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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 Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu 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 Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu at the cost of **Rs. 340.055 Lakhs (Rupees Three hundred Forty Lakhs Five thousand Five hundred only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 220.88 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Tamil Nadu**. 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. 149.492 lakhs (Rupees One hundred Forty Nine Lakhs Forty Nine thousand Two hundred only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Tamil Nadu 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 **Mudumalai 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 Tamil Nadu** 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 **Mudumalai 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 Tamil Nadu in respect of **Mudumalai Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2016.
- (x) **Mudumalai 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 Tamil Nadu** 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 Tamil Nadu** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Tamil Nadu in respect of **Mudumalai 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 **Mudumalai 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 (Mudumalai Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Tamil Nadu**.
- (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 Tamil Nadu 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 Tamil Nadu 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. 803/AS & FA dated 19.06.2015.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Vaibhav C. Mathur)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Tamil Nadu. 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 Tamil Nadu.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Tamil Nadu.
4. The Field Director, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu.
5. The Accountant General, Tamil Nadu.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
7. The IG, NTCA Regional Office, Bengaluru.
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**MUDUMALAI TIGER RESERVE, TAMIL NADU
ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE YEAR 2015-16**

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Item of works	TCP Chapter / Para No.	Location	Physical target	Amount for 2015-16	GPS Co-ordinates
	NON RECURRING CORE					
I.	ANTIPOACHING ACTIVITIES					
1	Deployment of Tiger Protection Force antipoaching squad	10.2	MTR	12 nos. @ Rs.6750 x 12 months	9.720	
2	Legal support for defending court cases including legal fees and other miscellaneous charges.	10.5	MTR	LS	1.000	
3	Procurement of wireless equipments	10.3	MTR	10 Nos (Battery, Antena etc.,)	1.000	
II	Construction of building					
4	i) Forester Quarters at Masinagudi	4.7	MTR			
	ii) Forest Guard with driving licence	4.7	MTR	1 No	10.000	Masinagudi camp N 11°57536 E076°64732
5	Conducting tiger monitoring as per Phase IV protocol	9.2	MTR	LS	4.00	--
i)	Logistics 8.00	9.2				
ii)	Engaging Biologist and Data Entry Operator 4.38	9.2				
iii)	Cost of consumables 2.62	9.2				
III	Human Resource Development					
6	Project allowance as per the guidelines of CSS-PT pay for all employees of staff permitted by GOI.		MTR	225 personnel	13.000	
IV	Addressing Man-Animal Conflict					
7	Payment of compensation for crop depredation injury or loss of human life due to wild animals	5.4	MTR	LS	2.000	
8	Logistics for gathering informaton and rewards to informants.	10.5	MTR	1 No	0.500	
9	Installation /reinstallation / annual maintenance of solar powered fence					
IV	Strengthening of infrastructure					
10	Purchase of office equipments, Map digitations, GIS hardware, Software procurement, etc	5.1				
11	Purchase of GPS and binoculars, other equipments.	8.4	MTR	6 Nos GPS	1.500	
12	Strengthening control room with necessary equipments for monitoring protection and maintenance of facility	10.4				
13	Procurement of Rescue operation kits and accessories for treating wild animals	12.3	MTR	1 No	0.600	
14	Procurement of Postmortum kits and accessories for wild animals.	12.3	MTR	1 No	0.400	
15	Improvement of shelter for sick elephants	12.2	MTR	1 No	1.000	Theppakkadu Elephant camp N 11°57912 E076°58365
16	Providing garage and parking	11.3	MTR	1 No	1.000	Theppakkadu

	facilities for vehicles,					N 11°58079 E076°58217
V	Providing visitors facilities					
17 i	Procurement of Swaraj mazda vehicle	11.3		1 No	12.000	
ii	Providing digitized information with audio/ visual system in waiting hall for visitors.	11.3		1 No.	1.000	
iii	Providing awareness boards/publicity materials in tourism zone.	11.3		10 Nos	1.000	
VI	Co-existence agenda in buffer/fringe areas (landscape approach/sectoral integration ecologically sustainable development programme/ livelihood options / Eco-tourism)					
18	Strengthening Eco Development Committees	5.2	MTR			
VII	Staff Welfare activities					
19	Provision of Torches, Medical kit, Uniform etc.,	8.5	MTR	172 Nos.	2.200	
20	Conducting medical screening camps and taking up further treatment for the subordinates	8.5	MTR	10 camps	1.000	
21	For providing recreation facilities, including sports facilities for the staff and their families	8.5	MTR	2	0.600	Staff working in Ooty and Theppakkadu.
VIII	Fire control					
22	Creation of new firelines in vulnerable areas	10.4	MTR	80 km (30 mandays x 297.75 = 8932.00/ km	7.150	N11.60494 E76.50819 N11.57577 E76.52584 N11.64557 E76.509367 N11.66201 E76.446592 N11.37626 E76.24791 N11.37607 E76.26171 N11.68539 E76.50524 N11.69218 E76.49284 N11.60376 E76.60475 N11.58248 E76.58495
23	Providing ration allowance to staff in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve	8.5		172 personnel	13.000	
	TOTAL NON-RECURRING CORE				83.670	
	NON RECURRING BUFFER AREA					
I	Addressing Man-animal conflict (Ensuring uniform timely compensation for human deaths due to wild animals, live stock Depredation by carnivores, crop depredation by wild ungulates)					
2	Payment of compensation for crop depredation. Injury or loss of human life due to wild animals-LS		MTR	LS	1.000	
II	Staff development and capacity building (HRD plan)					
3	Capacity building and training of the staff with the help of specialized institution.		MTR	LS	0.500	
	TOTAL NON-RECURRING BUFFER				1.500	
	TOTAL NON RECURRING (CORE+BUFFER)				85.17	

