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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
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Dated the 20<sup>th</sup> July, 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 Sahyadri Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra 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 Sahyadri Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra at the cost of **Rs. 469.366 Lakhs (Rupees Four hundred Sixty Nine Lakhs Thirty Six thousand Six hundred only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 164.551 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Maharashtra**. The remaining cost of the scheme will be treated as 60% Central Assistance by the Government of India and 40% assistance by the State Government of Maharashtra.

2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President to the payment and release of an amount of **Rs. 204.518 lakhs (Rupees Two hundred Four Lakhs Fifty One thousand Eight hundred only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Maharashtra 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 **Sahyadri 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 Maharashtra** 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 **Sahyadri 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 Maharashtra in respect of **Sahyadri Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2017.
  - (x) **Sahyadri 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 Maharashtra** 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 Maharashtra** to the **Govt. of India**.
  - (xiii) Government of Maharashtra in respect of **Sahyadri 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 **Sahyadri 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 (Sahyadri Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Maharashtra**.
  - (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) Satellite photo with date and latitude and longitude nodes after completion of work depicting the work carried out before and after the work.
- (xxiv) The UCs with photographs and progress report are to be uploaded in the website of the State Government and Ministry for public viewing.
- (xxv) Evidence of deposit of TDS/Service Tax in case of contract payment and CST in case of leviable goods are sent along with UC.
- (xxvi) In case of employment through contract, copy of PF & ESI of employees shall be furnished.
- (xxvii) UC is to be submitted as prescribed in GFR.
- (xxviii) 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.
- (xxix) There should not be any overlapping of activities under the projects with the activities of ongoing schemes under CSS/CS/State Government Scheme.
- (xxx) The sanction order must mention measurable physical parameters and all measurable parameters are to be adhered to.
- (xxxi) The fixed asset created out of this grant shall not be disposed off without concurrence of this Ministry.
- (xxxii) A separate bank account shall be opened for the purpose and the account shall be open for audit by Central Government or G&AG.
- (xxxiii) All guidelines under the project is to be followed scrupulously.
- (xxxiv) 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 Maharashtra 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.

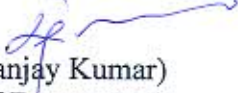
The flexi-fund will be utilized by the State Government as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, read with guidelines of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger in vogue, for utilisation in the tiger reserve.

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 Maharashtra 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. 380/AS & FA dated 15.7.2016.

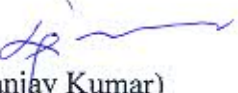
Yours faithfully,

  
(Sanjay Kumar)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

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

  
(Sanjay Kumar)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

**SAHYADRI TIGER RESERVE, MAHARASHTRA  
ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE YEAR 2016-17**

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Item	Para of Approved Plan	Previous F.Y.		Location	Current F.Y.		GPS	Justification
			Target	Achievement		Physical target	CSS Share		
1	2	3	7	8			11		
A	NON-RECURRING(CORE)60:40%								
I)	Antipoaching Activities	2.1Aand2.3of Security							
	Tiger Protection Force (4units each of 5) with local labourers) 6 Months	Plan	0	0	Chandoli N.P. & Koyana WLS	LS	9.6000		It is required for protection
II)	Project Allowances	13.4.1.2	9.596	6.336	Chandoli and Koyana Sanctuary and STR Office Staff				
1	Field Director-01					1X12X0.02	0.2400		
2	Divisional Forest Officer(DFO)-01					1x12x0.015	0.1800		
3	Assistant C.F.-03					3X12X0.013	0.4680		
4	Range Forest Officer-05					5X12X0.01	0.6000		
5	Forester-15					15X12X	1.6200		
6	Forest Guard-50					50X12X0.007	4.2000		Project Allowance proposed for Staff as per Govt. Notification (Staff is working in difficult conditions in remote areas )
7	Driver-02 , Launch Tandel01 , Launch Driver 01 Total 04					4X12X0.007	0.3360		
8	Ministerial Staff Class- III-15 (1-CA,3-A/C,9- Clerk,1- Stenotypist,1- Surveyor)					15x12x0.007	1.2600		
10	Ministerial Staff Class- IV-03 (3-Peon)					3x12x0.004	0.1440		
11	Vanmajoor-12					12x12x0.004	0.5760		
III)	Arrears of Project Allowances for the year 2015-16	13.4.1.2	0	0	Chandoli and Koyana Sanctuary and STR Office Staff				
1	Field Director-01					1X3X0.02	0.0600		
2	Divisional Forest Officer(DFO)-01					1x3x0.015	0.0450		
3	Assistant C.F.-03					3X3X0.013	0.1170		
4	Range Forest Officer-05					5X3X0.01	0.1500		
5	Forester-15					15X3X0.009	0.3600		
6	Forest Guard-50					50X3X0.007	1.0500		
7	Driver-02, Launch Tandel01, Launch					4X3X0.007	0.0840		

