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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 Palamau Tiger Reserve, Jharkhand 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 Palamau Tiger Reserve, Jharkhand at the cost of **Rs. 384.9244 Lakhs (Rupees Three hundred Eighty Four Lakhs Ninety Two thousand Four hundred Forty only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 196.651 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Jharkhand**. 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. 47.9847 lakhs (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Ninety Eight thousand Four hundred Seventy only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Jharkhand 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 **Palamau 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 Jharkhand** 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 **Palamau 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 Jharkhand in respect of **Palamau Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2016.
- (x) **Palamau 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 Jharkhand** 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 Jharkhand** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Jharkhand in respect of **Palamau 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 **Palamau 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 (Palamau Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Jharkhand**.
- (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 Jharkhand 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 Jharkhand 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, 3601.02.789-Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes (Minor Head), 3601.02.789.50- Integrated Development of Wild Life Habitats (Sub Head), 3601.02.789.50.03- Project Tiger (Detailed Head), 3601.02.789.50.03.31- Grants-in-aid General 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. 759/AS & FA dated 15.06.2015.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Vaibhav C. Mathur)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Jharkhand. 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 Jharkhand.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Jharkhand.
4. The Field Director, Palamau Tiger Reserve, Jharkhand.
5. The Accountant General, Jharkhand.
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.



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ANNEXURE**ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION 2015-16
PALAMAU TIGER RESERVE, JHARKHAND****(Rs. in lakh)**

S. No.	Description of works	Para No. of CSS-PT Guidelines	Location	Physical	Amount for 2015-16
A.	Non-Recurring Works				
1	Deployment of anti-poaching squads (strike Force) Salary, Allowances & Patrolling	4.1	Care area of Palamau TR	16 person for 12 month@ Rs.8500	16.32
2	Organizing vehicular patrolling by constituting squads (Tiger Protection Force), comprising of field staff, home guards, labourers and police/ex-army personnel, with wireless handset and paraphernalia for apprehending offenders, apart from prescribing a patrolling calendar for the squad.	4.1	Care area of Palamau TR	2 Section T.P.F.	20.721
3	Construction of temporary rescue and release centre (enclosure) for in-situ conservation of herbivores to enhance prey base.	4.3	Care area of Palamau TR (Baresanr Com.19)	LS	40
i.	Construction of cemented water truff within enclosure			0.20	0.80
ii.	Creation of New Grass Land within enclosure			0.7	1.40
iii.	Construction of patrolling Chauki			4.00	4.00
iv.	Expenditure on translocation of Harbivour from Ranchi to Baresanr			L.S.	2.50
v.	Medical Checkup of harbivour before translocation			L.S.	1.00
vi.	Expenditure on artificial feeding during initial days.			L.S.	0.50
vii.	Group Segregation & health checkup of herbivore.			L.S.	0.50
4	IVth Phase Tiger Survey, Monitoring including carrying out 8 protocol, printing of forms, data compilation, photo folder engagement of additional labourers.		Care area of Palamau TR		2.50
5	Monitoring of wildlife through M-STRIPES system as per instruction of NTCA	4.7	Care area of Palamau TR	GPS: 15000X 50=	4.20
6	Procurement of field Gear, Digital Camera and other equipments	4.7	Care area of Palamau TR		4.00
7	Wildlife estimation, analysis and interpretation of data including preparation of PIP	4.7	Care area of Palamau TR		2.00
8	Data entry compilation and management	4.7	Care area of Palamau TR	2 person	3.60
9	Procurement of Camera Traps	4.7		100 Nos.	19.00
10	Engagement of scientist/ Conservation biologist & G.I.S. expert at PTR level for scientific data collection on contract @ 20000 per month	4.7	Care area of Palamau TR	2 person	4.80
11	Providing project allowances including arrear of financial year 2014-15	6.2	Care area of Palamau TR		12.84
12	Providing Ration allowance to regular staff i.e. Foresters, Forest Guards, and below working on regular pay rolls at Field Level viz Mali, Choukdar, etc. including arrear of Financial year 2014-15 (16.07.14 to 28.02.15)	6.2	Care area of Palamau TR	54	9.10
	Total Non Recurring				149.781

