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Dated the 9th August, 2016

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 Dampa Tiger Reserve, Mizoram during 2016-17.

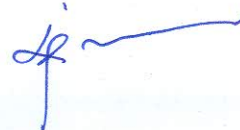
Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme 'Project Tiger' in Dampa Tiger Reserve, Mizoram at the cost of **Rs. 372.866 Lakhs (Rupees Three hundred Seventy Two Lakhs Eighty Six thousand Six hundred only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 12.45 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 90:10 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Mizoram**. The remaining cost of the scheme will be treated as 90% Central Assistance by the Government of India and 10% assistance by the State Government of Mizoram.

2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President to the payment and release of an amount of **Rs. 234.438 lakhs (Rupees Two hundred Thirty Four Lakhs Forty Three thousand Eight hundred only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Mizoram during the current financial year 2016-17. 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 **Dampa 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 Mizoram** 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 **Dampa 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 Mizoram in respect of **Dampa Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2017.
 - (x) **Dampa 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 Mizoram** 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 Mizoram** to the **Govt. of India**.
 - (xiii) Government of Mizoram in respect of **Dampa 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 **Dampa 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 (Dampa Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Mizoram**.
 - (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) Payments are made by bank transfer and no cash payment is to be made.



- (xxii) GFR is followed by implementing agency alongwith the economic instructions issued by Government of India from time to time.
- (xxiii) The UC with physical progress report and satellite photo with date and latitude-longitude coordinates before and after completion of work be obtained and uploaded on the website of the implementing agency as well as of the Ministry for public access.
- (xxiv) Evidence of deposit of TDS/Service Tax in case of contract payment and CST in case of leviable goods are obtained along with UC and compliance of DBT scheme has to be ensured.
- (xxv) In case of employment through contract, copy of PF & ESI of employees shall be furnished.
- (xxvi) UC is to be submitted as prescribed in GFR 19-A.
- (xxvii) 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.
- (xxviii) There should not be any overlapping of activities under the projects with the activities of ongoing schemes under CSS/CS/State Government Scheme.
- (xxix) The sanction order must mention measurable physical parameters and all measurable parameters are to be adhered to.
- (xxx) The fixed asset created out of this grant shall not be disposed off without concurrence of this Ministry.
- (xxxi) A separate bank account shall be opened for the purpose and the account shall be open for audit by Central Government or G&AG.
- (xxxii) All guidelines under the project is to be followed scrupulously.
- (xxxiii) The measurable outcome under the project (quantified) in terms of number of tigers in tiger reserve, eco-tourism in tiger reserve, %age decrease in man-animal conflict etc., may also be submitted in the progress report.

4. As the annual budget of the Scheme is approved by the Central Government, the Government of Mizoram 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 Mizoram 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. 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).

10. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 376/AS & FA dated 29.7.2016.

Yours faithfully,


(Sanjay Kumar)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Mizoram. 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 Mizoram.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Mizoram.
4. The Field Director, Dampa Tiger Reserve, Mizoram.
5. The IGF, NTCA Regional Office, Guwahati.
6. The Accountant General, Mizoram.
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)

ANNEXURE

**DAMPA TIGER RESERVE, MIZORAM
ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE YEAR 2016-17**

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No	Item	Para no. of CSSPT guideline	CURRENT YEAR 2016 - 17			GPS READING		Justification
			Location	Target		Latitude	Longitude	
				Phy	Fin.			
A	NON-RECURRING (CORE)							
1	ii) Purchase of Sintex Plastic water reservoir 2000 ltrs. For Anti-Poaching Camps	7.2.2.5	1) Mualvawm APC 2) Malpui APC 3) Tlangpui APC. 4) Teirei lui hnar	4	0.80	23°35'17.062" 23°43'21.461" 23°35'10.234" 23°41'21.095"	92°21'15.789" 92°21'11.552" 92°27'17.154" 92°27'8.148"	Water storage tank are highly essential in these remote APCs
2	iii) Barbed-wire fencing of prone area (Village area)	10.3.2.1	a) Phuldungsei village. b) Teirei village. c) Dampareng-pui village.	10+8+6 = 24 km.	3.60	23°29'14.40" 23°41'25.54" 23°42'59.07"	92°25'11.89" 92°27'04.72" 92°24'45.53"	Since the DTR Core starts from the villages roadside, there are some prone areas from where villagers enter for collection of MFPs. This could be stop by steel-wire fencing.
3	iv) Installation and providing Solar Light system in Anti-Poaching Camps	7.2.2.1.12	1) Tumkawn 2) Tuilut 3) Chikkha 4) Varihaw 5) Tlangpui 6) Malpui 7) Thaichang 8) Tuichar 9) Keisalam	10	3.50	23° 41'52.09" 23° 40'29.83" 23° 40' 29.98" 23° 31' 47.32" 23° 33' 13.07" 23° 42' 48.48" 23° 41'41.36" 23° 32' 29" 23°40'32"	92° 22'27.68" 92° 21'33.90" 92° 21' 33.92" 92° 25' 6.58" 92° 25' 42.61" 92° 21'19.47" 92° 20'48.18" 92°23' 29" 92°23' 29"	For the convinient of the Anti-Poaching Camp duties in a remote forest where Electricity Power supply is not possible.
4	v) Construction of Transit camp/Barrack for 25 to 30 persons capacity building.	7.2.2.1.5	1) Chikkha	1	12.00	23°40'32"	92°21'31"	This is required for effective protection by field staff
5	vi) Construction of fair-weather Road inside the core area	7.2.2.1.4 & 10.3.2.1	From Bamboo Hut gate to Tuichar chhuah	8 km	24.00	23°38'08"	92°21'31"-22'02"	This is required for facilitating mobilization

