair and maintenance of vehicles	4.1&4.2	HQ, LWLS, BWLS	LS	4.00	
3	Repair and maintenance of wireless system & purchase of battery for handsets and base station	4.1	HQ, LWLS, BWLS	LS	1.00	
4	Repair and maintenance of office buildings including approach road	4.2	HQ, LWLS, BWLS	LS	2.00	
5	Operation Monsoon: Repair and maintenance of Boats / machine boat & POL for boat	4.1&4.2	LWLS, BWLS	LS	8.00	
6	Repair and maintenance of computer	4.2	HQ, LWLS, BWLS	LS	1.00	



	system, purchase of photo copier, cartridge etc.					
7	Wages for protection	4.1	HQ, LWLS, BWLS	LS	5.00	
8	Trainings, field visits, study tours, TA/DA etc.	4.8	HQ, LWLS, BWLS	LS	0.50	
	<b>Total Recurring (Buffer)</b>				<b>33.00</b>	
	<b>Non-Recurring (Core)</b>					
1	Anti-poaching					
2	Construction of anti-poaching camps	4.1	Nolamukh	3 @ 10	30.00	N 26 35 59 E 93 09 53
			Saisola			N 26 37 48 E 93 19 27
			Sildubi			N 26 35 7 E 93 12 57
3	Construction of floating bridge	4.1	Kanchanjurei	1	5.00	N 26 34 55.52 E 93 10 47.05
4	Surveillance tower	4.1	Lohroni	2	14.00	N 26 36 7 E 93 6 54.8
			Gobrai			N 26 43 0.5 E 93 26 2
5	Electronic Eye Surveillance				186.00	26 38 27.5 93 35 12.70 26 34 59.06 93 24 18.05 26 34 48.34 93 17 28.12 26 39 37.15 93 33 56.87 26 34 31.56 93 5 8.74 26 42 15.23 93 9 13.10
6	Establishment / augmentation of wireless net work base station with steel tower and fitted with solar lighting equipment.	4.2		1	12.25	
7	Construction of Hume pipe culvert	4.2	Kanchanjuri-Sarudalang – 5 mt.	1	2.00	N 26 34 40.4 E 93 10 40.68
8	Intelligence gathering				7.00	
9	Procurement of lead acid battery pack	6.3.1.1		15	1.50	
10	Procurement of country boat-standard wooden	6.3.1.1	PA, RF	20	8.00	
11	Health camp for the staff local physician with medicines	6.3	PR, RF	6	1.20	
12	High way patrol	6.3.2	NH-37 nearby area	LS	7.00	
13	Procurement of ammunition for .315 & gun				3.00	
14	Procurement of trap camera – 125 pcs			KTR	25.00	
15	Tiger monitoring			KTR	3.00	
16	Procurement of binocular	6.3.1.1		20	2.00	
17	Construction of residential units for forester Gr. guards and equivalent .	4.2	Burapahar, Ghorakati	1	42.00	
18	Creation of firelines / management census block boundary	4.2		300 km	5.00	
19	Eco-development					
20	Ex-gratia cattle lifting, injury / death	6.3.10			5.00	
21	Skill development	4.4	Fringe area	10	15.00	
22	Logistic support					
23	Water filter -steel 30 lter		ACP camp	200 pcs	2.40	
24	Search light			100 pcs	3.00	
25	Uniform [ shirt + trousers]		staff	450 pair	5.40	
26	Hunter shoe with patented sole design		staff	450 pair	4.50	

