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Project Tiger Division

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Dated: 10<sup>th</sup> June, 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 Nagarhole Tiger Reserve, Karnataka 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 Nagarhole Tiger Reserve, Karnataka at the cost of **Rs. 519.366 Lakhs (Rupees Five hundred Nineteen Lakhs Thirty Six thousand Six hundred only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 398.76 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Karnataka**. 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. 238.2664 lakhs (Rupees Two hundred Thirty Eight Lakhs Twenty Six thousand Six hundred Forty only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Karnataka 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 **Nagarhole 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 Karnataka** 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 **Nagarahole 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 Karnataka in respect of **Nagarahole Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.03.2016.
- (x) **Nagarahole 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 Karnataka** 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 Karnataka** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Karnataka in respect of **Nagarahole 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 **Nagarahole 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 (Nagarahole Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Karnataka**.
- (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 Karnataka 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 Karnataka 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. 729/AS & FA dated 05.06.2015.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Sanjay Kumar)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Karnataka. 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 Karnataka.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Karnataka.
4. The Field Director, Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, Karnataka.
5. The Accountant General, Karnataka.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
  
7. The IG, NTCA Regional Office, Bangalore.
8. Forest Finance Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
9. Plan Finance Division (PF-II), Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
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Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

**ANNEXURE**


**Annual Plan of Operations of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve for the year 2015-16 under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger**

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Item of works	Para No. of CSS PT Guidelines / Indicative TCP	Current year proposal				GPS Coordinates
			Location	Physical Target	Amount sanctioned for previous financial year	Amount for 2015-16	
<b>A</b>	<b>NON-RECURRING (CORE)</b>						
<b>1.</b>	<b>Construction of Culverts</b>	<b>16.2</b>					
	Veeranahosahally		Sunnakallu Halla	1 No.	3.600	1.000	N 12 08 39.0 E 76 13 36.3
	Kallahalla		Lakkanakolli	1 No.		1.000	N12 09 40 4 E76 06 52 8
	Nagarahole		Ponnanna Hadlu	1 No.		2.000	N11.98 64 9 E76.06 90 0
	Metikuppe						
<b>2.</b>	<b>Construction of Causeway Checkdam cum</b>						
	Veeranahosahally	<b>16.2</b>					
	Hunsur		Chamanapare D-Line	1 No.	2.300	2.000	N12.1 2 89 5 E76. 05 53 4
	Anechowkur		Jungle Hadi Colony Corner	1 No.		2.000	N76.12 04 8 E76.00 77 6
	Kallahalla		Kallahalla	1 No.		1.000	N12.07 67 0 E76.11 26 9
	Metikuppe		Kisunayakan na Hebballa	1 No.	10.00	2.000	N12.12 92 9 E76.20 50 1
<b>3.</b>	<b>Formation of New Ring Road</b>	<b>16.2</b>					
	Kallahalla WL Range		Vaddaramadu to Bommad Chain Gate	5.00 Km		2.000	N12.09404 E76.06528
	Nagarahole WL Range		From Nanachi to Kattepalya			2.000	St. Point 111.99332 E76.06848 End Point N11.96742 E76.08968
<b>4.</b>	<b>Project allowances (Working Strength) From April-2015 to March-2016</b>						
	a) Chief Conservator of Forests & Director, Nagarahole Tiger Reserve				24.361	23.172	
	b) Asst. Conservator of Forests						
	c) Veterinary Surgeon						
	d) Range Forest Officer						
	e) Dy. Range Forest Officer						
	f) Forest Guard						
	g) Forest Watcher						
	h) Drivers, Care takers, Elephant Mahuts, Kavadis and others						
	i) Ministerial staff (Class I)						
	j) Ministerial staff (Class-						