	Driver01Total04									
8	Ministerial Staff Class- III-15 (1-CA,3-A/C,9- Clerk,1- Stenotypist,1- Surveyor)					15x3x0.007	0.3150			
10	Ministerial Staff Class- IV-03 (3-Peon)					3x3x0.004	0.3600			
11	Vanmajoor-12					12x3x0.004	0.1440			
IV)	Ration Allowance for Core Staff 2016-17		7.54	5.027	Chandoli and Koyana Sanctuary Guards and Foresters					
i	a) Forester-15					0.00860 x15x12	1.5480		Ration Allowance proposed for Staff	
ii	b) Forest Guard-50					0.00860 x50x12	5.1600			
iii	c) Vanmajoor-8					0.00860 x8x12	0.8250			
V)	Arrears of Ration Allowance for the year 2015-16		0	0	Chandoli and Koyana Sanctuary Guards and Foresters					
i	a) Forester-15					0.00860 x7x3	0.1810			
ii	b) Forest Guard-50					0.00860 x25x3	0.6450			
iii	c) Vanmajoor-8					0.00860 x2x3	0.0510			
VI)	Construction of check dam one each in 20 Beats (Core)	7.2.2	0	0	Chandoli and Koyana Sanctuary	20@9.00	108.00	GPS given in Annexure-I	It is essential for soil and moisture conservation	
VII)	Construction of Gabbians of 2N o. each 38 Beats (Core)		0	0		30 @1.50	45.00	GPS given in Annexure-II		
VIII)	Construction of LBS of 20000 Cum in 38 beats		0	0		20000@0.026	52.00	GPS given in Annexure-III		
X)	Research Monitoring Animal recovery and prey base monitoring	9.1	0	0	STR	L.S.	1.0000		it is essential for animal recovery	
<b>Total of NON-RECURRING (CORE)</b>								<b>236.3190</b>		
<b>B. NON-RECURRING (BUFFER)</b>										
I)	Project Allowances	13.4.1.2								
i	Divisional Forest Officer-01		0	0	STR Unified Control After 19	1x12x0.01	0.1800			
i	Assistant Conservator Forests-01				Aug-15	1x12x0.01	0.1560			
i	Range Forest Officer-01					1x12x0.01	0.1200		Project Allowance proposed for Staff as per Govt. Notification	