6	vii) Creation of grassland	7.2.2.3	Creation of grassland at:- 1) Chhawrpial tlang 2) Aivapui lui kam	100 ha	4.00	23°39'20.791" 23°25'44.43"	92°25'1.982" 92°22'15.68"	Majority of the core areas are covered by primary and secondary forest sporadically dominated by bamboo brakes due to which new creation and maintenance of open areas in the form of grassland are required in scattered manners within the core areas which will enhance availability of palatable food for various species of herbivores.	
7	viii) Development of water holes and salt lick for animals	7.2.2.3	a) Tuichar b) Hmarluang c) Khawkrawk d) Dampa tlang	4	0.80			Development of water holes and salt licks are highly essential to be provided in these areas.	
8	x) Construction of watch tower	7.2.2.5	1) At Chikha.	1	03.00	23° 39' 46.47" 23°40'29.84" 23°36'57.71"	92° 22' 1.24" 92° 21' 33.82" 92° 26' 59.43"	Watch Tower is important for the vigilant duty of Fire-watcher on dry season.	
					51.70				
NON BUFFER									
1	i) Deployment of Tiger Protection Force (anti-poaching squad) for protection duties for 12 months i.e. April/2016 to March/2017 - 170 Nos. @ Rs.8, 100/- permonth (Unskilled)	7.2.2.1.3	-	170 nos unskill daily wager	165.24	-	-	This is an on-going support received from NTCA. The wage rate as notified by the State Govt. of Mizoram is appended and attached herewith.	
2	ii) Purchase of Field equipments : 1) Havershock, 2) Uniform 3) Shoes, 4) Barret cap 5) Sleeping bag 6) Tent, 7) Winter jacket 8) Patrolling Utencils, 9) Raincoats	13.5	DTR	170 nos unskill daily wager @0.030	5.10	-	-	The park management needs field equipments from time to time.	
3	iv) Purchase of Engined boat (Boat Engine and dugout boat) for duty deployment of TPF on the Western boundary of DTR.	7.2.2.1	1) Silsuri Beats 2) Rajivnagar Beat	2	1.00	23°22'51.61" 23°43'8.514"	92°21'31.104" 92°18'19.315"	Two rivers viz. Selling and Saza lui (Tuipui) are navigable by engine boat which will serve a very useful purpose for rapid mobilization of the western border of the core areas particularly during rainy seasons of the year.	
4	v) Purchase of Ammunition for 12 bore SBBL @Rs100/- and .315 Rifle @Rs.130/-	7.2.2.1.8	Ammu for 1) 12 bore SBBL 2) .315 Rifle	50 nos 50 nos	0.11	-	-	Ammunitions are essential for arming frontline staff (Tiger Protection Force) on field duties.	
5	vi) Construction of Fr./Beat Officer Quarters @ Rs 10.00 Lakh.	7.2.2.1.12	1) Silsury Beat & 2) Rajiv nagar	2	20.00	23°42'17.093" 23°23'11.026"	92°19'53.058" 92°21'59.426"	Construction of these buildings are required for accommodating some regular staff to be posted at these spots	

