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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Project Tiger Division

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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 Sahyadri 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 Sahyadri Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra at the cost of **Rs. 198.244 Lakhs (Rupees One hundred Ninety Eight Lakhs Twenty Four thousand Four hundred only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 100.484 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. 113.936 lakhs (Rupees One hundred Thirteen Lakhs Ninety Three thousand Six hundred 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 **Sahyadri 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 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 **Sahyadri 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 **Sahyadri Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2016.
- (x) **Sahyadri 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 **Sahyadri 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 **Sahyadri 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 (Sahyadri 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.**

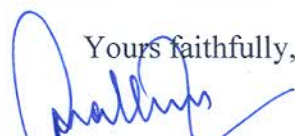
The flexi-fund will be utilized by the State Government as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, read with guidelines of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger in vogue, for utilisation in the tiger reserve.

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. 760/AS & FA dated 15.06.2015.

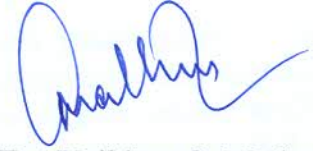
Yours faithfully,


(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, Sahyadri 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.
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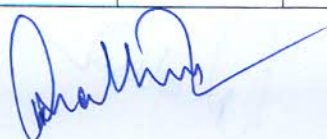


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**ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION 2015-16
SAHYADRI TIGER RESERVE, MAHARASHTRA**

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S. No.	Item	Para No. of CSS-PT Guidelines	Location	Physical	Amount for 2015-16	GPS
A.	NON-RECURRING					
	Strengthening of infrastructure within tiger reserve					
1.	Construction of protection huts including solar system, fencing, water amenities (Chandoli-2, Helwak-1 and Koyana-1) @ Rs. 6 lakh	4.2	Takale, Sonarli, Ambolie, Koyana	1	6.50	
2.	Purchase of computer / laptop and accessories computer 2 for Koyana and Bamnoil , Laptop for DFO Karad	4.2	Karad & Helwak & Koyana	1 computer, printer	0.50	
3.	Purchase of camera traps	4.2	STR	50	7.50	
4.	Amenities to field staff – Supply of hunter shoes (80 nos. @ Rs. 1500/-), raincoats and jerky (80 Nos. @ Rs. 2000/-)	4.1	STR	LS	2.00	
5.	Water supply amenities – borewell including hand pump/ submersible pump	4.2	Koyana WLS	5	2.00	
6.	Tiger reserve component (budget) M-STRIPES/Hejje (GPS unit, field expenses, computer laptop, computer stag (Annual recurring), M-STRIPES booklet printing)	As per NTCA direction	STR	LS	10.00	
7.	Project allowance					
	Provision of project allowance to staff (all categories) of Project Tiger – April 2015 to March 2016	4.8	STR			
	Field Director @ 2000 p.m. x (12x1)			1	0.24	
	DFO @ 1500 pm x (12x2)			2	0.36	
	ACF @ 1300 pm x (12x3)			3	0.468	
	RFO @ Rs. 1000 pm x (12x5)			5	0.60	
	Forester @ Rs. 900 pm x (12x11)			11	1.19	
	Forest Guard @ Rs. 700 pm x (12 x 50)			50	4.20	
	Driver @ 700 pm x (12x2)			2	0.168	
	Ministerial staff – Rs. 700 x (18x12) (1-Chief Accountant, 4 Accountant, 9-Clerk, 2-Surveyor, 1-Steno-Typist, 1-Launch driver)			18	1.51	
	Class-IV – 12 Forest labour, 2 Peon, 1-Launch Tandel = 16x12x400			16	0.86	
8.	Construction of check post with barrier including solar system, fencing, water amenities (Chandoli-2, Helwak-1, Koyana-1)	4.2	Male	1	3.00	
9.	Purchase of boats / launches / water scooters	4.1	Koyana	1	12.00	
10.	Purchase of jeeps for DFO STR Karad (New) & ACF Koyana (against writeoff)	4.2	STR	1	6.00	
11.	Provision for solar energy sources to the protection huts, check	4.1	LS	LS	2.00	



