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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
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**Dated the 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

To,  
**The 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 Achanakmar Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh during 2017-18.**

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme 'Project Tiger' in Achanakmar Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh at the cost of **Rs. 587.776 Lakhs (Rupees Five hundred Eighty Seven Lakhs Seventy Seven thousand Six hundred only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 521.408 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 60% Central Assistance by the Government of India and 40% assistance by the State Government of Chhattisgarh.

2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President to the payment and release of an amount of **Rs. 182.941 lakhs (Rupees One hundred Eighty Two Lakhs Ninety Four thousand One hundred only)** to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Chhattisgarh during the current financial year 2017-18. 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 2017, 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 230 (1) 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 **Achanakmar 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 230 (12) (I).
- (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 **Achanakmar 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 **Achanakmar Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2018.
  - (x) **Achanakmar 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 2017-18 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by **Government of Chhattisgarh** to the **Govt. of India**.
  - (xiii) Government of Chhattisgarh in respect of **Achanakmar Tiger Reserve** will maintain a separate account and will present their annual accounts in the standard format as required under GFR 230 (5).
  - (xiv) Grants-in-aid shall be utilized for **Achanakmar 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 (Achanakmar 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 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) The expenditure is incurred as per the allocation of funds.
  - (xxii) Payments are made by bank transfer and no cash payment is to be made.



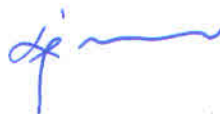
- (xxiii) GFR is followed by implementing agency alongwith the economic instructions issued by Government of India from time to time.
- (xxiv) Satellite photo with date and latitude and longitude nodes after completion of work depicting the work carried out before and after the work.
- (xxv) Evidence 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 contributions of employees shall be obtained wherever applicable.
- (xxvii) All measurable outcome of this grant must be mentioned in the sanction order and UC is to be submitted as prescribed in GFR 2017 – Form GFR 12-C.
- (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 UC with physical progress report and satellite photo with physical deliverable with date and latitude – longitude coordinates before and after completion of work be obtained of each tiger reserve and uploaded on the website of the implementing agency as well as the Ministry for public access.
- (xxxv) 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.
- (xxxvi) The UC shall be countersigned by the Admn. Secretary of the Forest Deptt. / Finance Secretary in terms of GFRs 2017 (Rule 239).

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 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 Chhattisgarh 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, 3601.06 – Centrally Sponsored Schemes (Sub Major Head), 3601.06.796-Tribal Area Sub Plan (Minor Head), 3601.06.796.02-Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats (Sub-Head), 3601.06.796.02.01-Project Tiger (Detailed Head), 3601.06.796.02.01.31- Grants-in-aid General for the year 2017-18 (Plan).

9. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 91815/AS&FA dated 22.09.2017.

Yours faithfully,



(Sanjay 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 2017-18 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, Achanakmar Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh.
5. The Accountant General, Chhattisgarh.
6. IGF/AIGF, NTCA Regional Office, Nagpur.
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.



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Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

**Annual Plan of Operation 2017-18**  
**Achanakmar Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh**

**ANNEXURE**

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. N.	Activity / Item	Para No. of CSS-PT Guidelines	Previous year (2016-17) sanctioned	Proposal for 2017-18				
				Location / Specification / Description	Physical Target	Unit price	Financial Target	GPS (Latitude / Longitude)
<b>A</b>	<b>NON-RECURRING (CORE)</b>							
<b>1</b>	<b>Staff Development</b>							
<b>a</b>	Providing project allowance and special incentives.	16.1.5	10.00	Providing Project Allowance and Special Incentives for Exemplary Workers / Staff		As per stipulated rate	10.00	
				Field Director- 1@2000/-				
				Dy. Director 1@1500/-				
				Asst. Director 2@1300/-				
				Ranger 7@1000/-				
				Dy. Ranger 8@900/-				
				Forester 17@900/-				
				Forest Guard 69@700/-				
				Choukidar 8@400/-				
				Driver 2@700/-				
				Wireless Operator 3@700/-				
				Assist. G-II -2 @700/-				
				Assist. G-II -4@700/-				
				Assist. G-I-2@400				
				Draftsmen 1@1000/-				
				Steno 1@700/-				
<b>b</b>	Providing Project allowance and Special Incentives	16.8.2	8.00	Food grain allowance for Field Staff (Forester & below) 94x12@860	94	860	9.70	
<b>3</b>	<b>Addressing man animal conflict</b>							
	Payment of compensation for Cattle Lifting, Death of Human Beings and Crop Depredation due to Wild Animal.	16.4.1		Payment of compensation for Cattle Lifting, Death of Human Beings and Crop Depredation due to Wild Animal buffer	1	3.00	3.00	
<b>4</b>	<b>Research and Field Equipment</b>							
	Phase-IV monitoring	16.7.1		Phase-IV monitoring		1.00	1.00	
<b>5</b>	<b>Strengthening of infrastructure</b>							
	Hardware, software, manpower, training gps.	16.2.28	8.00	Procurement of field data collection and 50	100	0.20	20.00	