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6	vii) Construction of Forest guard Qtr.	7.2.2.1.12	1)Silsury 2) Rajiv Nagar 2) Serhmun	3	24.00	23°42'17.093" 23°23'11.026" 23°45'42.33"	92°19'53.058" 92°21'59.426" 92°21'04.20"	Construction of the said Forest guard quarter are required for regular staff posted on these villages.
7	ix)Construction/erection of strong RCC Retaining wall/stone casing for diversion of Teirei river course (Boundary of core and buffer of DTR) and protection of Interpretation centre	7.2.2.5	Teirei Forest Complex	1	20.00	23°41'19.91"	92°27'02.71"	This retaining wall is highly essential to be constructed for the protection of Interpretation Centre against the turbulent flood of Teirei river running very close to this building. This valuable building may be damaged completely if strong protective structure is not constructed.
8	x) Construction of Training-cum-Lecture Hall at Phuldungsei	7.2.2.5	Construction of Training-cum-Lecture Hall at Phuldungsei	1	15.00	23°29'59.319"	92°25'6.976"	This item was already approved by NTCA during 2013-2014 which however was transferred from Phuldungsei to Teirei Range Complex. Therefore, Construction of this building is important for interpretation at the proper Phuldungsei for covering the southern side of DTR.
9	xi) New construction of Chowkider Quarter at DTR complex, W.Phaileng.	7.2.2.4	New construction of Office Chowkider Quarter at W.Phaileng.	1	6.50	23°42'58.185"	92°28'26.302"	Old Chowkider Qtr. is Assam Type structure which is completely damaged and unrepeatable. So new construction is required.
10	xii) Furnishing of Newly constructed FRH	7.2.2.4	FRH Phuldungsei	1	2.00	23°29'49.975"	92°25'6.667"	FRH Phuldungsei is newly constructed from TFC fund during 203-2014 and needs furnishing
11	xiii) Construction of Kitchen for FRH Phuldungsei	7.2.2.4	FRH Phuldungsei	1	3.00	23°29'49.975"	92°25'6.667"	Newly constructed FRH Phuldungsei does not have any space for cooking, dining, etc for the guest and hence construction of kitchen is essential.
12	xiv) Furnishing of newly constructed Interpretation Centre.	11.4	Teirei Forest Complex	1	2.00	-	-	The Interpretation is newly constructed which requires furnishing such as providing plastic chairs, tables, etc
13	xvi) Provision of Field staff ration for 80 persons @Rs.850/-pm for 12 months	7.2.2.1.12	DTR	Rs.850 /- for 80 nos. for 12 months	1.14	-	-	Out of 170 Wildlife guards 80 person were on APC duty on alternate week where field ration is essential. (16 APC 5 person per APC per week @Rs 850/-per month for 12 month)
14	xvii) High mast halogen light	7.2.2.1.12	1) Phuldungsei FRH 2) Teirei FRH	2	1.00	23° 30' 1.17" 23°41'23.23"	92° 25' 3.24" 92°27'02.90"	These two FRHs complex needs good light coverage at night.

6	vi) Study Tour of Staff	8.5	Study tour of staff to Kaziranga, Assam / Sepaijala NP/TrishnaWLS	40nos.	2.00	-	-	Officers and field staff exposure tour is a good opportunities to witness and assess management practices in other Tiger Reserve.
TOTAL RECURRING BUFFER					10.75			
TOTAL NON RECURRING (CORE+Buffer)					323.13			
TOTAL RECURRING (CORE+BUFFER)					12.45			
GRAND TOTAL					335.58			

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring (90%)	323.13	290.817
2.	Eco development		--
3.	Recurring (90%)	12.45	11.205
4.	Sub Total	335.58	302.022
5.	10% Flexi-fund (x/9)	37.286	33.558
6.	Total (X)	372.866	335.58
7.	Adjustment of balance of previous year 2015-16	34.0261	34.0261
8.	Grand Total	338.840	301.554

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share (including Flexi Fund)	A	372.866
Centre's share in APO (without Flexi Fund)	B	302.022
FF on Centre's share	C=B/9	33.558
Centre's share including FF	D=B+C	335.58
1 st release @ 80% of Centre's share	E=0.8*D	268.464
Less: Unspent balance FY 14-15	F	34.0261
Adjusted 1 st release including FF	G=E-F	234.438
2 nd release @ 20% of Centre's share	I=0.2*D	67.116
Total release towards APO in FY 15-16	J=(9/10)*(G+I)	271.399
Total release towards FF in FY 15-16	K=(1/10)*(G+I)	30.155
Grand total release in FY 15-16	L=G+I	301.554
Total effective release including USB	L+F	335.58
Effective release for APO activities	J+0.9*F	302.022
Effective release for FFs	K+0.1*F	33.558

* 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.

