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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
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Dated the 31st August, 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 Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra 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 Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra at the cost of **Rs. 989.745 Lakhs (Rupees Nine hundred Eighty Nine Lakhs Seventy Four thousand Five hundred only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 498.04 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. 433.948 lakhs (Rupees Four hundred Thirty Three Lakhs Ninety Four thousand Eight hundred only)** to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Maharashtra 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 **Tadoba-Andhari 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 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 **Tadoba-Andhari 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 **Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2018.
- (x) **Tadoba-Andhari 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 2017-18 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by **Government of Maharashtra** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Maharashtra in respect of **Tadoba-Andhari 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 **Tadoba-Andhari 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 (Tadoba-Andhari 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) 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.

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 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 Maharashtra under intimation to this Department.



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), 3601.06.101-Central Assistance / Share (Minor Head), 3601.06.101.02-Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats (Sub-Head), 02.01-Project Tiger (Detailed Head), 3601.06.101.02.01.31- 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. 89192/AS&FA dated 29.8.2017.


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 2017-18 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, Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra.
5. The Accountant General, Maharashtra.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
7. The IG/AIG, 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)

ANNEXURE

**TADOBA-ANDHARI TIGER RESERVE, MAHARASHTRA
ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE YEAR 2017-18**

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No	Activity / Item	Para No. of CSS-PT Guidelines	Previous year (2016-17) achievement	Proposal for 2017-18				
				Location	Physical Target	Unit price	Financial Target	GPS (Latitude / Longitude)
A	NON-RECURRING							
1	Raising Arming & Deploying STPF (Salary)							
a	ACF- Pay scale (15600-39100)	4.1	300.00	TATR	1		9.50	
b	RFO- Pay scale (9300-34800)				3		18.00	
c	FGs – Pay scale (5200-20200)				81		250.00	
d	Forest watchers – Pay scale (5200-20200)				27		75.00	
2	Establishment and maintenance of wireless network	4.1	12.00	TATR Buffer	9 Base station, 1 repeater station, 10 Vehical wireless set, 98 walky talky		9.00	Padmapur N-200329.7 E-0791850.1 Moharli N-201117.2 E-0792012.2 Tadoba N-201918.1 E-0791810.2 Khadsangi N-203019.7 E-0791601.3 Palasgaon N-202135.9 E-0792756.7 Karva N-201613.1 E-0792018.4 Shivni N-201800.4 E-0793227.2 Pangadi N-201106.2 E-0793346.3 Naleshwar N-201426.6 E-0793600.1 Mul N-200336.0 E-0794007.1 Soni Kuti Bedamath N-200549.5 E-07934228.5 Chandrapur N-195746.3 E-0791820.3
3	Wireless network Royalty and License Fee	4.1	2.50	TATR Core	Royalty & Lice. Fee		2.50	
4	Purchase of Camera Trap for buffer	4.2	9.25	TATR Buffer	100 Camera traps + accessories		19.50	
5	Purchase of Batteries for Cameras @500 Rs. Each.	4.2	0.75	TATR Buffer	Batteries 200 for Camera Traps		1.25	
6.	Staff deployment & Capacity building							
a	Project allowance to staff and officers	4.8	21.60	TATR Core	267 Employees		21.60	
b	Project allowance to staff and officers	4.8	2.26	TATR Office	27 Employee		2.26	

	Project allowance to staff and officers (year 2014-15) for buffer DFO-1, ACF-3, RFO-6, Forester-26, FGs 84 etc.	4.8 & AS per Gr.	18.63	TATR Buffer	244 Employees		18.48	
d	Training including study tour, field training, etc, for staff serving in core and buffer areas	4.8	1.50	TATR Core	3 training sessions		1.50	
		4.8	0.50	TATR Buffer	LS		0.50	
e	Wildlife week Special events celebration		0.5	TATR Core	1 event		1.00	
			0.50	TATR Buffer	LS		0.50	
7	Total Staff deployment & Capacity building							
8	Procurement of equipment							
a	Procurement of equipment to staff (shoes, haversack, fiber lathe, raincoat, etc)	4.10	2.00	TATR Core	108 STPF Employees		3.00	
		4.10	1.50	TATR Buffer	81 Employees		2.50	
b	Procurement of tranquilizing equipment drug, etc., to address human-wild animal conflicts around core area and buffer/corridor area	4.40	0.50	TATR Core	3 cages (1 trap, Tranquilar, Squeeze)		2.00	
			1.00	TATR Core & Buffer	LS		1.50	
				TATR Buffer	LS		1.50	
9	Staff Welfare							
a	Provision of ration allowance to the field staff.	4.8	25.00	TATR Core	230 Employee		23.74	
		4.8	11.75	TATR Buffer	201 Employee		20.75	
10	Strengthening of infrastructure within TR							
a	Purchase of camera traps for core	4.2	18.50	TATR Core	25 camera traps @ 1950		4.875	
b	Purchase of batteries for cameras, cell and memory cards (accessories for camera traps) @ Rs 1500 each	4.2	1.00	TATR Core	Accessories for camera traps		1.25	
TOTAL NON-RECURRING							491.705	
II	RECCURING							
	Anti-poaching measures							
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a	Establishment and maintenance of wireless network	4.1	3.00	Repeater Station - Tadoba, Base Station - Division Office Chandrapur & Navegaon	5 handset 13 base station 1 repeater station and maintenance		3.00	
				Khatoda base st				N20°16'37.3'' E79°20'16.3''
				Kolara base st				N20°23'41.0'' E79°21'45.6''
				Navegaon base st				N20°24'25.4'' E79°17'04.7''
				Katezari base st				N20°18'0.01'' E79°16'18.4''
				Khutwanda base st				N20°16'20.3'' E79°18'57.6''
				Karma base st				N20°16'19.1'' E79°25'30.9''
				Mohali base st				N20°11'31.2'' E79°20'5.8''

