

**No. 4-1(20)/2018-PT**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
Project Tiger Division

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**Dated the 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2019**

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 Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal during 2018-19 – reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme 'Project Tiger' in Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal at the cost of **Rs. 223.48 Lakhs (Rupees Two hundred Twenty Three lakhs Forty Eight thousand only)** as per details given in the table at Annexure. Of the total cost of the Scheme, **Rs. 109.87 Lakhs (Rupees One hundred Nine lakhs Eighty Seven thousand only)** being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India and Government of West Bengal**. 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 West Bengal.

2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President to the payment and release of an amount of **Rs. 48.44 lakhs (Rupees Forty Eight lakhs Forty Four thousand only)** as the 1<sup>st</sup> installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of West Bengal during the current financial year 2018-19. 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 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 **Buxa Tiger Reserve** under the Project Tiger Scheme are not higher than those applicable to similar categories of

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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 West Bengal** 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 **Buxa 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 Utilization Certificate against the earlier funds released under Grants-in-aid have been received and accepted by the competent authority.
- (ix) Government of West Bengal in respect of **Buxa Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report on or before 31.3.2019.
- (x) **Buxa 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 West Bengal** 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 2018-19 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by **Government of West Bengal** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of West Bengal in respect of **Buxa 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 **Buxa Tiger Reserve** strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, acting through the National Tiger Conservation Authority, Field Director (**Buxa Tiger Reserve**) and **Government of West Bengal**.
- (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) **Funds for POL / maintenance of vehicles would be admissible only for the vehicles purchased from CSS funds.**
- (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.

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- (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 C&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) **All labour payments strictly by DBT.**
- (xxxvii) **Tiger Reserve is to ensure that the stock register is to be maintained.**
- (xxxviii) **DBT is followed strictly and a compliance report may be furnished by Tiger Reserve.**
- (xxxix) **Tiger Reserve has to ensure that M&E is carried out by a third party and its outcome is to be apprised.**

4. As the annual budget of the Scheme is approved by the Central Government, the Government of West Bengal 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 of National Tiger Conservation Authority should 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.

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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 West Bengal under intimation to this Department.

8. The expenditure incurred is adjustable to the Demand No. 27 (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change) under the following heads during the Financial Year 2018-19 :

Scheme	Budget Head	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger	3601.06.101.02.01.31	48.44
<b>Total</b>		<b>48.44</b>

9. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 112781/AS&FA (PG) dated 3.1.2019.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Nishant Verma)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of West Bengal. A copy of the detailed sanction letter issued by the State Government in respect of this scheme for 2018-19 may kindly be furnished to this Ministry immediately.
2. The Secretary (Finance), Govt. of West Bengal.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of West Bengal.
4. The Field Director, Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal.
5. The Accountant General, West Bengal.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
7. The NTCA Regional Office, Guwahati.
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)

**BUXA TIGER RESERVE, WEST BENGAL**  
**ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION 2018-19**

(Rs. in lakhs)