27	Warm jacket / rain coat		staff	450 pcs	9.00
28	Project tiger allowance				40.00
	<b>Total Non Recurring (Core)</b>				<b>438.25</b>
	<b>Recurring (Core)</b>				
1	Wages to incremental staff local labour force 12 months	4.1		210	130.00
2	Petrol for vehicles & OBM	4.1	Range & HQ PA, RF, Fringe area		16.00
3	Diesel for vehicles and Mechanical Boat	4.1	Range & HQ PA, RF, Fringe area		16.00
4	Motor Oil	4.1	Range & HQ PA, RF, Fringe area		0.50
5	Kerosene Oil For APC	4.1	APC camp		2.50
6	Wages to Arms Protection Force-Home Guard	4.8	KTR	120 Nos.	86.40
7	Major repairing of APC	4.1		15	7.50
8	Renovation of staff quarter	4.2	Bokakhat	4	4.00
9	Repairing of central path 68 km (ER-12, KR-26, WR-20, BPR-10)	4.2	ER-12, KR-26, WR-20, BPR-10	68 kms	30.00
10	Repair of fair weather path	4.2	ER-30, KR-80, WR-60, BR-20	240 kms	20.00
11	Cutting, clearance of anti poaching patrolling path (3 time in year)	4.2		1500	12.00
12	Repair boat line jungle cutting, removal of water hyacinth	4.2	KR- 15 km, WR-15 km ER- 10km, BR-5	45	15.00
13	Repair of wooden bridge	4.2	KR, WR, ER	15	6.00
14	Torch light cell	4.2	KTR	40000 pcs	8.80
15	Repair of vehicle	4.2	PA, RF	20	8.00
16	Repairing of country boat	4.2	PA, RF	100 Nos.	3.00
17	Repairing of mechanize boat	4.2	PA, RF	10 Nos.	5.00
18	Repair Forest Rest House	4.2			5.00
	Kohora				1.00
	Bagori				1.00
19	Repairing and maintenance of C.C. Centre				3.00
	<b>Flood and monsoon management</b>				
20	POL for patrolling	4.1	KTR	LS	5.00
21	Rescue and veterinary care to distressed wild animal	4.1		LS	4.00
22	Assistance to injured staff	4.1	KTR	LS	5.00
23	Logistic support to local protection squad, fringe villagers and NH 37		KTR	LS	5.00
24	Maintenance of FD office and campus	4.8			3.00
25	Annual repairing of Range Office -5 Nos.	4.8	KR, WR, EF, BR, NR	5	7.00
	<b>Habitat improvement</b>				
26	Grassland enclosure 4 ha. unit.	4.3	KR, WR	16 ha.	15.00
27	De-siltation of water bodies	6.3.6	BR, WR, KR, ER		30.00
28	Clearance of water channel	6.3.6	PA	20 km	2.00
29	Repairing of highland			5	10.00
	<b>Total Recurring (Core)</b>				<b>466.70</b>
	<b>Total Non Recurring (Core+Buffer)</b>				<b>525.43</b>
	<b>Total Recurring (Core+Buffer)</b>				<b>499.70</b>
	<b>Total (Non Recurring+Recurring)</b>				<b>1025.13</b>

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S.No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non – Recurring	525.43	525.43
2	Recurring – Central Assistance 90% being NER	499.70	449.73
3	Eco-development	---	--
4	<b>Total (x)</b>	<b>1025.13</b>	<b>975.16</b>
5	10% Flexi-fund (x/9)	113.903	108.351
6	<b>Total (x)</b>	<b>1139.033</b>	<b>1083.511</b>
7	Adjustment of previous balance for 2013-14	Nil#	Nil#
8	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1139.033</b>	<b>1083.511</b>

# Unspent balance of Rs.457.80 lakhs proposed for revalidation in Para 3 above for use for the same items of work during the current financial year, 2015.

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share (including Flexi Fund)	A	1139.033
Centre's share in APO (without Flexi Fund)	B	975.16
FF on Centre's share	C=B/9	108.351
Centre's share including FF	D=B+C	1083.511
1 <sup>st</sup> release @ 80% of Centre's share	E=0.8*D	866.8088
Less: Unspent balance FY 14-15	F	0.000
Adjusted 1 <sup>st</sup> release including FF	G=E-F	<b>866.8088</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> release @ 20% of Centre's share	I=0.2*D	216.7022
Total release towards APO in FY 15-16	J=(9/10)*(G+I)	975.16
Total release towards FF in FY 15-16	K=(1/10)*(G+I)	108.351
Grand total release in FY 15-16	L=G+I	1083.511
Total effective release including USB	L+F	1083.511
Effective release for APO activities	J+0.9*F	975.16
Effective release for FFs	K+0.1*F	108.351

\* 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.