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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 Similipal Tiger Reserve, Odisha during 2015-16.

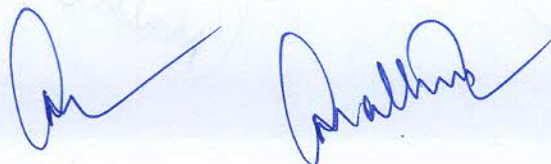
Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme 'Project Tiger' in Similipal Tiger Reserve, Odisha at the cost of **Rs. 664.155 Lakhs (Rupees Six hundred Sixty Four lakhs Fifteen thousand Five hundred only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 294.61 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Odisha**. 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. 377.3464 Lakhs (Rupees Three hundred Seventy Seven Lakhs Thirty Four thousand Six hundred Forty only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Odisha 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 **Similipal 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 Odisha** 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 **Similipal 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 Odisha in respect of **Similipal Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2016.
- (x) **Similipal 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 Odisha** 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 Odisha** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Odisha in respect of **Similipal 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 **Similipal 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 (Similipal Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Odisha**.
- (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 Odisha 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.**

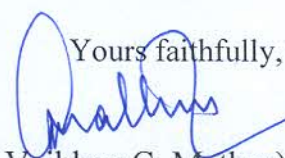
The flexi-fund will be utilized by the State Government as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, read with guidelines of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger in vogue, for utilisation in the tiger reserve.

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 Odisha 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. 757/AS & FA dated 15.06.2015.

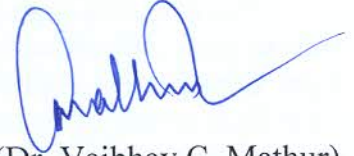
Yours faithfully,


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

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Odisha. 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 Odisha.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Odisha.
4. The Field Director, Similipal Tiger Reserve, Odisha.
5. The Accountant General, Odisha.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
7. The IG, NTCA Regional Office, ~~Magburj~~
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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**SIMILIPAL TIGER RESERVE, ODISHA
ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE YEAR 2015-16**

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No.	Description of works	Para No. of CSS-PT Guidelines	Location	Physical	Amount for 2015-16	GPS
Non-Recurring (Core Area)						
I.	Anti-poaching Activities					
i.	Anti-poaching Squard STPF salary of 1 ACF, 3 Range Officers, 81 Forest Guard, 27 watchers, infrastructure maintenance	4.1	Inside STR	1 Force (112 person)	200.00	
ii.	Secret fund, Intelligence Units	4.1	Core area of STR	40 units	0.250	
II.	Strengthening of Infrastructure within Tiger Reserve					
2.1	Civil works					
i.	Section office for Forester- 2 Nos.	4.2	Jenabil	2	12.00	
ii.	Beat House for Forest Guard 2 Nos.	4.2	Nawana-S Jadapal Pithabata	2	10.00	E 86 24 13.439 N 21 46 11.468 E 86 35 17.823 N 21 55 44.194
iii.	Anti-poaching camps/ Protection shed with Elephant proof trenches	4.2	UBK Jenabil Pithabata	2	6.00	86 18 7.503 21 38 57.468 86 21 34.814 N 21 43 59.864
iv.	Construction of attach toilets (with solar water pumps)	4.2	Jenabil Dhadruchamap a Bhajam/ Nuagaon/ Jamuna	2 Antipoachin g camps	6.00	86 21 35.209 21 44 0.226 86 25 37.132 21 49 1.388
v.	Water supply facility in staff colony	4.2	Forest Colony, STR Baripada	1	2.00	E 86 43 34.43 N 21 56 35.05
III.	Research and field equipment					
i.	Wildlife Census operation and phase-IV monitoring of tiger, co-predators & prey	4.2			1.50	
IV.	Staff Development and Capacity Building					
i.	Project Allowance (F.D. @ 2000/- Dy. Director @ 1500/-, ACF@ 1300/-, Fr@FEO@990/-, PG/Min. staff@700/-, Gr. D@400/-	4.15	Field Director Dy. Director ACF Range Officer VAS Dy. RO Forester & equivalent Forest Guard Minsterial & equivalent Group D	1 1 3 3 1 10 24 74 16 11	15.00	
ii.	Ration Allowance	4.15	Forester- Forest Guard	24 74	10.63	
Non -Recurring (BUFFER)						
I.	Anti-poaching Activities					
i.	Secret fund, Intelligence Units	4.1	Bffuer area of STR	Remunarat ion to informer on	0.25	