RECURRING CORE AREA						
I	Anti-Poaching					
1	Establishment of Highway patrolling squads within the Project Tiger area with the help of local people	10.3	MTR	3 Nos @ Rs.6750 x 12 months	2.430	
2	Engaging Anti-poaching watchers in core area	10.3	MTR	84 Nos @ Rs.6750 x 12 months	68.040	
3	Equipping of Antipoaching camps by providing uniform kits, ruck sacks, powerful torches, chargers, shoes etc.,	10.3	MTR	20 camps @ Rs.0.10 Lakh per camp	2.000	
4	Improvement and maintenance of "satellite sheds" to the main Antipoaching camps	10.5				
5	Secret service fund and rewards for all category of staff and incentives for gathering intelligence (logistics for gathering information and rewards to informants	10.5		LS	0.500	
II	Fire Control					
6	Annual maintenance of firelines -	10.4		400 km (30 mandays x 297.75 = 8932.00/ km	35.730	
7	Engaging fire watchers 100 Nos. x 4 months	10.4	MTR	60 Nos @ 3 months x Rs.6750/-	12.150	
8	Maintenance of fire control room including provision of water, communication charges, energy food etc., .	10.4	MTR	1 No	2.000	Mudumalai Range. Theppakkadu N 11°57'953" E076°58'035"
9	Additional diesel for the vehicles during fire season-LS	10.4	MTR	LS	2.000	
10	Cost of office stationeries in the office of Field Director and printing of Tiger Conservation Plan	4.7		LS	3.000	
III	Improvement/Upgradation/ Maintenance of existing buildings					
11	Improvement and maintenance of Field Director's field office at Masinagudi	8.3				
12	Maintenance of office equipments like Computer, Xerox Machine, Printer, UPS and other equipments etc.,	4.7		LS	3.000	
13	Engaging computer operators 2 Nos for 12 months @ Rs. 580- with 10% escalation per day as per Collector of Nilgiris Proc. No.B1/ 22956/ 2012, dated.21.08.2014.	4.7	MTR	2 Nos x 12 months @ Rs.0.145akhs	3.480	
14	Providing drinking water facilities to staff quarters, rest houses and offices.	4.7	MTR	L.S	3.000	Theppakkadu N 11°58'051" E076°58'616"
IV	Habitat improvement and water development					
15	Improvement of waterholes	9.3	MTR	4 Nos	3.000	Masinagudi Range 1) Chemmanatham N 11°57'216" E076°68794" 2) Kargudi Range N 11°58'621" E076°56525" 3) Theppakkadu Range N 11°66'628" E076°57203"

						4) Mudumalai Range N 11°61'2707" E076°47786
16	Providing water to wildlife during pinch period	9.3	MTR	LS	2.000	
17	Establishment of natural vegetation including grasslands by continues working (maintenance) of removing remnant and new recruits of weeds like Lantana etc.,	9.3	MTR	40 Ha @ Rs. 10421/- (297.75 x 35) = 10421/- (FSL item No.12.2.3 = 35 mandays 2nd year maintenance light growth)	4.160	
18	Immunization of domestic animals in the villages	9.3	MTR	LS	0.500	
19	Removal of Invasive species, Lantana, Opentia, Tithonium etc., a)Nellakotai Range b)Mudumalai Range c)Masinagudy Range d)Kargudy Range e) Theppakadu Range	9.3	MTR	50 Ha @ (100 Mandays x Rs.297-75 = 29775/ha (FSL item No.12.1.1 = 100 mandays fresh removal)	14.880	
20	Management of Vayals for restoring grass lands and augmentation of water etc.	9.3				
21	Construction waterholes / percolation pond	9.3				
V	Eco-tourism					
22	Engaging Eco-sanitary watchers	11.3	MTR	3 Nos x 12 months @ Rs. 6750/pm	2.430	
23	Engaging Eco-guides	11.3		3 Nos	2.430	
24	Engaging educated youth in interpretation center	11.3	MTR	2 Nos x 12 @ Rs. 14500/-	3.480	
VI	Human Resource Development					
25	Conducting medical camps in the fringe villages	5.3	MTR	10 camps	1.200	1) Mavanallaha, 2) Masinagudi
26	Strengthening Medical Health Center at Mavanallah	5.3				3) Moyar 4) Anaikatty 5) Siriyur 6) Muduguli 7) Chemmanatham 8) Boothanatham 9) Vazhathottam 10) Theppakkadu
VII	Addressing Man-Animal Conflict					
27	Maintenance of <i>elephant proof trenches</i> .	10.6		5 Kms @ Rs. 0.50 Lakhs	2.500	
VIII	Main streaming Livelihood and Wildlife concerns in Forests outside Tiger Reserves and Fostering corridor conservation through restorative strategy involving locals to arrest fragmentation of habitats					
28	Rescue Operation, including Elephant driving operation in the fringes.	12.3	MTR	LS	2.000	
29	Procurement of tranquilizing equipment and medicines	5.4	MTR	LS	2.000	
IX	Strengthening of infrastructure within Tiger Reserve					

