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Dated the 23rd March, 2016

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 Orang 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 Orang Tiger Reserve, Assam at the cost of **Rs. 67.644 Lakhs (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakhs Sixty Four thousand Four hundred only)** as per details given in the annexure. The total cost of the scheme, will be shared on 90:10 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Assam**.


2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President to the payment and release of an amount of **Rs. 60.88 Lakhs (Rupees Sixty Lakhs Eighty Eight 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.

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 **Orang 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 **Orang 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 **Orang Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2016.
- (x) **Orang 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 **Orang 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 **Orang 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 (Orang 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.
- (xx) Evidence of deposit of TDS/Service Tax in case of contract payments and evidence of Central Sales Tax in case of purchase of leviable good are required to be obtained.
- (xxi) Payments are made by bank transfer and no cash payment is to be made.
- (xxii) GFR is followed by implementing agency alongwith the economic instructions issued by Government of India from time to time.
- (xxiii) In case of employment through contract, copy of PF & ESI of employees shall be furnished.
- (xxiv) UC is to be submitted as prescribed in GFR alongwith the progress report and expenditure statement.



- (xxv) 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.
- (xxvi) There should not be any overlapping of activities under the projects with the activities of ongoing scheme under CSS / CS/ State Government Scheme.
- (xxvii) All measurable parameters are to be adhered to.
- (xxviii) The fixed asset created out of this grant shall not be disposed off without concurrence of this Ministry.
- (xxix) A separate bank accounts shall be opened for the purpose and the account shall be open for audit by Central Government or C&AG.
- (xxx) Satellite photo with date and latitude and longitude nodes after completion of work depicting the work carried out before and after the work to be uploaded in the website of the State Government and Centre for public viewing.

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. 706/AS&FA dated 21.3.2016.

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, Orang 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)

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

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S. N.	Item	Para No. of CSS-PT Guidelines	Location	Physical	Rate	Amount for 2015-16	GPS location
	Anti-poaching	4.1					
1	Surveillance tower (steel)	4.1	Katashali, Hazarbigha	2	6.00	12.00	Katashali N26 ⁰ 31'.27" E92 ⁰ 51'28" Hazarbigha N26 ⁰ 30'6.0" E92 ⁰ 15'5.0"
2	Construction hume pipe culvert	4.2	Katashali, Hazarbigha Gaspara-2	4	1.50	6.00	Katashali N26 ⁰ 31'.27" E92 ⁰ 51'28" Hazarbigha N26 ⁰ 30'6.0" E92 ⁰ 15'5.0" Gaspara N26 ⁰ 31'9.4" E92 ⁰ 16'17.9"
	Intelligence gathering		OTR			0.25	
3	Procurement of country boat - stander wooden	6.3.1.1	OTR	5	0.60	3.00	
4	Health camp for the staff local physician with medicines	6.3	OTR	2	0.25	0.50	
5	Procurement of ammuniton for .315 & gun		OTR			0.50	
6	Procurement of trap camera		OTR	40	0.20	8.00	
7	Tiger monitoring		OTR			0.25	
8	Procurement of binocular	6.3.1.1	OTR	5	0.10	0.50	
9	Ex-gratia cattle lifting, injury / death	6.3.10	OTR			2.00	
10	Capacity building, training, workshop & seminar for frontline staff/local community	4.8	OTR	1	0.25	0.25	
11	Signage for new Tiger Reserve	4.1	OTR			1.00	
	logistic support						
12	water filter - steel		OTR	50	500.00	0.25	
13	Search light		OTR	10	0.10	1.00	
	Total Non Recurring (Core)					35.50	
	Recurring Core						
1	Petrol for vehicles & OBM	4.1	OTR	10		2.00	
2	Diesel for vehicles and Mechanized boat	4.1	OTR			2.00	
3	Motor oil	4.1	OTR			0.10	
4	Kerosene Oil for APC	4.1	OTR			0.20	
5	Wages to Arms Protection Force - Home Gurad for 36 days	4.8	OTR	45	235 p/day	3.81	
6	Casual worker for 36 days	4.8	OTR	60	240 p/day	3.46	

7	Repair of fair weather path	4.2	OTR	30 km	0.08	2.40
8	Cutting clearance of anti poaching patrolling path (3 times in year)	4.2	OTR	200 km	LS	0.50
9	Repair of wooden bridge	4.2	OTR	2	0.40	0.80
10	Torch light cell	4.2	OTR	500	0.22 per thousand battery	0.11
11	Repair of vehicle	4.2	OTR	10		0.50
12	repairing of country boat	4.2	OTR	5	0.05	0.25
13	Repairing of mechanized boat	4.2	OTR	2	0.25	0.50
14	Repair of Forest Rest House	4.2	OTR	2	1.00	2.00
Flood and monsoon management						
15	Rescue and veterinary care to distressed wild animal	4.1	OTR			0.50
16	Assistance to injured staff	4.1	OTR			0.50
17	Maintenance of division office and camps	4.8	OTR	1		1.00
18	Office expenses Division and Range office		Division/Range	2		0.25
19	Annual repairing of Range Office and staff quarters	4.8	OTR	10		2.00
20	Generator set for Division office		Division	1	2.50	2.50
Total Recurring (Core)						25.38
Total Non Recurring + Recurring (35.50+25.38)						60.88

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S.No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non – Recurring (90:10)	35.50	31.95
2	Recurring (90:10)	25.38	22.842
3	Total (x)	60.88	54.792
4	10% Flexi-fund (x/9)	6.764	6.088
5	Grand Total	67.644	60.88

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share (including Flexi Fund)	A	67.644
Centre's share in APO (without Flexi Fund)	B	54.792
FF on Centre's share	C=B/9	6.088
Centre's share including FF	D=B+C	60.88

* 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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