## Non-Recurring (Core + Buffer)

Activity	Item	Para No. CSS PT Guidelines	Para No. TCP	Amount released PFY	Current Financial Year			GPS	Justification	
					No. of Items (Physical Target)	Sub-item Details	Unit Price (Rs.)			
Mainstreaming wildlife concerns	Buffer Area: Anti-poaching operations.	16.10.1.4	13.1	0.0	14.00	14.000 Special anti-poaching operation during holi & monsoon. * 55000.000 = 770000.000	55000.000	7.70	Special anti-poaching operation during holi & monsoon season by engaging laborer & SSB personnel	
Mainstreaming wildlife concerns	Buffer Area: Redressing man-animal conflict.	16.10.1.1	7.2.1.4	13.5	20.00	20.000 Hiring of vehicle for recovery of strayed animal, Miking, Capturing strayed animal etc. * 75000.00 = 1500000.00	75000.00	15.00	Hiring of vehicle for recovery of strayed animal, Miking, Capturing strayed animal etc.	
Eco-Development	Buffer Area: To carry out prophylactic immunization of cattle in and around Tiger Reserve.	16.10	11.5	1.80	6000.00	6000.000 Immunization of cattle in forest fringe villages. * 33.000 = 198000.000	33.000	1.98	Immunization of cattle in forest fringe villages to facilitate wildlife health monitoring.	
Strengthening	Core Area: Construction of (patrolling camp, culverts).	16.2.1	Part-5.B(IV), Page 3	2.0	10.00	10.000 Construction of hume pipe/box culverts in the strategic locations. BTR(W) BTR(E) * 100000.000 = 1000000.000	100000.00	10.00	To restore the arterial patrolling roads to all season mobility for effective patrolling and anti-poaching duties	
Strengthening	Core Area: Construction of (staff quarters, family hostels, office improvement, house keeping buildings, museum).	16.2.1	7.2.2.1	50.00	1.00	1.000 Construction of enclosure (1 to 1.5 ha appx) in connection with Tiger Augmentation Programme as approved by NTCA. @4500000 OFDs and FDs Office at Alipurduar thorough maintenance -@500000 Enclosure for dog squad house with chain link fence and gate including maintenance-@500000 * 5500000.000 = 5500000.000	5500000.00	55.00	26.55, 89.73 26.66, 89.61 26.65, 89.61 26.63, 89.61 26.68, 89.61 26.65, 89.55 26.75, 89.51 26.58, 89.63 26.60, 89.55 26.58, 89.58 26.55, 89.56	Tiger Augmentation programme in BTR will be implemented as approved by NTCA for which an enclosure will be set up to house translocated Tiger/Tigress from adjoining landscape. The design & specification of the enclosure will be in terms of WIU/Dehradun recommendation. Additional amount if required will be met out with state funds.
Strengthening	Core Area: Creation of earthen ponds.	16.2.7	7.2.1	3.0	4.00	4.000 Construction of earthen pond inside forest (I) ERVK Range, Pan-5 comp, BTRW Divn * 150000.000 = 600000.000	150000.00	6.00	Construction of earthen pond inside forest to facilitate drinking water supply to wildlife during lean season GPS : 26.7, 89.58 26.6, 89.46	
Strengthening	Core Area: Establishing Monitoring system for Tigers Intensive protection and Ecological Status (M-Stripes) monitoring.	16.2.14	9.2	0.0	2.00	2.000 Conducting Phase -IV protocol including herbivore * 200000.000 = 400000.000	200000.00	4.00	Conducting Phase -IV protocol including herbivore census, vegetation status, bio-tic interference.	
Strengthening	Core Area: Procurement of Hardware.	16.2.10	10.2	2.0	77.00	77.000 Procurement of Android phone-70 nos, Photocopier, Desktop PC-2, Printer-2, UPS-2 etc * 250000.00	8827.00	8.68	Android phones, Photocopier, Desktop PC, Printer, UPS etc will be procured to facilitate implementation of	

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						70 no. of Android phones @ 8827=617890				MsTRIPES protocol
						1 nos of photocopy, desktop pos-2, printer-2 Ups-2 @250000=250000				
Staff Development	Core Area: Dissemination workshops.	16.8.6	8.5	2.0	5.00	5.000 Conducting workshop on Tiger augmentation programme, stakeholders meeting, census of prey and predator, man animal conflict etc * 75000.000 = 375000.000	75000.000	3.75		Conducting workshop on Tiger augmentation programme, stakeholders meeting, census of prey and predator, man animal conflict etc.
Staff Development	Core Area: Study tours for appraisal of good practices in other reserves.	16.8.5	8.4.3	1.0	2.00	2.000 Study tour for Officers and field staff in nearby TR areas * 75000.000 = 150000.000	75000.000	1.50		to gain experience on management of PAs and tiger reserves
	<b>Total (Non-Recurring):</b>							<b>113.61</b>		

**Recurring (Core + Buffer)**

(Rs. in lakhs)