				Dewada base st				N20°08'12.8'' E79°22'04.8''
				Kolsa base st				N20°09'46.3'' E79°29'49.5''
				Pangdi base st				N20°10'59.5'' E79°33'27.6''
				Zari base st				N20°06'04.5'' E79°30'54.1''
				Botezari base st				N20°11'16.8'' E79°26'28.5''
				Dn. office base st				N19°58'28.8'' E79°19'07.9''
				Tadoba Repeater st				N20°19'54.3'' E79°17'50.0''
b	Patrolling camps 22 camps @ 2 labourers per camp for 12 months @ Rs. 9000/- per month for 12 month.	4.1	44.45		528 MM		47.52	
c	Patrolling camps 33 Camps @ 2 labours per camp for 12 months @ 8500/- per month	4.1	100.98	TATR Buffer	66×12 month =792 mam months		67.32	
d	Deployment of patrolling assistants to assist the local staff during patrolling. (34 beat guards, 10 foresters, 4 RFOs) - Engaging 48 local villagers @ Rs.9000 per month for 12 months	4.1	25.50	TATR Core	576 MM		51.84	
e	Patrolling assistants to accompany staff during patrolling engaging 52 local villagers on an average 12 month. @Rs. 309 /- per day	4.1	48.96	TATR Buffer	25X6 months 150 Man Months		50.12	
f	Deployment of 3 locals at 12 wireless base stations each @ 9000/- per month for 12 months	4.1	36.72	TATR Core	432 MM		38.88	
g	Deployment of 3 locals at 22 Gates and Barriers each @9000/- per month for 12 months	4.1	67.32	TATR Core	792 MM		71.28	
h	Gates & Barrier (6 Gate & barriers) - @ 3 labours per Gates & Barrier. Engaging 18 local villagers @Rs.8500/- per month for 12 months	4.1	45.90	TATR Buffer	18x12 months 270 man Months		18.36	
i	Deployment of 1 locals for 9 STPF vehicle each during patrolling in TATR @9500/- per month for 12 months	4.1		TATR Core	114 MM		10.26	
j	Deployment of 1 locals for 3 STPF RFO for carrying out their official work (Computer Operator) @9500/- per month for 12 months	4.1		TATR Core	36 MM		3.42	
k	Diesel / Petrol and maintenance of vehicles	4.2	19.00	TATR Core	26 Vehicle		20.00	
l	Diesel / Petrol and maintenance for vehicles 8 @2.30 Lakhs	4.2	8.00	TATR Buffer	LS		8.00	
m	Diesel / Petrol and maintenance of vehicles		2.00				2.00	
o	Helpers (3) for maintaining 2 + 2 elephants @ Rs 9000/- per month per person for 12 months		3.06	TATR Core	3		3.24	
p	Purchase of food, medicines and other items for 3 elephants @ Rs. 40000 per month for 12 months	4.1	3.60	TATR Core	3 Elephants Diet Charge		4.80	
12	Fire Protection							
a	Fire lines maintenance and deployment of fire watchers		64.00	TATR Core			70.00	

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Habitat management								
a	Wild animal monitoring in Buffer Area	8.3		TATR Buffer	LS		1.00	
b	Deepening of Forest Tank in Core area	4.3		TATR Core	6 Forest Tanks Botezari Talao No.1 Botezari Talao No.2 Sukadi Bodi Talao Palasgaon Talao Mahalgaon Talao Navegaon Talao		12.00	N20°11'12.3" E79°26'27.2" N20°11'26.1" E79°26'58.7" N20°11'29.0" E79°31'13.9" N20°16'52.6" E79°21'26.6" N20°09'50.1" E79°22'22.7" N20°24'5.4" E79°17'4.7"
14	Strengthening of infrastructure							
	Maintenance of road network for patrolling within TATR core area (Metal road 45 km, murrum road 100 km, earthen road 126 km total 271 km) @10000/ km	4.2	27.00	TATR Core	271 km		15.00	
TOTAL RECURRING							498.04	
GRAND TOTAL							989.745	

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S.No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring (60%)	491.705	295.023
2.	Recurring (50%)	498.04	249.02
	Total	989.745	544.043

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share	A	989.745
Centre's share in APO	B	544.043
1 st release @ 80% of Centre's share	C=0.8*B	435.234
Less: Unspent balance FY 16-17	D	01.286
Adjusted 1 st release including FF	E=B-C	433.948
2 nd release @ 20% of Centre's share	F=0.2*B	108.809

* 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.