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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
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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 Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh during 2016-17 – enhancement of scheme.**

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority for the enhancement of the Scheme from **Rs. 927.977 Lakhs (Rupees Nine hundred Twenty Seven Lakhs Ninety Seven thousand Seven hundred only)** to **Rs. 3157.977 Lakhs (Rupees Three thousand One hundred Fifty Seven Lakhs Ninety Seven thousand Seven hundred only)** to Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh during the year 2015-16. The enhancement of amount of **Rs. 2230.00 Lakhs (Rupees Two thousand Two hundred Thirty only)**, has been sanctioned towards relocation of 223 families from Sejwahi village of Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh, as per details given in the Table at **Annexure**, in full compliance with the relevant provisions of para 16.9 of the operational guidelines of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger on deciding inviolate space for wildlife and relocation of villagers from core or critical tiger habitats in tiger reserves and settlement of their rights. The above cost of the scheme will be treated as 60% Central Assistance by the Government of India and 40% assistance by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh.

2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President to the payment and release of an amount of **Rs. 1338.00 Lakhs (Rupees One thousand Three hundred Thirty Eight lakhs only)**, to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Madhya Pradesh during the current financial year 2016-17.

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 **Bandhavgarh 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 Madhya Pradesh** 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 **Bandhavgarh 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 Madhya Pradesh in respect of **Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2017.
- (x) **Bandhavgarh 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 Madhya Pradesh** 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 2016-17 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by **Government of Madhya Pradesh** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Madhya Pradesh in respect of **Bandhavgarh 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 **Bandhavgarh 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 (Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Madhya Pradesh**.
- (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 duly linked with Aadhar Number.**
- (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.
- (xx) Approval of the competent authority be obtained and acceptance of UC may be ensured by PD.
- (xxi) Full utilisation of funds as per approved allocation.
- (xxii) Payments towards wages / remuneration as well as other contractual obligations are made through bank accounts of recipients under DBT scheme seeded with Aadhar number.
- (xxiii) Payments are made by bank transfer and no cash payment is to be made.
- (xxiv) GFR is followed by implementing agency alongwith the economic instructions issued by Government of India from time to time.
- (xxv) Satellite photo with date and latitude and longitude nodes after completion of work depicting the work carried out before and after the work.
- (xxvi) The UCs with photographs and progress report are to be uploaded in the website of the State Government and Ministry for public viewing.
- (xxvii) Evidence of deposit of TDS/Service Tax in case of contract payments and CST in case of leviable goods.

- (xxviii) The UCs, Physical Progress Report alongwith satellite photographs with date and latitude-longitude coordinates before and after implementation may be obtained and uploaded on the website of the ministry for public access.
- (xxix) In case of employment through contract, copy of PF & ESI of employees shall be furnished.
- (xxx) UC is to be submitted as prescribed in GFR.
- (xxxi) If the implementing agency does not use the fund for the purpose for which it was given, it has to refund the same with interest.
- (xxxii) There should not be any overlapping of activities under the projects with the activities of ongoing schemes under CSS/CS/State Government Scheme.
- (xxxiii) The sanction order must mention measurable physical parameters and all measurable parameters are to be adhered to.
- (xxxiv) The fixed asset created out of this grant shall not be disposed off without concurrence of this Ministry.
- (xxxv) A separate bank account shall be opened for the purpose and the account shall be open for audit by C&AG of India.
- (xxxvi) The expenditure should not exceed beyond the approved allocation of funds.
- (xxxvii) All guidelines under the project is to be followed scrupulously.
- (xxxviii) Measurable parameters for assessing outcomes / impact under the scheme / project are to be laid down in the sanction order.
- (xxxix) There should not be any overlapping of activities under the project / scheme with the activities of ongoing scheme of Central / State Govt.
- (xl) Before releasing of fund, the approval of District Magistrate Committee may please be obtained to ensure that DBT scheme if followed in letter and spirit while disbursing funds and collect the data.

4. As the annual budget of the Scheme is approved by the Central Government, the Government of Madhya Pradesh 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. 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 Madhya Pradesh under intimation to this Department.

8. The expenditure involved will be met from within the Sanctioned Budget Grants of Centrally Sponsored Project tiger Scheme under Demand No. 27, 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 General for the year 2016-17 (Plan).

9. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No.307/AS & FA dated 22.09.2016.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. H.S. Negi)

Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Madhya Pradesh. A copy of the detailed sanction letter issued by the State Government in respect of this scheme for 2016-17 may kindly be furnished to this Ministry immediately.
2. The Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Madhya Pradesh.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh.
4. The Field Director, Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh.
5. The Accountant General, Madhya Pradesh.
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. H.S. Negi)

Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Annexure

**Details of villages and number of families alongwith breakup of State and Centre's share  
Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh (2016-17)**

S. No.	Name of the village	No. of Families	Central share@ 60% (revised funding pattern) of Rs. 10.00 lakhs/family (Rs. in lakhs)	state share@ 40% (revised funding pattern) of Rs. 10.00 lakhs/family (Rs. in lakhs)	Total Amount
1.	Sejwahi	223	1338	892	2230
	<b>Total</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>1338</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>2230</b>