ii	Forester-03					03x12x0.009	0.3240		
iii	ForestGuard-21					21x12x0.007	1.7640		(Staff is working in difficult conditions in remote areas)
iv	Ministerial Staff Class- III-02Actt.					2x12x0.007	0.1680		
v	VanMajoor-12					12x12x0.004	0.5760		
II)	Arrears of Project Allowances for the year 2015-16	13.4.1.2							
i	DivisionalForestOfficer-01		0	0	STRUnifiedControlAfter19	0			
i	AssistantConservatorForests-01				Aug-15	0			
i	RangeForestOfficer-01					1x7x0.01	0.0700		
ii	Forester-03					03x7x0.009	0.1890		
iii	ForestGuard-21					21x7x0.007	1.0290		
v	Ministerial Staff Class- III-02Actt.					2x7x0.007	0.0980		
vi	VanMajoor-12					12x7x0.004	0.3360		
III)	Monitoring of Wildlife								
a	Implementation of M-STripES								
i)	Equipment-GPS/Hejjeetc Softwares	9.2ofCorePlan	10	6.29	STR	lumpsum	5.0000		*
iii)	computer: 1laptopforeachRFO					5@ 0.40	2.0000		Essential for monitoring and protection
iv)	M-STripES Booklet printing					lumpsum	0.5000		
IV)	Development Activities for Co-existence In Buffer Zone	8.3ofBufferPlan							
1)	Organising workshops for sensitizing local Villages in buffer area		0	0	Buffer area	4Workshops	1.0000		for training activities
V)	Purchaseofcameratraps, batterie sandmemorycardformonitoring ofthetigers	9.1ofCorePlan	50	38	Core Area	25@0.15	3.7500		It is essential for wildlife monitoring
VI)	Habitat Management in Buffer								
i)	ConstructionofGabbianoflNo each								
	5Beat(Buffer)	7.2.1.7ofBufferPlan							It is essential for soil and moisture
ii)	ConstructionofLBSof500cum each21		0	0		500@0.0026	1.3000		conservation
	Beat(Buffer)								

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VII)	Ecotourism interpretation and nature education		0	0		Chandoli and Koyna	3.0000		For Development of tourism
		<b>Non-Recurring(Buffer)</b>					<b>21.5600</b>		
		<b>Non-Recurring(Core+Buffer)</b>					<b>257.8790</b>		
C	<b>RECURRING(CORE)</b>								
1	Wireless communication network Royalty	Chapter4ofSecurityPlan	4	4	Koyana WLS Chandoli NP	1Network	3.0000		It is essential for communication and protection
	To Govt. of India								
2	Wagesforwirelessoperator5Stations3					5x3x5 =75@0.08	6.0000		
	personeach@0.08/-permonth								
3	Maintenance and repair to wireless sets					LS	1.0000		It is essential for communication and protection
	Annual Maintenance								
4	Wagesforlabourersengagedinprotectionhuts2persononeach38camp=76person	7.2.2ofCorePlan				38beatx2 personx12 months x0.08	72.9600		It is required for protection
	(2X12x38x0.08/-)								
					Koyana WLS Chandoli NP				
5	Wages for check Naka labours	Chapter2ofSecurityPlan	44.928	39.58		4check nakax3personx12 monthx0.08	11.5200		It is required for protection
6	MaintainanceofProtectionHuts/Checkpostsetc.Rs.0.25perPH/CP.8eachyear	1.14	2	2	STR	Rs.0.25perPH/CP	2.0000		it is essential for maintain old buildings
						8eachyear			
7	Maintenance/repair of vehicles and boats								
	a)PetrolVehicle-1		6	5.337	STR	Petrol-1	1.0000		It is essential for petrolling & protection
	Diesel Vehicles - 8 15					Diesel-8	2.0000		
	MotorBoat-7					Motor boat-7	2.0000		
8	Firelines cutting and burring	Chapter3ofSecurityPlan							
	A'Class(45Km)		0	0	STR	45Kmx8mdx300perday	1.0800		It is essential for protection
	B'Class(110km)		3.22	3.22		110Kmx4.42mdx300perday	1.4590		
9	Habitat Management								
i	Removaloflantana,Parthenium andotherinvasiveweedsfromthe infestedareaofcoreareapart75ha @0.10lakhsperha.		0	0	Chandoli NP	5ha.@10 MDperha.	2.2500		It is essential for Habitat Improvement
ii	Removal of unwanted scrubs from meadow area	7.2.1ofCore	8.1	8.1	Chandoli NP Koyana WLS	200ha.@10MD perha.	6.0000		It is essential for Habitat Improvement