1	Establishing and maintenance of existing patrolling camps with the provisions of existing trekkers and other daily wagers (as per H.R.D. Plan of Tiger Conservation Plan No. 8.5) Un-skilled daily wagers/ trekkers	4.1	Care area of Palamau TR	100	55.745
2	Operation monsoon through local people	4.1	Care area of Palamau TR	15	2.412
3	Establishing and maintenance of wireless networks and Recharge of Mobiles	4.1	Care area of Palamau TR		2.50
4	Establishing and maintenance of patrolling camps, chowkis and deployment of camp labourer for patrolling	4.1	Care area of Palamau TR	4 camps	11.1490
5	Maintenance of day to day expenditure of office and generator	4.2	Care area of Palamau TR	LS	7.00
6	Maintenance of fire watch tower	4.2	Care area of Palamau TR	13 Nos.	0.65
7	Maintenance of fire lines through E.D.C and S.H.G.	4.2	Care area of Palamau TR	245 km.	13.132
8	Maintenance of vehicle (Gypsy, Jeep, Truck, Tractor, Motor Cycles) including running cost of fuel for patrolling	4.2	Care area of Palamau TR		15.00
9	Fire protection work on fire patrol camp through employing EDC members/ fire fighting squad team	4.2	Care area of Palamau TR	25 camps	5.00
10.	Wages for labourers engaged on fire watch tower through EDC	4.2	Care area of Palamau TR	13 Nos.	2.090
11	Improvement/ upgradation of office		Care area of Palamau TR		2.00
12	Grass land maintenance with removal of unwanted species, controlled burning and ploughing of 1/3 areas.	4.3	Care area of Palamau TR	100 Nos.	5.36
13	Eradication of Lantana	4.3		350 Hact.	14.868
Recurring (Buffer)					
1	Establishing and maintenance of existing patrolling camps with the provisions of existing trekkers and other daily wagers (as per H.R.D. Plan of Tiger Conservation Plan No. 8.5) Un-skilled daily wagers/ trekkers	4.1	Buffer area of Palamau TR	100	55.745
2	Habitat improvement and water development				
	Vet nary Care including vaccination treatment etc.	4.3	Buffer area of Palamau TR	20 camps	4.00
Total Recurring					196.651
Grand Total = Non Recurring + Recurring =					149.781 + 196.651 = 346.432

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non – Recurring	149.781	149.781
2	Recurring	196.651	98.3255
3	Eco-development	---	--
4	Total (x)	346.432	248.1065
5	10% Flexi-fund (x/9)	38.4924	27.5674
6	Total (x)	384.9244	275.674
7	Adjustment of previous balance for 2013-14	172.5545	172.5545
8	Grand Total	212.3699	103.1195

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share (including Flexi Fund)	A	384.9244
Centre's share in APO (without Flexi Fund)	B	248.1065
FF on Centre's share	$C=B/9$	27.5674
Centre's share including FF	$D=B+C$	275.674
1 st release @ 80% of Centre's share	$E=0.8*D$	220.5392
Less: Unspent balance FY 14-15	F	172.5545
Adjusted 1 st release including FF	$G=E-F$	47.9847
2 nd release @ 20% of Centre's share	$I=0.2*D$	55.1348
Total release towards APO in FY 15-16	$J=(9/10)*(G+I)$	92.80755
Total release towards FF in FY 15-16	$K=(1/10)*(G+I)$	10.31195
Grand total release in FY 15-16	$L=G+I$	103.1195
Total effective release including USB	$L+F$	275.674
Effective release for APO activities	$J+0.9*F$	248.1066
Effective release for FFs	$K+0.1*F$	27.5674

* 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.

