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Dated the 28th August, 2015

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 Manas 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 Manas Tiger Reserve, Assam at the cost of **Rs. 339.80 Lakhs (Rupees Three hundred Thirty Nine Lakhs Eighty thousand only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 77.90 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. 259.86 lakhs (Rupees Two hundred Fifty Nine Lakhs Eighty Six thousand 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 **Manas 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 **Manas 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 **Manas Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2016.
- (x) **Manas 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 **Manas 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 **Manas 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 (Manas 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. 1054/AS & FA dated 20.08.2015.

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, Manas 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)

**MANAS TIGER RESERVE, ASSAM
ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION 2015-16**

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S. No.	Items of activities	Para No. of TCP	Location	Current Year		GPS
				Physical Target	Financial Target	
I	NON RECURRING					
A	NON-RECCURING- (MANAS NATIONAL PARK):-					
1	a. Project Tiger Allowance to Project Tiger Staff-	8.4.2	Manas TR	490 nos.	60.00	
	b. Ration Allowance to frontline staff-	8.4.2	Manas TR	347 nos.	35.82	
2	Deployment of personnel for Anti-poaching:-	10.4.2				
	a. Home Guards: 60 numbers @ Rs. 6,000/- per Guard for 12 months (wages enhanced).	10.4.2	Manas TR	60 nos.	43.20	
	b. Wages for local people engaged in anti-poaching activity- 35+50 nos. @ Rs. 6,000/- per no. for 12 months.	10.4.2	Manas TR	85 nos.	61.20	
3	Logistics for Monsoon Patrolling:-	10.4.2				
	a. POL for Boat etc.	10.4.2	Manas TR	LS	2.00	
4	Purchase of Camp Equipments for anti-poaching activities:-	8.4.2				
	a. Purchase of Solar light	8.4.2	Manas TR	LS	2.50	
	b. Purchase of Logistics for day and night patrolling (Torch, Cells, and Kerosene etc).	8.4.2	Manas TR	LS	2.00	
5	Protection Measures:-	7.8.7				
	a. Intelligence gathering-	7.8.7	Manas TR	LS	0.50	
6	Addressing Man-Animal Conflict:-	7.8.3				
	a. Serious injured by wild animals- 5 nos. @ Rs. 60,000/- per person.	7.8.3	Manas TR	5 nos.	3.60	
	b. Payment of Compensation for damage to crop and property.	7.8.3	Manas TR	LS	2.00	
B	NON-RECCURING- (BARNADI WLS):-					
1	a. Project Tiger Allowance to Project Tiger staffs	8.4.2	Barnadi WLS	66 nos.	6.37	
	b. Ration Allowance	8.4.2	Barnadi WLS	40 nos.	4.13	
2	Arms & Ammunitions:-	7.8.7				
	a. Procurement of Ammunition in PA	7.8.7	Barnadi WLS	1000 nos.	1.20	
3	Eco-Development activities:-	7.8.8				
	a. Procurement of rechargeable light.	7.8.8	Barnadi WLS	15 nos.	1.10	
	b. Purchase of High power Generator for pumping of Deep tube well at Nalapara Camp	7.8.8	Barnadi WLS	1 no.	0.50	
4	Research and training:-	8.1				
	a. Purchase of Camera Traps- 10 nos. @ Rs. 18,000/- per Camera trap	8.1	Barnadi WLS	10 nos.	1.80	
	NON RECURRING TOTAL				227.92	

I	RECURRING (CORE)					
A	RECCURING - CORE AREA (MANAS NATIONAL PARK):-					
1	Procurement of Arms & Ammunitions:-	7.8.7				
	a. Arms repairing committed expenditure and for current repairing	7.8.7	Manas TR	LS	2.00	
2	Vehicle:-	8.4.2				
	a. Repairing Vehicle & purchase of Tyres etc.	8.4.2	Manas TR	LS	4.00	
3	Flood & Monsoon Management:-	8.4.2				
	a. Assistance to injured Staff	8.4.2	Manas TR	LS	1.00	
	b. Repairing/Maintenance of Power Fence	8.4.2	Manas TR	LS	1.00	
4	Strengthening of Infrastructure:-	10.4.2				
	a. Maintenance of FD Office, Ranges and Beat Office.	10.4.2	Manas TR	LS	1.00	
	b. Repair and maintenance of Solar Lights	10.4.2	Manas TR	LS	0.50	
	c. Maintenance of Generator and electric wing	10.4.2	Manas TR	LS	0.50	
	d. Maintenance of Mathanguri IB and staff quarter at Bansbari Range.	10.4.2	Manas TR	LS	1.00	
	e. Installation of Tube Well- 20 nos. @ Rs. 25,000/- per Tube Well at Bansbari, Bhuyanpara and Panbari	8.4.2	Manas TR	10 nos.	2.50	
5	Addressing Man-Animal Conflicts:-	7.8.3				
	a. Improvement of Post Mortem facilities	7.8.3	Manas TR	LS	0.50	
6	Staff Development and Capacity Building:-	7.8.5				
	a. Capacity building on SMART patrolling system	7.8.5	Manas TR	LS	0.40	
	b. Staff training in PA management and tranquilization of Wildlife	7.8.5	Manas TR	LS	0.40	
7	Legal Support for defending court cases.	10.9	Manas TR	LS	0.50	
8	Fixed payment:-	10.4.2				
	a. Computer Operator- 1 no. @ Rs. 15,000/- per month for 12 months.	10.4.2	Manas TR	1 nos.	1.80	
9	Protection Measures:-	7.8.7				
	a. POL for patrolling-round the clock by all the Ranges for protection of Tiger, Rhino and other animals.	7.8.7	Manas TR	LS	3.00	
10	Habitat Improvement & Water Development:-	7.8.2				
	a. Maintenance of Patrolling path and fire-line/Clearance of - 50 kms @ Rs. 20,000/- per km.	7.8.2	Manas TR	50 kms.	5.00	
11	Elephant & other animal care:-	10.11				
	a. Upkeep of departmental elephants 40 nos. @ Rs. 7,000/- per month for 12 months.	10.11	Manas TR	40 nos.	33.60	
12	Veterinary & Animal health care:-	10.11				
	a. Medicine required in stock for the emergency treatment of captive elephant and rescue animals.	10.11	Manas TR	LS	1.00	
	b. Cattle Vaccination cum Treatment in fringe villages under Tiger Reserve	10.11	Manas TR	5 camps	1.00	
	c. Elephant Feed Supplement for 40 nos. of Captive Elephants.	10.11	Manas TR	40 nos.	3.00	

