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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 Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh 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 Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh at the cost of **Rs. 136.166 Lakhs (Rupees One hundred Thirty Six Lakhs Sixteen thousand Six hundred only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 35.75 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Chhattisgarh**. 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. 92.612 lakhs (Rupees Ninety Two Lakhs Sixty One thousand Two hundred only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Chhattisgarh 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 **Udanti-Sitanadi 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 Chhattisgarh** 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 **Udanti-Sitanadi 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 Chhattisgarh in respect of **Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2016.
- (x) **Udanti-Sitanadi 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 Chhattisgarh** 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 Chhattisgarh** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Chhattisgarh in respect of **Udanti-Sitanadi 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 **Udanti-Sitanadi 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 (Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Chhattisgarh**.
- (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 Chhattisgarh 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 Chhattisgarh 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, 3601.02.796-Tribal Area Sub Plan (Minor Plan), 3601.02.796.41-Integrated Development of Wild Life Habitats (Sub Head), 3601.02.796.41.03- Project Tiger (Detailed Head), 3601.02.796.41.03.31- 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. 1029/AS & FA dated 13.8.2015.

Yours faithfully,


(Sarjay Kumar)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Chhattisgarh. 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 Chhattisgarh.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Chhattisgarh.
4. The Field Director, Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh.
5. The IG, NTCA Regional Office, Nagpur.
6. The Accountant General, Chhattisgarh.
7. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
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)

**UDANTI-SITANADI TIGER RESERVE, CHHATTISGARH
ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE YEAR 2015-16**

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Item	Para No. of CSS-PT Guidelines	Location	Physical Target	Amount for 2015-16
A	NON-RECURRING (core)				
1	Anti Poaching Activities	4.1			
i (a)	Organizing vehicular patrolling by constituting squads (Tiger Protection Force). Comprising of field staff. Labors and polices/SAF/ ex-army personal for apprehending offenders apart from prescribing a patrolling calendar for the squads	4.1 (c)	North Udanti, South Udanti, Arsikanhar, Risgaon, Sitanadi	5 Units (1 unit Comprises 1 forester supervisor, 2 forest guards and 5 FMC member (25*12)=120 person @6000 p.m. = 34.20	18.00
(b)	Establishing of wireless network construction of wireless fix station	4.1 (d)	Gariaband	L.S.	2.00
			sankra	L.S.	0.50
			Jugad	L.S.	1.00
			Mainpur	L.S.	3.00
			Sihava	L.S.	0.50
2	Phase-IV monitoring of Tiger (ongoing)		Tiger Reserve	L.S.	0.50
3	Rehabilitation package for traditional hunting tribes living around tiger reserve. Primitive Hunting Tribe "kamar"	4.6			
i	Facility for non-family posting like health, education amenities for staffs welfare inputs like residential accommodation for the children, supply of kerosene/medicine , fields kits mosquito nets, torch etc.	4.6(a)	Tiger Reserve	L.S.	2.00
4	Staff development and capacity building (on going) (non recurring)	4.8			
i	Providing project allowance and special incentives	4.8(b)	Tiger Reserve	With Arrears	18.00
ii	Ration Allowances for field staff w.e.f.15-7-2014 to 31-03-2016		Tiger Reserve	With Arrears of 2014-15	15.00
5	Facility for non-family posting like health, education amenities for staffs welfare inputs like residential accommodation for the children, supply of kerosene/medicine , fields kits mosquito nets, torch etc.		Tiger Reserve	L.S.	1.00
	Total: NON-RECURRING (core)				61.50
B.	NON-RECURRING (BUFFER AREA)				
1	Antipoaching activities				
i	Organizing vehicular patrolling by constituting squads (Tiger Protection Force). Comprising of fielded staff. Laboures and polices/SAF/ ex-army personal for apprehending offenders apart from prescribing a patrolling calendar for the squads	4.1 (c)	Patrolling Camps in all 3 Buffer Ranges of USTR	3 Units (1 unit Comprises 1 forester supervisor, 2 forest guards and 5 FMC member (3*5*10)= 150 person @6000	9.00
II	Strengthening of infrastructure within Tiger Reserve				
i	Phase-IV monitoring of Tiger		T.R		0.30
III	Staff development and capacity building (on going) (non recurring)	4.8			