				wildlife Crime		
ii.	Legal Support	4.1	Buffer area		0.50	
III.	Staff Development and Capacity Building					
i.	Project Allowance (DFO@1500/-, ACF@1300/-, Ros & Dy RO@100/-, Fr/FEO@900/-, FG/Min. staff@700/- Gr.D@400/-)	4.1	Inside STR	Project Allowance	19.00	
	Total Non-Recurring				283.13	
	Coexistence agenda in Buffer/ Fringe Area					
i.	Livelihood option to local stake holders Provision of alternate livelihood to forest dependent communities, strengthening of livelihood option through micro plan based activities in cluster approach	4.5	1. Budhigaon & Dangadiha cluster in Karanjia Division 2. Ghatkuanri- Talabandha & Barehipani- Barsia cluster in Rairangpur Division 3. Astakuanr cluster in Baripada 4. Satkosia- Santoshpur Corridor villages in Karanjia Division		15.00	
ii.	Provisions of alternate biomass and use of alternate energy sources to reduce dependence on Similipal forestes	4.5			2.00	
iii.	Strengthening of EDCs, Incentives for contribution to eco-system services	4.5			3.00	
	20.00					
	Recurring (Core)					
I. (i)	Anti-Smuggling Squad Anti-Poaching Watchers: Each squad will have & daily wage persons located in sensitive areas prone to timber smuggling & poaching.63 camps; 378 persons@ Rs. 150/- per day + 13.5% PF	4.1	Inside STR	63 camps; 189 persons @ Rs 150/- per day + 13.5% PF	118.00	
ii.	Maintenance of Dog Squad	4.1	Maintenance of Dogs Squads at Nigirdha, Nawana (N) Range	Procuremen t of one tracker dog and Feeding and Medicine of 2 Nos. Dogs.	3.00	
iii.	Legal Support	4.1			0.50	
II.	Maintenance of infrastructure within tiger reserve					
i.	Maintenance of VHF and office equipment	4.2 4.14			2.00	
ii.	Maintenance & repair of existing buildings	4.2		84	5.00	
iii.	Maintenance of existing roads, bridges, causeways, culverts,	4.2		600 kms.	30.00	

	wooden bridges					
vi.	Maintenance of motor vehicles & POL including hiring charges	4.2		14 Nos.	11.00	
v.	Office expenses (purchase of stationeries, printing materials, book items, miscellaneous etc.)	4.2			3.00	
III.	Providing basic infrastructure/ continuous monitoring of tiger outside tiger reserve					
i.	Data Entry Operators, GIS Analysis, census and monitoring	4.12		DEO-4	3.00	
ii.	Engagement of GIS Analyst	4.12		1	2.40	
iii.	Strengthening of check gates (Installation of CC Camera security etc.)			10	2.00	
IV.	Awareness Programme					
i.	Provisions of Identify Card to the villagers inside the Reserve	4.5		15 villagers in Gurguria	1.50	
ii.	Awareness, publicity & Extension including signage development	4.5			1.00	
iii.	Friends of Similipal Tigers Programme				0.50	
V.	Habitat improvement and water development					
i.	Maintenance of existing water bodies, moisture conservation and bank erosion control	4.3	Bhajan Comptt. PP-1 Pitunata Comptt PP-3 Joranda Comptt BLE 16 Pansiabandha Compt BLE 19 Kusumbani Comptt. BLE 6 Chherabi, Comptt. BLW-17 Cheerabi, Comptt BLW-17 Chahala 1 Comptt KD 11 Chahala 2 Comptt KD 11	5	3.75	N 21 57 36.2 E 86 38 34.1 N 21 50 53.0 E 86 34 46.7 N 21 35 56.5 E 86 26 12.3 N 21 54 48.1 E 86 26 29.1 N 21 58 31.2 E 86 24 54.9 N 21 39 57.1 E 86 21 03.1 N 21 59 0.4 E 86 17 27.1 N 21 59 12.4 E 86 17 33.2
ii.	Prevention and control of fire, fire monitoring system including fire line, watch tower, fire surveillance, awareness and fire fighting squads, fire watchers, fire fighting equipment	4.3			20.00	
iii.	Elephant Squad: Feeding and medicine charges of captive elephants and wages of Mahouts	4.1			7.00	
iv.	Rewards: Rewards for meritorious work	4.1			0.50	
v.	Addressing man-animal conflict and anti-depredation measures: Maintenance of mobile veterinary unit/ rescue team, equipment, medicines	4.4			3.00	
vi.	Rescue and release of wild animal: One male calf elephant rescued to be released to wild	4.4			0.50	

