

No. 4-1(27)/2015-PT
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Project Tiger Division

1st Floor, NBCC Place,
Pragati Vihar, Bhishma Pitamah Marg,
New Delhi-110003
Tel. No. 24362445
Fax No. 24364250
E-mail: aig3-ntca@nic.in
Dated: 22nd 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 Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra 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 Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra at the cost of **Rs. 524.7377 Lakhs (Rupees Five hundred Twenty Four Lakhs Seventy Three thousand Seven hundred Seventy only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 110.57 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Maharashtra**. 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. 364.3134 lakhs (Rupees Three hundred Sixty Four Lakhs Thirty One thousand Three hundred Forty only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Maharashtra 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 **Pench Tiger Reserve (Maharashtra)** 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 Maharashtra** 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 **Pench 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 Maharashtra in respect of **Pench Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2016.
- (x) **Pench 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 Maharashtra** 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 Maharashtra** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Maharashtra in respect of **Pench 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 **Pench 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 (Pench Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Maharashtra**.
- (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 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. **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:**

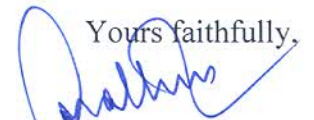
- i) **To provide flexibility to States to meet local needs and requirements within the overall objective of each programme or scheme;**
- ii) **To pilot innovations and improved efficiency within the overall objective of the scheme and its expected outcomes;**
- iii) **To undertake mitigation/restoration 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 Maharashtra 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. 755/AS & FA dated 15.06.2015.

Yours faithfully,


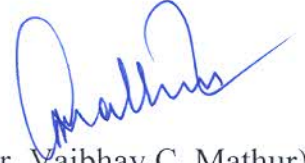
(Dr. Vaibhav C. Mathur)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Maharashtra. 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 Maharashtra.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Maharashtra.
4. The Field Director, Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra.
5. The Accountant General, Maharashtra.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
7. The IG, NTCA Regional Office, Nagpur.
8. Forest Finance Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
9. Plan Finance Division (PF-II), Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
10. Guard file/Spare copies.



(Dr. Vaibhav C. Mathur)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests (PT)

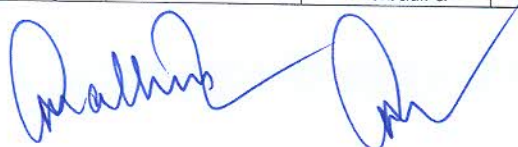
ANNEXURE**ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION 2015-16
PENCH TIGER RESERVE, MAHARASHTRA**

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S. No.	Item	Para No. of CSS-PT Guidelines	Location	Physical	Amount for 2015-16	GPS
A.	NON-RECURRING (CORE)					
I)	Salary of Special Tiger Protection Force	4.1				
a	ACF-01 (Pay-22050+GP – 5000 and Allow. = 53548)			0.71x1x12	8.52	
b	RFO-03(Pay-10900+GP – 4400 and Allow.= 31315)			0.45x3x12	16.20	
c	Forest Guard – 81 (Pay-5400+GP – 1800 and Allow. = 14630)			0.19x81x12	184.68	
d	Forest Watchers – 27 (Pay-5400+GP – 1800 and Allow. = 14630)			0.18x27x12	58.32	
II)	Ration allowance	4.8				
i.	Forest guard – 81			860*81*12	8.359	
ii.	Forest watchers-27			860*24*12	2.786	
III)	Purchase of equipment	4.1				
i.	Patrolling gear to field staff (STPF staff-RFO-3, Forest Guard-81, Forest Watchers-27)			111 units @ 0.05	5.550	
IV)	Project allowance	4.8				
1.	Field Director-01			1*12*0.02	0.24	
2.	DFO-01			1*12*0.015	0.18	
3.	ACF-02			2*12*0.013	0.312	
4.	RFO-02			2*12*0.01	0.24	
5.	Forester-07			7*12*0.009	0.756	
6.	Forest Guard-58			58*12*0.007	4.872	
7.	Driver-04			4*12*0.007	1.428	
8.	Ministerial staff class –III – 17 (1-CA, 4-A/C, 8-Clerk, 1-Steno typist, 1-Mastlshkar, 1-Draftman, 1-Surveyer)			17*12*0.007	1.428	
9.	Superintendent-01			1*12*0.01	0.120	
10.	Ministerial staff class-IV -06 (2-Peon, 1-Watchman, 1-Khansama, 2- Wireless helper)			6*12*0.004	0.288	
11.	Vanmajdoor-47			47*12*0.004	2.256	
V)	Strengthening wireless infrastructure					
1.	Batteries for base stations		Buffer area 3 ranges (Deolapar, Chorbauli & Saleghat)	10 nos. @ 0.05	0.50	
VI)	Project allowance		Buffer area 3 ranges (Deolapar, Chorbauli & Saleghat)			
i.	RFO-04			4*12*0.01	0.48	
ii.	Forester-07			7*12*0.09	0.756	
iii.	Forest Guard-61			61*12*0.007	5.13	
iv.	Driver-01			1*12*0.007	0.084	
v.	Ministerial Staff Class-II – 03			3*12*0.007	0.252	
vi.	Van Majdoor-10			10*12*0.004	0.48	
VII)	Ration allowance for antipoaching	4.8				