	Seperate them			camera Traps for phase IV Monitoring and DGPS Survey to lay out Boundary and coupes in recently handed over buffer-camera					
<b>6</b>	<b>Anti-poaching</b>								
	Establishing of wireless network	16.1.7		Maintenance of Wireless hand set and fixset		2.24	2.244		
<b>7</b>	<b>Strengthening of Infrastructure</b>								
	Maintenance, Creation of Fire Lines and Fire Breaks			Fire Watcher per Beat 1 Person , four month (79X1X4=316) employment per unit Rs 7800	4	3.081	12.324		
<b>8</b>	<b>Staff Development</b>								
	Dissemination workshop	16.8.2		Training & workshop seminar Wildlife week	1	2.00	2.00		
<b>9</b>	<b>Eco-Development</b>								
	To carry out prophylactic immunization of cattle in and around Tiger Reserve.	4.5.1		To carry out prophylactic immunization of cattle in and around Tiger Reserve.	1	1.50	1.50		
<b>Total Non-Recurring (Core)</b>								<b>61.768</b>	
<b>B</b>	<b>Non-Recurring (Buffer)</b>								
<b>1</b>	<b>Strengthening</b>								
	Monitoring of wild animals	16.2.2	2.00	Office and field stationary and other logistics for monitoring of wild animals and Monitoring of habitat	1	1.00	1.00		
<b>2</b>	<b>Anti-poaching</b>								
	Establishing of wireless network			Procurement of Wireless handset and fixset 18 nos@20000	18	0.20	3.60		
<b>Total Non-Recurring (Buffer)</b>								<b>4.60</b>	
<b>C</b>	<b>Recurring (Core)</b>								
<b>1</b>	<b>Anti-poaching</b>								
<b>a</b>	Deployment of Anti-Poaching squads.	16.1.2	126.40	Employment of Local Force in 79 Beats 2 Person for 12 Month (Paidal Guard) per month Rs7800 salary	158	0.936	147.888		
<b>b</b>	Employment of Chowkidar, Semi Skilled .	16.1.4	56.00	Wages of casual workers (Semi Skilled)- Chowkidar 23, Barrier Helper 37, Patrolling camp 30, Watch tower 10, employment per unit Rs 7800	100	0.936	93.60		
<b>c</b>	Employment of mansoon patrolling Force	16.1.8	54.40	Wages of Casual Workers (Skilled) Wireless attendant 22, Driver 7, , Office attendant 5 empolyment per unit Rs 9230	34	1.107	37.658		

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				Employment of Mansoon Patrolling Force in 79 beats 2 Person for 04 Month per month Rs.7800salary	79	0.312	24.648		
d	Employment of Tiger Protection Force	16.1.20	16.00	Tiger Protection Force (TPF) Salary 20 Nos. Division level	20	0.936	18.72		
e	Employment of Special Tiger Protection Force 4	16.1.9	18.75	Four Range 5 daily wages STPF Employment per unit Rs7800 including day squash	16	1.122	14.98		
			1.40	Operation of 2 units each comprising of one ex-Army man/ Jawan/Gunman Supervisor Employment per unit Rs 15000 per month	2	1.80	3.60		
2	Strengthening of infrastructure								
a	Deployment of Globe positioning system (Computer operator )	16.2.17	9.60	Wages of 05 Computer Operator Rupees 14000 per month and 01 Assistant Programmer for GIS Cell Rupees 21000 per month as per norms of Forest Dept., Govt. of C.G.	6	2.66	10.92		
b	Procurement of vehicles	16.2.17	8.00	02 Bolero , 03 bolero camper, 03 Dagga , 01 Zypsy, 01 Scorpio 01, car, 01 Ambulance and 26 motor Cycles, maintenance of POL.		7.00	7.00		
<b>Total Recurring (Core)</b>								<b>359.014</b>	
D	Recurring (Buffer)								
1	Anti-Poaching								
a	Deployment of ex-army personnel and home guards.	16.1.11	16.00	Tiger Protection Force Salary 20 Nos. for 4 buffer ranges, employment per unit Rs 7800	20	0.936	18.72		
b	Maintenance field gear, night vision device.	16.1.22	28.00	Wages of casual worker (Skilled)- Wireless attendant 15, Driver 4, Office attendant 06, employment per unit Rs 9230	25	1.107	27.69		
c	Maintenance of arms and ammunition.	16.1.14	46.40	Employment of Local Force in 29 beats 2 person for 12 month (paidal Guard) ,employment per unit Rs 7800	58	0.936	54.28		
d	Maintenance of elephant squads.	16.1.16	51.20	Wages of casual worker (Semi- Skilled) Chowkidar 9 Barriar guard 48, Patrolling Camp 4, watch tower 2 ,employment per unit Rs 7800	64	0.936	59.904		

e	Maintenance of wireless network.	16.1.16	5.76	Employment of 1 ex-Amy man/Jawan/ Gunman and Supervisor 15000/- per month	1	1.80	1.80		
<b>Total Recurring (Buffer)</b>								162.394	

(Rs. In Lakhs)			
S.No	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring (60%)	66.368	39.821
2.	Recurring (50%)	521.408	260.704
6.	<b>Total</b>	<b>587.776</b>	<b>300.525</b>

(Rs. In Lakhs)		
Cost of APO including State's share	A	587.776
Centre's share in APO	B	300.525
1 <sup>st</sup> release @ 80% of Centre's share	$C=0.8*B$	240.42
Less: Unspent balance FY 16-17	D	57.479
Adjusted 1 <sup>st</sup> release	$E=C-D$	182.941
2 <sup>nd</sup> release @ 20% of Centre's share	$F=0.2*B$	60.105

\* 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.