	in "back to wild programme" in 4 years					
VI.	Eco-tourism Maintenance					
	Maintenance of FRH and purchase of consumable goods	4.17			2.00	
VII.	Staff development and capacity building					
i.	Capacity building training, exposure visit to other tiger reserves/ PAs	4.8			1.50	
ii.	Supply of uniform and field gears to frontline staff	4.1			3.00	
iii.	Supply of medicine to staff and protection assistances and provision of first aid kits	4.16			1.00	
	Recurring (Buffer)					
I.	Anti-Poaching					
i.	Anti smuggling squad: Anti poaching watchers: Each squads will have 6 daily wage persons in sensitive area. 31 buffer area camps, 10 camps in corridor area, 246 persons @ 150 per day + 13.5% PF	4.1		31 Buffer area camps, 10 camps in corridor area, 82 persons @ 150 per day + 13.5% PF	50.96	
ii.	Permanent construction of Anti-poaching camp		Sadanand	1	6.00	N 21 37 13.6 E 86 16 14.5
II.	Maintenance of Infrastructure within tiger reserve					
i.	Maintenance of Motor vehicles and POL including hiring charges	4.2 4.14		12	5.00	
III.	Awareness Programme					
	Health Camp, intervention for prevention and control of malaria				2.00	
IV.	Habitat Improvement and water development					
i.	Prevention and control fire: Fire monitoring system including fire line, watch towers, fire surveillance, awareness and fire fighting squads, fire watchers and fire fighting equipments	4.3			3.50	
V.	Eco-tourism Maintenance					
	Maintenance of FRH and purchase of consumable goods	4.17	Jamuani		2.00	
	Total Recurring				294.61	
	Grand Total – Non Recurring + Eco Development + Recurring				283.13 20.00 <u>294.61</u> <u>597.74</u>	

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S.No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non – Recurring	283.13	283.13
2	Recurring	294.61	147.305
3	Eco-development	20.00	20.00
4	Total (x)	597.74	450.435
5	10% Flexi-fund (x/9)	66.4155	50.0483
6	Total (x)	664.155	500.483
7	Adjustment of previous balance for 2014-15	23.04	23.04
8	Grand Total	641.115	477.443

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share (including Flexi Fund)	A	664.155
Centre's share in APO (without Flexi Fund)	B	450.435
FF on Centre's share	$C=B/9$	50.0483
Centre's share including FF	$D=B+C$	500.483
1 st release @ 80% of Centre's share	$E=0.8*D$	400.3864
Less: Unspent balance FY 14-15	F	23.04
Adjusted 1 st release including FF	$G=E-F$	377.3464
2 nd release @ 20% of Centre's share	$I=0.2*D$	100.0966
Total release towards APO in FY 15-16	$J=(9/10)*(G+I)$	429.6987
Total release towards FF in FY 15-16	$K=(1/10)*(G+I)$	47.7443
Grand total release in FY 15-16	$L=G+I$	477.443
Total effective release including USB	$L+F$	500.483
Effective release for APO activities	$J+0.9*F$	450.4347
Effective release for FFs	$K+0.1*F$	50.0483

* 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.