30	Maintenance of fair weather roads including repairing of bridges, culverts and reformation of side drains etc.	10.3	MTR	2.5 Kms @ Rs. 2.00 Lakhs/km	5.000	Kargudi Range Upper Kargudi – Theppakkadu Mudumalai Road (starting Upper Kargudi) N 11.27241 E76.54654 Ending (Cross cut junction) N 11.59267 E76.55757
31	Maintenance of vehicles (jeep, lorry) including lubricants	11.3	MTR	10 Nos	2.000	
32	Maintenance of existing created assets of all kinds.	4.7				
X	Staff development and capacity building (HRD Plan)					
33	Conducting training in various aspects to the staff with the help of specialised personnel / institution	8.4	MTR	LS	1.000	
34	Study tour to other Tiger Reserves to get exposure to good practices in tiger conservation	8.4	MTR	LS	1.000	
35	For conducting eco-awareness camps for students and conservationists and people in various activities remuneration	11.3	MTR	5 camps	1.000	
XI	Staff Welfare activities					
36	Improvements and maintenance to Staff quarters	8.5	MTR	10 Nos	10.000	
37	Improvement and maintenance of non residential buildings such as office buildings, check post, pump rooms etc.,	4.7		2 Nos	3.000	Nellakottai Range 1) Trekking shed N 11.33428 E76.23018 2) Range office N 11.33428 E76.23018
	Strengthening of infrastructure					
38	Improvement and maintenance in existing veterinary centre at Elephant camp at Theppakkadu	12.2	MTR	1 No	2.000	Mudumalai Range, Theppakkadu Elephant camp N 11°57910 E076°58389
39	Provision of LPG for elephant camps	12.1	MTR	4 camps	10.000	
	TOTAL RECURRING CORE				212.910	
	RECURRING BUFFER					
I	Anti poaching					
1	Anti poaching operations for camps in and buffer area 9 camps.	---	MTR	2 x 12 months @ Rs.6750	1.620	
II	Habitat improvement and water development					
2	For the supply of water for wildlife during pinch period.	---	MTR	LS	1.000	
III	Fire control					
3	Engaging fire watchers	---	MTR	500 mandays	1.350	
IV	Research, Providing equipments (Camera traps, GPS, etc.,) Computer soft ware, All India Estimation of Tiger Co-predators/Prey animals Habitat Monitoring and Evaluation.					
8	Research and survey operation for vulture conservation.	---	MTR	LS	4.000	
a)	Engaging trackers to watch nests in two vulture areas 1 No x 2 = 2 Nos					

	x 12 months @ Rs.6750/- per month = Rs.1.62 lakhs				
b)	Conducting awareness camps to farmers and students about vulture conservation 5 camps @ Rs.20000/- per camp = Rs.1.00 lakh				
c)	Conducting workshop about vulture conservation L.S Rs.1.00 lakh				
d)	Providing transport facilities, logistics etc., L.S. Rs.0.38 lakhs				
TOTAL RECURRING BUFFER				7.970	
TOTAL RECURRING (CORE+BUFFER)				220.88	
GRAND TOTAL NON RECURRING+RECURRING				306.050	

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring	85.17	85.17
2.	Eco development	--	--
3.	Recurring	220.88	110.44
	Sub Total	306.05	195.61
4.	10% Flexi-fund (x/9)	34.005	21.734
	Total (X)	340.055	217.34
	Adjustment of balance of previous year 2014-15	24.38	24.38
	Grand Total	315.675	192.96

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share (including Flexi Fund)	A	340.055
Centre's share in APO (without Flexi Fund)	B	195.61
FF on Centre's share	C=B/9	21.734
Centre's share including FF	D=B+C	217.34
1 st release @ 80% of Centre's share	E=0.8*D	173.872
Less: Unspent balance FY 14-15	F	24.38
Adjusted 1 st release including FF	G=E-F	149.492
2 nd release @ 20% of Centre's share	I=0.2*D	43.468
Total release towards APO in FY 15-16	J=(9/10)*(G+I)	173.664
Total release towards FF in FY 15-16	K=(1/10)*(G+I)	19.296
Grand total release in FY 15-16	L=G+I	192.96
Total effective release including USB	L+F	217.34
Effective release for APO activities	J+0.9*F	195.606
Effective release for FFs	K+0.1*F	21.734

* 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.