iii	Cutting of alternate strips in grassland in 2 Ha per beat(38beat)	Plan	0	0		76Ha.@10MDper ha.	2.2800		It is essential for Habitat Improvement
10	Water Augmentation work								
	A)Maintenance of existing waterholes		1	1	ChandoliNPKoyanaWLS	50Water holesat rate0.04each	2.0000		It is essential for water conservation and water sources for wild animals for Wildlife population estimation
	B)New Water Creations		2	2		15 No.@0.80	12.0000		
11	Strengthening of VHF	Chapter4ofSecurityPlan	5	0		LS.	3.0000		
12	Wildlife Population estimation	Chapter9ofCorePlan	0.5	0.5	Rs.0.501aceach range	2.0000			
<b>Total of RECURRING (CORE)</b>								<b>133.5490</b>	
D	<b>RECURRING(Buffer)</b>								
1	Wages for labourers engaged in protection huts1persononeeach21camp=21person(1X12x21x0.08/-)	Chapter4ofSecurityPlan	0			21 beatx1personx12 monthsx0.08	20.150		It is required for protection
2	Wages for check Naka labours		0	0		4check nakax4personx8 monthx0.08	1.2400		
3	Maintenance/repair of vehicles and boats								It is essential for patrolling & protection
	a)PetrolVehicle-0		0	0		Petrol-0	0.0000		
	Diesel Vehicles - 4 4		0	0		Diesel-4	2.2000		
	MotorBoat-0	1.14	0	0		Motorboat-0	0.0000		
	b)Motorcycles0		0	0					
4	Firelines cutting and burring				Buffer Area of STR				It is essential for protection
	A'Class(40Km)	Chapter3ofSecurityPlan	0	0		40Kmx8mdx300perday	0.9600		
	B'Class(100km)		0	0		100Kmx2x4.42mdx300perday	2.6520		
5	Habitat Management								It is essential for habitat Improvement
	Removaloflantana,Parthenium andotherinvasiveweedsfromthe infestedareaofcoreareapart40ha @0.10lakhspersha.		0	0		0ha.@10MDperha.	1.2000		
6	Water Augmentation work	6.3.4and							

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	A) Maintenance of existing waterholes	7.2.1.1 of Buffer Plan	0	0	40 Waterholes at rate 0.04 each	1.6000	It is essential for water conservation and water sources for wild animals  for Wildlife population estimation
7	Wildlife Population estimation	Chapter 10 of Buffer Plan	0	0	Rs. 16 each	1.0000	
<b>Total of RECURRING (Buffer)</b>						<b>31.0020</b>	
<b>Total Recurring (Core+Buffer)</b>						<b>164.5510</b>	
<b>Grand Total (Non-Recurring+Recurring)</b>						<b>422.4300</b>	

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring (60%)	257.879	154.727
2.	Eco development (60%)	--	--
3.	Recurring (50%)	164.551	82.276
4.	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>422.430</b>	<b>237.003</b>
5.	10% Flexi-fund (x/9)	46.936	26.333
6.	<b>Total (X)</b>	<b>469.366</b>	<b>263.336</b>
7.	Adjustment of balance of previous year 2015-16 including amount to be adjusted due to revised funding pattern (Nil+ 6.151)	6.151	6.151
8.	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>463.215</b>	<b>257.185</b>

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share (including Flexi Fund)	A	469.366
Centre's share in APO (without Flexi Fund)	B	237.003
FF on Centre's share	C=B/9	26.333
Centre's share including FF	D=B+C	263.336
1 <sup>st</sup> release @ 80% of Centre's share	E=0.8*D	210.669
Less: Unspent balance FY 15-16 including amount to be adjusted due to revised funding pattern	F	6.151
Adjusted 1 <sup>st</sup> release including FF	G=E-F	204.518
2 <sup>nd</sup> release @ 20% of Centre's share	I=0.2*D	52.667
Total release towards APO in FY 16-17	J=(9/10)*(G+I)	231.467
Total release towards FF in FY 16-17	K=(1/10)*(G+I)	25.718
Grand total release in FY 16-17	L=G+I	257.185
Total effective release including USB	L+F	263.336
Effective release for APO activities	J+0.9*F	237.003
Effective release for FFs	K+0.1*F	26.333

\* 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.