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i	Providing project allowance and special incentives	4.8 (b)	Tiger Reserve	80 Staff	6.00
ii	Ration Allowance		Tiger Reserve	With Arrear buffer Area	8.00
IV	compensation in cattle kill and human injury death cases by wild animal	4.10	Tiger Reserve area	L.S.	1.00
V	Facilities for non-family posting like, health, education, amenities for staff welfare inputs like residential accommodation for the children, supply of kerosene/medicine, field kit, mosquito net, torch etc.	4.6(a)	Tiger Reserve area	L.S.	1.00
	Total: Non Recurring Buffer				25.30
	Total Non Recurring Core & Buffer				86.80
C.	RECURRING (CORE AREA)				
	Monsoon Operation for special monsoon patrolling	4.1			
1	Maintenance of existing camps/chowkis and Deployment of camp laboures for Patrolling	4.1 (b)	5 ranges of core	FMC member for patrolling & Tracking 4 FMC member in each range for 9 months	8.00
2	Deployment of local workforce for patrolling, surveillance of water holes, manning barriers		17 Barriers in 5 ranges of core	17 Barriers * 2 FMC members * 12 months * @6000	5.00
3	Purchase of POL for govt. vehicles	4.1(a.a)	2 Scorpio 8 Bolero & 1 gypsy	L.S.	3.00
4	Maintenance of vehicles (Gypsy, Bolero, Scorpio, Motorecycle etc.)	4.2(t)	2 Scorpio 8 Bolero & 1 Gypsy	L.S.	1.00
	Total Recurring (Core Area)				17.00
D.	RECURRING (Buffer area)				
1	Maintenance of existing camps/chowkis and Deployment of camp laboures for Patrolling	4.1 (b)	Tracking of tiger in Ode and Tarajhar area and Patrolling in other sensitive areas of the buffer	10 FMC members for tracking and patrolling for 12 months for 12 months @6000	11.00
2	Deployment of local workforce for patrolling, surveillance of water holes, manning barriers	4.1(n)	Tiger Reserve	4 FMC member for manning 3 Barriers for * 12 month @ 6000	7.00
3	Payment of compensation for cattle lifting, death of human beings and crop depredation due to wild animals	4.4(a)	T.R.	L.S.	0.75
	Total Recurring (Buffer Area)				18.75
	Total (C+D) Recurring core & Buffer				35.75
	Grand Total (Non Recurring & Recurring)				122.55

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S.No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non – Recurring	86.80	86.80
2	Recurring	35.75	17.875
3	Eco-development	--	---
4	Total (x)	122.55	104.675
5	10% Flexi-fund (x/9)	13.616	11.630
6	Total (x)	136.166	116.305
7	Adjustment of previous balance for 2014-15	0.432	0.432
8	Grand Total	135.734	115.873

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share (including Flexi Fund)	A	136.166
Centre's share in APO (without Flexi Fund)	B	104.675
FF on Centre's share	$C=B/9$	11.630
Centre's share including FF	$D=B+C$	116.305
1 st release @ 80% of Centre's share	$E=0.8*D$	93.044
Less: Unspent balance FY 14-15	F	0.432
Adjusted 1 st release including FF	$G=E-F$	92.612
2 nd release @ 20% of Centre's share	$I=0.2*D$	23.261
Total release towards APO in FY 15-16	$J=(9/10)*(G+I)$	104.286
Total release towards FF in FY 15-16	$K=(1/10)*(G+I)$	11.587
Grand total release in FY 15-16	$L=G+I$	115.873
Total effective release including USB	$L+F$	116.305
Effective release for APO activities	$J+0.9*F$	104.675
Effective release for FFs	$K+0.1*F$	11.630

* 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.