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	k) Ministerial staff (Class-IV)						
5.	Payment of ex-gratia amount in respect of Human-Animal Conflict Cases (Crop compensation, other financial loss /		Nagarahole Tiger Reserve	LS	4.000	4.000	
6.	<b>Providing ration allowance to permanent field staff upto Range Forest Officer</b>	16.1					
	a) Dy. Range Forest Officer			23 Nos.		22.498	
	b) Forest Guard			79 Nos.			
	c) Forest Watcher			69 Nos.			
	d) Driver			2 Nos.			
	e) Vehicle Cleaner			4 Nos.			
	f) Elephant Mahuts			12 Nos.			
	g) Elephant Kavadis			27 Nos.			
	h) Wacthmen			2 Nos.			
	<b>TOTAL NON-RECURRING (CORE)</b>					<b>64.670</b>	
<b>B.</b>	<b>RECURRING (CORE)</b>						
7.	Exposure visits of officials and other front line staff to other Tiger Reserves in the country (TA and other expenses)	16.8			1.00	0.500	
8.	Capacity building to the front line park staff (Training, workshops and others)	16.8			1.00	0.500	
9.	<b>Repair and Maintenance of Anti-Poaching Camps</b>	<b>16.2</b>					
	Veeranahosahally			1 Camp	0.500	0.750	
	Hunsur		Sannagadde				
10.	<b>Maintenance of Vehicles</b>	16.2	Nagarahole Tiger Reserve				
a	Cost of fuel, repairs, etc., for existing protection vehicles		Nagarahole Tiger Reserve	39 Nos.	30.000	30.000	
b	Purchase of tyres and tubes for protection vehicles		Nagarahole Tiger Reserve		1.000	1.000	
c	Purchase of batteries for protection vehicles and wireless sets		Nagarahole Tiger Reserve		2.000	2.000	
d	Maintenance of Govt. Boats		Nagarahole Tiger Reserve	3 Nos.	2.000	2.000	
11.	<b>Wages to Antipoaching Squads in the following ranges from 01.04.2015 to 31.03.2016</b>						
a	Veeranahosahally Range		01. Kolvige	3 Nos.	100.00	91.00	
			02. Sollepora	3 Nos.			
			03. Madahally	2 Nos.			
			04. Moorkudu	3 Nos.			
b	Hunsur Range		05. Sannagadde	3 Nos.			
			06. Gadipalya	3Nos.			
c	Anechowkur Range		07. Sulugodu	3 Nos.			
			08. Basavanakatte	3 Nos.			
d	Kallahalla Range		09. Neerakatte	3 Nos.			
			10. Paisari	3 Nos.			
			11.	3 Nos.			



			Paradakada				
			12. Kalkere	3 Nos.			
e	Nagarahole Range		13. Kattepalya	3 Nos.			
			14. Hulikal	3 Nos.			
			15. Hunsekatte	3 Nos.			
			16. Ballemurkal	3 Nos.			
f	Metikuppe Range		17. Kothanahally	3 Nos.			
			18. Jiyara	3 Nos.			
			19. G.M. Hally	3 Nos.			
g	Antharasanthe Range		20. Taraka	3 Nos.			
			21. Madanakada	3 Nos.			
			22. Kallambelle	3 Nos.			
h	D.B.Kuppe Range		23. Udboor	3 Nos.			
			24. Bogeshwara	3 Nos.			
			25. Kuduresathahalla	3 Nos.			
			26. Suthanahalla	3 Nos.			
			27. Masalebetta	3 Nos.			
			28. Kymara	3 Nos.			
				<b>83 Nos.</b>			
12.	Wages for engaging drivers, literate asst., computer operators, wireless operators night watchmen, gate assistant etc., for protection works from 01.04.2015 to 31.03.2016	16.1	Literate Assistant	5 Nos.	55.00	58.227	
			Computer Operator	9 Nos.			
			Driver	10 Nos.			
			Wireless Operator	9 Nos.			
			Gate Assistant	2 Nos.			
			Night Watchmen	2 Nos.			
			Cook	4 Nos.			
			IB Cleaner	3 Nos.			
			Sweeper	1 No.			
			Watch & Ward / Watcher / Watchmen	5 Nos.			
13.	Maintenance of Elephant Squads for protection works (Elephant Mahuts & Kavadis) from 01.04.2015 to 31.03.2016	16.1					
			Anechowkur Range	28 Nos.	17.020	17.020	
			D.B.Kuppe Range	3 Nos.			
14.	<b>Fire Protection Works</b>						
a	Fire protection works						
	Fire line clearance	16.2					
	Cutting and clearing thick jungle growth including grass to a width of 10mtrs for the maintenance of 'D' lines and Fire line including burning		Veeranahosahally	200.44 km	43.000	84.935	
			Hunsur	77.80			

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			Range	km			
			Anechowkur Range	155.95 km			
			Kallahalla Range	235.66 km			
			Nagarahole Range	315.7 km			
			Metikuppe Range	222.3 km			
			Antharasanthe Range	228.5 km			
			D.B.Kuppe Range	365.39 km			
b	Engaging Fire watchers(from 01.04.2015 to 10.04.2015 for 10 days)	16.2	Veeranahosahally		12.240		
			Hunsur Range				
			Anechowkur Range				
			Kallahalla Range				
			Nagarahole Range				
			Metikuppe Range				
			Antharasanthe Range				
			D.B.Kuppe Range				
c	Engaging Fire watchers(from 01.01.2016 to 31.03.2016 for 91 days)	16.2	Veeranahosahally	25000 mandays	65.280	73.00	
			Hunsur Range				
			Anechowkur Range				
			Kallahalla Range				
			Nagarahole Range				
			Metikuppe Range				
			Antharasanthe Range				
			D.B.Kuppe Range				
d	Hiring of vehicles(from 01.04.2015 to 10.04.2015 for 10 days)		Anechowkur Range	1 No.	0.500	0.588	
			Veeranahosahally	1 No.			
			Kallahalla Range	1 No.			
			Nagarahole Range	1 No.			
			Antharasanthe Range	1 No.			
			Metikuppe Range	1 No.			
			D.B.Kuppe Range	1 No.			
e	Hiring of vehicles(from 01.01.2016 to 31.03.2016 for 91 days)		Anechowkur Range	1 No.	5.900	6.000	
			Veeranahosahally	1 No.			
			Kallahalla Range	1 No.			
			Nagarahole Range	1 No.			
			Antharasanthe Range	1 No.			