	activities				
i.	Forester-7			860*7*12	0.720
ii.	Forest Guard-58			860*58*12	5.99
iii.	Vanmajdoor-47, Khansama-1, Wireless Helper-2			860*50*12	5.16
	Arrears of ration allowance for the year 2014-15	4.8			
i.	Forester-7			860*7*8.5	0.512
ii.	Forest Guard-58			860*58*8.5	4.24
iii.	Vanmajdoor-47, Khansama-1, Wireless Helper-2			860*50*8.5	3.655
VIII)	Mainstreaming wildlife concern in tiger bearing forests (buffer) and corridor				
	Purchase of camera traps, batteries and memory card for monitoring of tigers	4.2		50 @ 0.2	3.00
B.	NON-RECURRING (BUFFER)				
I)	Antipoaching activities	4.1			
1.	Ration allowance	4.8			
	1) Forester-7			860*7*12	0.72
	2) Forest Guard-61			860*61*12	6.30
	3) Van Majdoor-10			860*10*12	1.03
2.	Purchase of vehicles				
	a) Purchase of patrolling boats	4.1		1	18.00
III)	Monitoring of wildlife				
a)	Implementation of M-STripES	As per notification			
(i)	Equipment-GPS			37 @ 0.15	5.550
(ii)	Field expenses- material cost for PIP, transects etc.			Lump sum	0.50
(iii)	Computer : 1 computer for each range			4 @ 0.35	1.40
(iv)	M-STripES booklet printing			Lump sum	0.20
V)	Development activities for co-existence in buffer zone				
1)	Organizing workshops for sensitizing local villages in buffer area	4.8	Buffer area 3 ranges (Deolapar, Chorbauli & Saleghat)	2 workshops	0.50
	TOTAL (NON-RECURRING)				361.694
III.	RECURRING (CORE)				
a.	Wireless communication network royalty to Govt. of India	7.2.2	1 network	1 network	1.00
b.	Wages for wireless operator 2 stations 2 persons each @ 0.07/- per month	7.2.2	East Pench/West Pench	3*2*12=72@ 0.07	5.04
c.	Maintenance and repair to wireless sets	7.2.2	East Pench/West Pench	12 BS @ 0.02	0.24
				8 MS @ 0.02	0.16
				50 HH @ 0.01	0.50
d.	Maintenance of walki-talki sets and accessories for field staff	13.3		30 sets @ 0.01	0.30
e.	Wages for labourers engaged in protection huts 2 person on each camp	4.1	East Pench/West Pench	16 huts x 2 persons x 12 months x 0.075	28.80
f.	Wages for check naka labours	4.1		6 check naka x 2 person x 12 month x 0.075	10.80
g.	Wages for driver of vehicles	4.1			
	Vehicle driver @ 8500/-			(i) 3 drivers + 1	4.08

