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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 Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar 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 Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar at the cost of **Rs. 438.50 Lakhs (Rupees Four hundred Thirty Eight Lakhs Fifty thousand only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 310.56 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Bihar**. 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. 207.73051 lakhs (Two hundred Seven Lakhs Seventy Three thousand Fifty One only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Bihar 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 **Valmiki 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 Bihar** 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 **Valmiki 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 Bihar in respect of **Valmiki Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2016.
- (x) **Valmiki 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 Bihar** 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 Bihar** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Bihar in respect of **Valmiki 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 **Valmiki 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 (Valmiki Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Bihar**.
- (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 Bihar 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.**

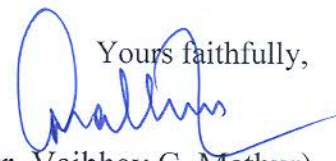
The flexi-fund will be utilized by the State Government as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, read with guidelines of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger in vogue, for utilisation in the tiger reserve.

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 Bihar 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. 770/AS & FA dated 15.06.2015.

Yours faithfully,



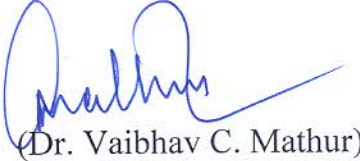
(Dr. Vaibhav C. Mathur)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

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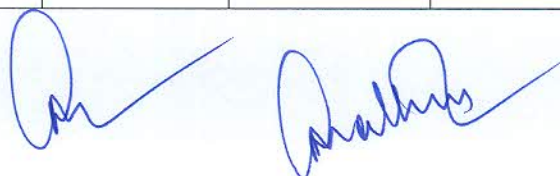


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ANNEXURE**ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION 2015-16
VALMIKI TIGER RESERVE, BIHAR**

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No.	Description of works	Para No. of CSS-PT Guidelines	Location	Physical	Amount for 2015-16
1	Deployment of 4 persons at Anti-Poaching Camps @Rs. 5000/- per Month @288 man month	4.1	Core area of VTR	07 Camps	16.80
2	Special patrolling operations	4.1	Core area of VTR	LS	0.50
3	Rewards to informers/ intelligence gathering	4.1	Core area of VTR	L.S.	0.50
4	Monitoring of Wildlife	4.5	Core area of VTR	0	1.00
5	Ration Allowance 111 front line contractual wages staff @ 400/- P.M. + 11 Fr & 19 fg @ 860/- P.M.	4.15 & 4.16	Core area of VTR	Forestor. -04, Fg.- 07 Others 226	1.14
Non-Recurring (Buffer)					
1	Deployment of 4 persons at Anti-Poaching Camps @Rs. 5000/- per Month @432 man month	4.1	Buffer Area of VTR	23 Camps	50.40
2	Special patrolling.	4.1	Buffer Area of VTR	LS	0.50
3	Rewards to informers/ intelligence gathering	4.1	Buffer Area of VTR	LS	0.30
4	Man-Animal Conflict Resolution	4.4	Buffer Area of VTR	L.S.	0.50
5	For Payment of compensation.	4.4 and 4.10	Buffer Area of VTR	L.S.	1.00
6	Monitoring of Wildlife	4.5	Buffer Area of VTR	L.S.	1.00
7	Study tours for appraisal of good practices in other reserves One person @ 4000/-Rs.	4.8	Buffer Area of VTR	40 persons	1.00
8	Capacity building / training / workshop and seminars : Three workshops one each for frontline staff, Local communities / EDCs and SSB personnel and police personnel. One seminar @ 25000/- Rs.	4.8	Buffer Area of VTR	6 trainings	0.90
9	Providing project allowance of staff of all categories including ministerial staff	4.15	Buffer Area of VTR	All staff	6.59



10	Ration Allowance 136 front line contractual wages staff @ 400/- P.M. + 11 Fr & 19 fg @ 860/- P.M.	4.15 & 4.16	Buffer Area of VTR	Forester. -07, Fg.- 12, Others 278	1.96
	Total (Non- Recurring) (Core+Buffer)				84.09
	Recurring (Core)				
1	Deployment of 5 Persons in patrolling party Local youths etc. @ Rs. 5000/-	4.1	Core Area VTR	13 party	39.00
2	Providing Field kit to the frontline staff	4.16	Core Area VTR	LS	0.75
3	Engagement of wildlife trackers for 12 months @ Rs.5000 p.m.		Core Area VTR	50 Trackers	30.00
4	(i) Engagement of wireless operators: 16 fixed stations @ 7000/- one station 02 person	4.1 and 4.2	Core Area VTR	1	1.68
	(ii) Maintenance of wireless communication network & installation of repeaters	4.1 and 4.2	Core Area VTR	1	0.10
5	(A) Preventive measure - Fireline cutting - clearing, and control burning/ fire material removal : (A) 172 km long fireline with 9m wide @ 30 mandays per km. Rs 186/mandays	4.2	Core Area VTR	253 km	14.12
6	(i) Control, intelligence, containment & suppression of fire by fire-watchers & fire fighting squads: This activity will involve deployment of fire watchers. For 48 watchers for 135 days of fire season are to be deployed on contract @20000/- Rs.) basis	4.2	Core Area VTR	48 Fire watchers	9.60
	(ii) Fire fighting materials including food and other materials	4.2	Core Area VTR	Materials	0.60
7	Maintenance of Vehicles including fuels	4.2	Core Area VTR	12 Vehicles	6.29
	Total Recurring (Core)				102.14
	Recurring (Buffer)				
1	Deployment of 5 Persons in patrolling party Local youths etc. @ Rs. 5000/-	4.1	Buffer Area of VTR	12 party	36.00
2	Providing Field kit to the frontline staff	4.16	Buffer Area of VTR	LS	0.75
3	(i) Feed and other materials for elephant - one elephant @ 8000 Rs PM		Buffer Area of VTR	1	0.96