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			c Range				
			Metikuppe Range	1 No.			
			D.B.Kuppe Range	2 Nos.			
14.	Maintenance of roads for effective protection.	16.2					
	Hunsur Range		Ring Road	12 km		1.620	St Pt: N12.26190 E76.09254 End Pt : N12.18682 E76.13780
	Anechowkur Range		Ring Road, Ayarasuli to Jodukatte & Mavinamara da Halla to Katibetta		6.250	1.620	St Pt: N12.17153 E76.09821 End Pt : N12.18683 E76.04491, St Pt : N12.18715 E76.04499 End Pt: N12.18702 E76.02594, St Pt: N12.19348 E76.04879 End Pt : N12.21440 E76.02360
15	Improvement of Waterholes	16.3					
	Deepening, desilting and re-strengthening of bunds						
	Vecranahosahally Range		Channamma nakatte & Mantally kere	2 Nos.	2.000	3.000	N12.13305 E76.17610 & N12.17527 E76.21962
	Hunsur Range		Basavanakatte Kere & Kallare Kere	2 Nos.		2.000	N12.19307 E76.11374 & N12.22785 E76.11039
	Metikuppe Range		Jodikatte, Kadathala Katte, Bidiruthalakatte, Kadubala Katte, Ejekatte Kere	5 Nos.	6.000	6.000	N12.08562 E76.24345, N12.12700 E76.20470, N12.11260 E76.20897, N12.09725 E76.19022, N12.09893 E76.22006
16.	Phase-IV Monitoring of Tiger Source Populations	16.7					
	a) Maintenance of vehicles (including cost of fuel, repairs, etc., for existing vehicles / hiring of vehicles)			LS	5.000	5.000	
	b) Engaging research fellows & assistants on contract / daily wage basis			LS	6.000	4.000	
	<b>TOTAL RECURRING (CORE)</b>					<b>390.76</b>	
B.	<b>NON-RECURRING (BUFFER)</b>						
1.	Providing LPG connection to fringe villages	16.5		25 Nos.	7.500	1.000	
2.	Addressing the serious issue of straying of Tigers into human dominated landscape. This includes the ex-gratia to be paid towards human/cattle deaths, injury and rehabilitating the strayed Tigers.	16.4		LS	4.000	3.000	
	<b>TOTAL NON-RECURRING (BUFFER)</b>					<b>4.000</b>	

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C	RECURRING (BUFFER)						
3.	Creation of immunity belt around Nagarahole Tiger Reserve (Vaccination of cattle or surrounding village)			LS	1.000	1.000	
4.	Publicity & extension (Conducting conservation awareness camp for communities in and around the tiger reserve)			LS	1.000	1.000	
5.	Maintenance of Rapid Response Team (RRT) - wages, hiring of vehicle, purchase of crackers			LS		5.000	
6.	Eco-education programme to EDC Members, School Children etc.			LS		1.000	
<b>TOTAL RECURRING (BUFFER)</b>						<b>08.000</b>	
<b>Total Non-Recurring 64.670 (Core) + 4.000 (Buffer)</b>						<b>68.670</b>	
<b>Total Recurring 390.76 (Core) + 08.000 (Buffer)</b>						<b>398.760</b>	
<b>Total (Non- Recurring + Recurring)</b>						<b>467.430</b>	

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non – Recurring	68.670	68.670
2	Recurring	398.76	199.38
3	Eco-development	--	--
4	<b>Total (x)</b>	<b>467.43</b>	<b>268.05</b>
5	10% Flexi-fund (x/9)	51.936	29.783
6	<b>Total (x)</b>	<b>519.366</b>	<b>297.833</b>
7	Adjustment of previous balance for 2013-14	---	---
8	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>519.366</b>	<b>297.833</b>

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share (including Flexi Fund)	A	519.366
Centre's share in APO (without Flexi Fund)	B	268.05
FF on Centre's share	C=B/9	29.783
Centre's share including FF	D=B+C	297.833
1 <sup>st</sup> release @ 80% of Centre's share	E=0.8*D	238.2664
Less: Unspent balance FY 15-16	F	---
Adjusted 1 <sup>st</sup> release including FF	G=E-F	238.2664
2 <sup>nd</sup> release @ 20% of Centre's share	I=0.2*D	59.5666
Total release towards APO in FY 15-16	J=(9/10)*(G+I)	268.05
Total release towards FF in FY 15-16	K=(1/10)*(G+I)	29.783
Grand total release in FY 15-16	L=G+I	297.833
Total effective release including USB	L+F	297.833
Effective release for APO activities	J+0.9*F	268.05
Effective release for FFs	K+0.1*F	29.783

\* 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.

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