				cleaner		
h.	POL and maintenance / repair of vehicles and boats	4.2				
	a) Petrol vehicle -1			Petrol -1 @ 2	1.50	
	Diesel vehicle - 7			Diesel-7	5.00	
	Motor boat-4			Motor boat-2	2.00	
	b) Motorcycles-12			Motor cycles-12	0.50	
i.	Firelines cutting and burring					
	A' Class	4.1	Core	93 km = 1860 md 250 per day	4.66	
	B' Class	4.1		240 km = 2880 md x 250 per day	7.20	
j.	Wages for wireless operator 3 stations 3 persons each @ 0.07/- per month	13.3	Buffer area 3 ranges (Deolapar, Chorbauli & Saleghat)	3x2x12=72@ 0.07	5.04	
k.	Maintenance and repair to wireless sets	4.1	Buffer area 3 ranges (Deolapar, Chorbauli & Saleghat)	5 BS	0.10	
				3 MS		
				10 HH		
l.	Wages for labourers engaged in 8 protection huts 2 person on each camp = 16 person (12 huts x 2 person x 12 months x 0.075	4.1	Buffer area 3 ranges (Deolapar, Chorbauli & Saleghat)	12 huts x 2 person x 12 months x 0.075	14.40	
m.	Wages for check naka labours	4.2	Buffer area 3 ranges (Deolapar, Chorbauli & Saleghat)	6 check naka x 1 person x 12 month x 0.075	5.40	
n.	Wages for driver of vehicle					
	2 drivers x 12 = 24 @ 0.075 for jeep		Buffer area 3 ranges (Deolapar, Chorbauli & Saleghat)	2*12*0.075	1.80	
	1 driver + 1 helper x 24 @ 0.075 for motor boat		Buffer area 3 ranges (Deolapar, Chorbauli & Saleghat)	2*12*0.075	1.80	
o.	Maintenance / repair / vehicles					
	a) Diesel vehicles - 3		Buffer area 3 ranges (Deolapar, Chorbauli & Saleghat)	Diesel-3	2.00	
	Motor boat-1			Motor boat-1	0.50	
	b) Motor cycles-3			Motor cycle-3	0.15	
p.	Rent for hire of building for office of Dy. Director, PTR - 1 at Ramtek	4.2		1	1.20	
q.	Water augmentation work	4.3				
	Maintenance of existing water holes	4.2	Core	40 water holes @ 0.02 each	0.80	
r.	Payment of fee to pleader in offence cases	4.1			0.50	
s.	Maintenance of offices	4.2	Buffer area 3 ranges (Deolapar, Chorbauli & Saleghat)	3 RFO	0.75	
t.	a) Maintenance of residential and other administrative building	4.2	Buffer area 3 ranges (Deolapar, Chorbauli & Saleghat)	10	2.00	
u.	Preparation of posters, banners for wildlife awareness in buffer area and to mark entrance of buffer with proper board	4.8	Buffer area 3 ranges (Deolapar, Chorbauli & Saleghat)	LS	1.00	
v.	(i) Training of all beat guards of Pench Tiger Reserve in a) Protection, monitoring and legal	4.3	Buffer area 3 ranges (Deolapar, Chorbauli & Saleghat)	2 trainings @ 0.30	0.60	



	aspect b) GPS/PDA / Camera trap training (ii) 2 trainings 20 person in each (2 days training) (2x0.50 each batch)		Saleghat)			
w.	Wildlife week				0.75	
	TOTAL (RECURRING)				110.57	
	GRAND TOTAL (NR+R)				472.264	

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S.No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring	361.694	361.694
2.	Recurring	110.57	55.285
3.	Sub Total	472.264	416.979
4.	10% Flexi-fund (x/9)	52.4737	46.331
5.	Total (X)	524.7377	463.31
6.	Adjustment of balance of previous year 2014-15	6.3346	6.3346
7.	Grand Total	518.4031	456.9754

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share (including Flexi Fund)	A	524.7377
Centre's share in APO (without Flexi Fund)	B	416.979
FF on Centre's share	C=B/9	46.331
Centre's share including FF	D=B+C	463.31
1 st release @ 80% of Centre's share	E=0.8*D	370.648
Less: Unspent balance FY 14-15	F	6.3346
Adjusted 1 st release including FF	G=E-F	364.3134
2 nd release @ 20% of Centre's share	I=0.2*D	92.662
Total release towards APO in FY 15-16	J=(9/10)*(G+I)	411.27786
Total release towards FF in FY 15-16	K=(1/10)*(G+I)	45.69754
Grand total release in FY 15-16	L=G+I	456.9754
Total effective release including USB	L+F	463.31
Effective release for APO activities	J+0.9*F	416.979
Effective release for FFs	K+0.1*F	46.331

* 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.