	posts etc. and maintenance of existing solar units (18)					
12.	Ration allowance to field staff as per gazette notification dated 15.7.2014	4.8				
	Forester @ Rs. 860 pm. from March 15 to Feb 16		STR	11	1.14	
	Forest guard @ Rs. 860 pm. from March 15 to Feb 16		STR	50	5.16	
	Forest labour @ Rs. 860 pm. from March 15 to Feb 16		STR	12	1.24	
13.	Strengthening of VHF structure in STR (to erect- Base station 10, repeater station 5, walkie-talkies 10, solar panel 10, tubular tower 2) (Phase II)	4.1	STR	LS	5.00	
14.	Inter state coordination meeting of tiger reserve	4.8	LS	LS	0.30	
	Eco Development					
15.	Water augmentation (cleaning of water holes, nalabundung etc.) by EDCs (Shindi, Walwan, Morni, Arav, Mahalunge)	4.2	Shindi, Walwan, Morni, Arav, Mahalunge	5 villages	2.00	
16.	Meadow development by EDCs (Shindi, Walwan, Morni, Arav, Mahalunge) in forest areas	4.3	Shindi, Walwan, Morni, Arav, Mahalunge	5 villages	2.00	
	TOTAL (NON-RECURRING+ECO DEVELOPMENT)				77.936	
	B. RECURRING					
1.	Capacity building					
(i)	Orientation trainings to frontline staff 4 in year for 35 each training Rs. 50000/-+study tour in other tiger reserves for Rs. 50000/-	4.8	STR	LS	1.00	
(ii)	Training for man-animal conflict to office staff, field staff and people	4.8	STR	LS	0.50	
2.	Non-monsoon season					
(i)	Check naka and protection squads (Rs. 270/-x26 days x8 month x 80 labourers) Check naka and protection squads 8 month x labourers) Koyana-25+Bamnoli 20+ Chandoli-35 = 80 labour Rs. 7020/- per month	4.1	Koyana-25 Bamnoli-20 Chandoli-35 (16640 MD)	8 months	44.928	
3.	Legal expenses for handling criminal cases for offences registered in PA – Advocate fees, stationary, Xerox and misc.	4.1	STR	LS	0.50	
4.	Monsoon season					
(i)	Check naka and protection squads (Rs. 270x26 days x 4 month x 32 labourers) Koyana-8+Bamnoli-8+Chandoli-16 = 32 labour Rs. 7800/- per month	4.1	Koyana-8 Bamnoli-8 Chandoli-6	4 months	8.985	
5.	Cleaning in meadows – 10 mds/ha 50 ha. (Rs. 2700/- per ha.) and recleaning of previous year area – 10 mds/ha 300 ha. (Rs. 2700 per ha.)	4.2	Chandoli-150 Koyana-150	300 ha.	8.10	
6.	Nature education / publicity – presentations, films, boards, signages, publishing of brochures, booklets – books etc.	4.8	STR	LS	1.00	

	public awareness campaigning and documentation 1) Information brochures – 5000 @ Rs. 10 each. 2) Publication of technical books & booklets 1000 copies – 3 lakh					
7.	Desilting of water holes (Rs. 3000/- waterhole) Chandoli NP-30 & Koyana 20	4.2	Chandoli-30 Koyana-20	50 Nos.	1.00	
8.	Purchase of accessories, batteries etc. for wireless network, advisory with AMC & licence fee etc.	4.2	STR	LS	4.00	
9.	Fire season protection					
(i)	Firelines @ 1193-per kms. width 6 mt 270 kms (Koyana-65, Bamnoli-65, Chandoli-140 kms.) 4.42 MP per km	4.2	STR	Koyana-65 kms, Bamnoli-65 kms, Chandoli-140 kms.	3.22	
(ii)	Fire watcher 56 labours (Apr, May, Jan to March) Chandoli-40, Koyana 8 and Bamnoli-8 (50x1.5x0.075) month	4.2	Koyana WLS, Chandoli NP	56 lab/month	18.751	
10.	Maintenance and repairs to the vehicles, launch-3, boats-5, jeeps-5 (including fuel) for protection and supervision	4.2	STR	LS	6.00	
11.	Repairs, colouring and maintenance of protection huts including solar system, water amenities (Chandoli-8, Koyana-8)	4.2	Chandoli-8, Koyana-8	LS	1.00	
12.	Repairs, colouring and maintenance of check posts, barriers, nature interpretation centre, quarters (Koyana, Bamnoli, Helwak & Chandoli each) (Chandoli & Koyana @ 2 check post, Koyana NIC 1 unit, Qtrs. 9 units)	4.2	Chandoli-7, Koyana-7	LS	1.00	
13.	Wildlife monitoring and estimation of carnivorous, herbivorous with necessary material, ration, transport etc. for month of April 15 & January 16.	4.7	STR	LS	0.50	
	TOTAL (RECURRING)				100.484	
	GRAND TOTAL (NR+R)				178.42	

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S.No.	Items	Sanction / proposed for advance	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring	73.936	73.936
2.	Eco development	4.00	4.00
3.	Recurring	100.484	50.242
	Sub Total	178.42	128.178
4.	10% Flexi-fund (x/9)	19.824	14.242
	Total (X)	198.244	142.42
	Adjustment of balance of previous year 2014-15	Nil	Nil
	Grand Total	198.244	142.42

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share (including Flexi Fund)	A	198.244
Centre's share in APO (without Flexi Fund)	B	128.178
FF on Centre's share	$C=B/9$	14.242
Centre's share including FF	$D=B+C$	142.42
1 st release @ 80% of Centre's share	$E=0.8*D$	113.936
Less: Unspent balance FY 14-15	F	Nil
Adjusted 1 st release including FF	$G=E-F$	113.936
2 nd release @ 20% of Centre's share	$I=0.2*D$	28.484
Total release towards APO in FY 15-16	$J=(9/10)*(G+I)$	128.178
Total release towards FF in FY 15-16	$K=(1/10)*(G+I)$	14.242
Grand total release in FY 15-16	$L=G+I$	142.42
Total effective release including USB	$L+F$	142.42
Effective release for APO activities	$J+0.9*F$	128.178
Effective release for FFs	$K+0.1*F$	14.242

* 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.