	(ii) Medicines & Medical checkup for elephant			1	0.20
	(iii) Maintenance of elephant shed including Mahawat shed and other materials.			1	0.30
	(iv) Wages for Mahawat and one assistant @ 12000 Rs.x 12 months = 144000/- Rs.			2	1.44
4	Wages for Dog Squad Handlers@ 6000 /- PM, 6000 Rs.x 12 months = 72000/- Rs.	4.1	Buffer Area of VTR	4	2.88
	Medicines & Medical checkup for Sniffer Dog	4.1		2	0.36
	Feed and other materials for Sniffer Dog-One Dog @ 6000 Rs PM	4.1		2	1.44
5	Wages for camp labour working in different office:@Rs 5000	4.1	Buffer Area of VTR	34	20.40
	Wages for barrier labours		Buffer Area of VTR	28	16.80
	Wages for computer operator & Range Assistant @ 6000/P.M.		Buffer Area of VTR	16	7.20
	Wages for drivers @ 8500/-		Buffer Area of VTR	20	14.28
	Engagement of wildlife trackers for 12 months @ Rs.5000 p.m.		Buffer Area of VTR	55 Trackers	30.00
6	Wages of Literate Assistant for Field Director Office @ 15000/- P.M.	4.2	Buffer Area of VTR	1	1.80
7	(i) Engagement of wireless operators: 15 fixed stations @ 7000/- Rs. 30 Wireless operators	4.1 and 4.2	Buffer Area of VTR	15 Station	25.20
			Buffer Area of VTR		
	(ii) Maintenance of wireless communication network & installation of repeaters	4.1 and 4.2	Buffer Area of VTR	15 Station	1.90
			Buffer Area of VTR		
8	(A) Preventive measure - Fireline cutting - clearing, and control burning/ fire material removal : (A) 164 km long	4.2	Buffer Area of VTR	202 km	11.27

	fireline with 9m wide @ 30 mandays per km. Rs 186/mandays				
9	(i) Control, intelligence, containment & suppression of fire by fire-watchers & fire fighting squads: This activity will involve deployment of fire watchers. For 47 watchers for 135 days of fire season are to be deployed on contract @20000/-Rs.) basis	4.2	Buffer Area of VTR	47 Fire watchers	9.40
	(ii) Fire fighting materials including food and other materials	4.2	Buffer Area of VTR Buffer Area of VTR	Materials	0.60
10	Maintenance of Vehicles including fuels	4.2	Buffer Area of VTR	14 Vehicles	7.96
11	Operation & maintenance of power backup	4.2	Buffer Area of VTR	power backup	10.50
12	Public awareness camaign in villages @ 3000/- per unit	4.5	Buffer Area of VTR	50	1.50
13	Conducting Medical Camps for villagers with basic medicines @ 25000/- per medical camp	4.5	Buffer Area of VTR	5	1.00
14	Vetenary care including Vaccination Treatment etc		Buffer Area of VTR	25	1.00
15	Organising Nature Camps for school childerns, teachers, judicial officers & civil administration		Buffer Area of VTR	10	0.50
16	Publicity, extension & Maintenance of signages / Signboards in peripheral, buffer & core boundary area. One sign board @ Rs 7500/- .	4.2	Buffer Area of VTR	40	1.00
17	Celebration of Wildlife Week & Tiger Day	4.5	Buffer Area of VTR	Wildlife week in VTR	1.00
18	One computer operator for Eco-tourism facilitator @ 6500/-month	4.17	Buffer Area of VTR	1	0.78
Total Recurring Core					208.42
Total Recurring (Core+Buffer)					310.56
Grand Total (Non-Recurring + Recurring)					394.65

(Rs. In Lakhs)			
S.No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring	84.09	84.09
2.	Eco development	---	----
3.	Recurring	310.56	155.28
	Sub Total	394.65	239.37
4.	10% Flexi-fund (x/9)	43.85	26.596
	Total (X)	438.50	265.966
	Adjustment of balance of previous year 2014-15	5.04229	5.04229
	Grand Total	433.45771	260.92371

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share (including Flexi Fund)	A	438.50
Centre's share in APO (without Flexi Fund)	B	239.37
FF on Centre's share	C=B/9	26.596
Centre's share including FF	D=B+C	265.966
1 st release @ 80% of Centre's share	E=0.8*D	212.7728
Less: Unspent balance FY 14-15	F	5.04229
Adjusted 1 st release including FF	G=E-F	207.73051
2 nd release @ 20% of Centre's share	I=0.2*D	53.1932
Total release towards APO in FY 15-16	J=(9/10)*(G+I)	234.83134
Total release towards FF in FY 15-16	K=(1/10)*(G+I)	26.09327
Grand total release in FY 15-16	L=G+I	260.92371
Total effective release including USB	L+F	265.966
Effective release for APO activities	J+0.9*F	239.36940
Effective release for FFs	K+0.1*F	26.5975

* 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.



