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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 Melghat Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra during 2015-16 – Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF) –Enhancement of Scheme - reg.

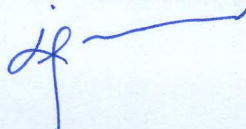
Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority for the enhancement of the Scheme from **Rs. 2596.37 Lakhs (Rupees Two thousand Five hundred Ninety Six Lakhs Thirty Seven thousand only)** to **Rs. 2682.37 lakhs (Rupees Two thousand Six hundred Eighty Two Lakhs Thirty Seven thousand only)** to Melghat Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra during the year 2015-16. The enhancement of amount of **Rs. 86.00 Lakhs (Rupees Eighty Six lakhs only)** for Special Tiger Protection Force, as per Annexure, has been sanctioned towards non-recurring (60:40) item which will be treated as a central assistance by the Government of India.

2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the competent authority for the release of an amount of **Rs. 51.60 Lakhs (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Sixty thousand only)**, being the enhancement amount as mentioned above, to the Government of Maharashtra towards the Central Share of assistance during the current financial year 2015-16.

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 **Melghat Tiger Reserve** under the Project Tiger Scheme are not higher than those applicable to similar categories of



- (xxiii) Satellite photos with latitude and longitude before and after implementation with physical progress to be uploaded on website of the State and MoEF&CC.
- (xxiv) The programme be monitored regularly and the progress report be obtained periodically.
- (xxv) The expenditure is incurred as per the allocation of funds in different activities.
- (xxvi) Payments are made by bank transfer and no cash payment is to be made.
- (xxvii) The UCs with progress / expenditure details are to be uploaded in the website of the State Govt. and Ministry for public viewing.
- (xxviii) Evidence of deposit of TDS/Service tax in case of contract payment and CST in case of leviable goods are sent alongwith UC.
- (xxix) In case of employment through contract, copy of PF & ESI of employees shall be furnished.
- (xxx) UC is to be submitted as per prescribed in GFR and ensure that no previous UC from the State under the scheme is pending.
- (xxxi) If the implementing agency does not use the fund for the purpose for which it was given, it has to refund the same with interest.
- (xxxii) There should not be any overlapping of activities under the projects with the activities of ongoing scheme under CSS/CS / State Government scheme.
- (xxxiii) All measurable parameters are to be adhered to.
- (xxxiv) The fixed asset created out of this grant shall not be disposed off without concurrence of this Ministry.
- (xxxv) A separate bank accounts shall be opened for the purpose and the account shall be open for audit by Central Government or C&AG and compliance of DBT scheme has to be ensured.

4. As the annual budget of the Scheme is approved by the Central Government, the Government of Maharashtra 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.

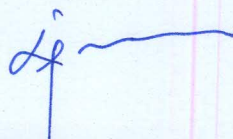
5. The payment sanctioned above is provisional and is subject to the adjustment on the basis of the audited figures of expenditure. Other terms and conditions of the payment are as under:

- (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. 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 Maharashtra under intimation to this Department.

8. 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).



Annexure

Annual Plan of Operation 2015-16
Melghat Tiger Reserve for Special Tiger Protection Force

I.	1.	Total cost towards salary & allowances of STPF in Melghat Tiger Reserve	Rs. 86.00 Lakhs	A
	2.	Central share (60:40)	Rs. 51.60 Lakhs	
	3.	Net release	Rs. 51.60 Lakhs	
II.	(i)	Total Sanction for APO	Rs. 570.77 Lakhs	
	(ii)	Total village relocation for Kelpani and Chunkhedi	Rs. 2025.60 Lakhs	
		Total	Rs. 2596.70 Lakhs	B
		Total Sanction (A+B)	Rs. 2682.37 lakhs	