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	d. Budget for Immunization of 40 nos. captive elephants.	10.11	Manas TR	40 nos.	2.00	
	c. Rescue, treatment & rehabilitation of animals and construction of Cage.	10.11	Manas TR	LS	2.00	
B	RECCURING - CORE AREA (BARNADI WLS):-					
1	Petrol / Diesel / Mobile for vehicle Range / Division.	8.4.2	Barnadi WLS	LS	1.00	
2	Kerosene oil for anti-poaching.	8.4.2	Barnadi WLS	LS	0.40	
3	Repairing of staff quarter	8.4.2	Barnadi WLS	1 no.	0.50	
4	Repairing of Anti-poaching camp at Nalapara	8.4.2	Barnadi WLS	1 no.	1.00	
5	Repairing of Deptt. Vehicle	8.4.2	Barnadi WLS	3 nos.	0.75	
6	Arms repairing	7.8.7	Barnadi WLS	LS	0.25	
	RECCURING (CORE AREA) GRAND TOTAL				71.60	
II	RECURRING (BUFFER)					
A	RECURRING - BUFFER AREA (DANSIRI FOREST DIVISION):-					
1	Petrol/Diesel/Mobile for the vehicle	8.4.2	Barnadi WLS	LS	0.75	
2	Kerosene Oil for Anti-poaching	8.4.2	Barnadi WLS	LS	0.80	
3	Repairing of Deptt. Vehicles.	8.4.2	Barnadi WLS	3 nos.	1.00	
4	Arms repairing	7.8.7	Barnadi WLS	LS	0.50	
5	Publicity and awareness	10.6	Barnadi WLS	LS	0.50	
B	RECCURING - BUFFER AREA (BAKSA FOREST DIVISION):-					
1	Petrol/Diesel/Mobile for the vehicle	8.4.2	Baksa FD	LS	0.75	
2	Arms repairing	7.8.7	Baksa FD	LS	0.30	
3	Purchase of Torch light Cell	8.4.2	Baksa FD	LS	0.20	
4	Repairing/maintenance of deptt. Vehicle.	8.4.2	Baksa FD	2 nos.	0.50	
5	Publicity and awareness	10.6	Baksa FD	LS	1.00	
	RECCURING (BUFFER AREA) TOTAL				6.30	
	TOTAL NON-RECURRING				227.92	
	TOTAL RECURRING (CORE+BUFFER)				77.90	
	GRAND TOTAL (NON RECURRING+RECURRING)				305.82	

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non – Recurring	227.92	227.92
2	Recurring – Central Assistance 90% being NER	77.90	70.11
3	Eco-development	---	--
4	Total (x)	305.82	298.03
5	10% Flexi-fund (x/9)	33.98	33.114
6	Total (x)	339.80	331.144
7	Adjustment of previous balance for 2014-15	5.055	5.055
8	Grand Total	334.745	326.089

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(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share (including Flexi Fund)	A	339.80
Centre's share in APO (without Flexi Fund)	B	298.03
FF on Centre's share	$C=B/9$	33.114
Centre's share including FF	$D=B+C$	331.144
1 st release @ 80% of Centre's share	$E=0.8*D$	264.915
Less: Unspent balance FY 14-15	F	5.055
Adjusted 1 st release including FF	$G=E-F$	259.86
2 nd release @ 20% of Centre's share	$I=0.2*D$	66.229
Total release towards APO in FY 15-16	$J=(9/10)*(G+I)$	293.480
Total release towards FF in FY 15-16	$K=(1/10)*(G+I)$	32.609
Grand total release in FY 15-16	$L=G+I$	326.089
Total effective release including USB	$L+F$	331.144
Effective release for APO activities	$J+0.9*F$	298.030
Effective release for FFs	$K+0.1*F$	33.114

* 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.