Activity	Item	Para No. CSS PT Guidelines	Para No. TCP	Amount released PFY	Current Financial Year			GPS	Justification
					No. of Items (Physical Target)	Sub-Item Details	Unit Price (Rs.)		
Strengthening	Buffer Area: Maintenance of vehicles (Gypsy, Jeep, Truck, Tractor, staff car etc.).	16.2.8	Part-5,B	5.50	10.00	10.000 Maintenance of vehicle for conducting anti-poaching duty, Special raid programme, night patrolling, Forest patrolling, including staff cars etc to protect forests and wildlife through the year. * 30000.000 = 300000.000	30000.000	3.00	For strengthening anti-poaching duty, Forest patrolling, monitoring wildlife movements etc.
Strengthening	Buffer Area: Procurement of compass, range finder, Global Positioning System (GPS), camera traps.	16.2.11	12.2	12.00	100.00	100.000 Procurement of camera for trapping (Cuddeback) including battery, SD card etc * 22000.000 = 2200000.000	22000.000	22.00	Trap camera, battery procurement to facilitate Phase-IV monitoring.
Strengthening	Buffer Area: Upgradation of road network.	16.2.2	Part-5 J(iii)	0.0	50.00	50.000 Repairing and maintenance of existing road network. * 44000.000 = 4400000.000	44000.000	22.00	GPS locations are provided in Annexure-I Repairing and maintenance of existing road network to facilitate vehicle & Staff movement.
Strengthening	Core Area: Maintenance of bridges.	16.2.5	Part-5,J(iii) Page-3	4.50	9.00	9.000 Maintenance of existing wooden bridge * 55000.000 = 495000.000	55000.000	4.95	26.53, 89.73 26.58, 89.71 26.56, 89.85 26.55, 89.55 26.55, 89.58 26.61, 89.51 26.61, 89.51 26.58, 89.43 26.60, 89.45 26.55, 89.55 26.61, 89.51 26.62, 89.55 These wooden bridges are to be maintained in order to facilitate better communication and post release monitoring of Tiger
Strengthening	Core Area: Maintenance of earthen ponds.	16.2.7	7.2.1.1.3	7.00	10.00	10.000 (i) Maintenance existing water hole (including maintenance of tankers) by way of removing algal growth, de-silting, leakage sealing etc. BTR E Division - 5 nos, BTRW-5 nos * 30000.000 = 300000.000	30000.000	3.00	26.61, 89.58 26.66, 89.60 26.66, 89.60 26.66, 89.58 26.63, 89.58 26.61, 89.61 26.61, 89.65 26.75, 89.50 26.71, 89.51 26.61, 89.55 Desilting of existing including leakage repair of water holes is, procurement of water tanker etc essential to ensure water supply during lean period.
Strengthening	Core Area: Maintenance of fire lines and firebreaks.	16.2.6	7.2.2.3a)	3.39	200.00	200.000 Up keeping, cleaning and creation of fire line @ 15 mds/km i.e. 1500 mds *	3510.00	7.02	GPS locations are provided in Annexure-I Maintenance of fire lines to improve the habitat quality, strengthening

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						3510.000 = 702.000				grassland management.
Strengthening	Core Area: Maintenance of kuccha roads	16.2.2	Part-5, J(iii) Page-3	6.0	30.00	30.000 Maintenance of kuccha roads, patrolling paths etc * 25000.000 = 750000.000	25000.000	7.50	GPS locations are provided in Annexure-I	For easy access of movement during monsoon as well as to facilitate wildlife monitoring.
Strengthening	Core Area: Maintenance of road network.	16.2.2	Part-5, J(iii) Page-3	7.50	30.00	30.000 Cost of maintenance of existing road, patrolling path etc. * 25000.000 = 750000.000	25000.000	7.50	GPS locations are provided in Annexure-I	Maintenance of forest road to facilitate vehicular patrolling.
Mainstreaming wildlife concerns	Core Area: Habitat improvement measures.	16.10.1.5	7.2.1.1.2	5.65	92.00	20.000 Creation of Grassland-20 ha; BTR(W) WRVK Range BTR(E) Jainti Range * 25000.000 = 500000.000  20.000 1st year maint. of grassland plantation: 20 ha (i) South Raidak Range, South Raik Beat, SRD-3 Complt, BTRE Division-10 ha (ii) Nimati Range, Nimati West, NMT-3 complt, BTRW Divn-10ha * 9000.000 = 180000.000  50.000 2nd year maint. of grassland plantation: 50 South Raidak Range, South Raik Beat, SRD-5 Complt, BTRE Division-18 ha, SRD - 7- 7 ha BTR(W) - Nimati Range, Nimati West, NMT-3 -25 * 7910.000 = 395500.000  2.000 Fodder species nursery plantation: 50 South Raidak Range, South Raik Beat, SRD-5 Complt, BTRE Division-18 ha, SRD - 7- 7 ha BTR(W) - Nimati Range, Nimati West, NMT-3 -25 * 35000.000 = 700000.000	25000.000  9000.000 7910.000 350000.00	17.75	26.57, 89.75 26.62, 89.45 26.57, 89.75 26.62, 89.45 26.55, 89.75 26.63, 89.45 26.65, 89.55 26.55, 89.75 26.63, 89.45	Creation of Grassland to improve habitat for herbivores.  1st year grass land maintenance.  2nd year grass land maintenance Creation of permanent nursery for fodder species one each in BTR(E) & BTR(W)  2nd year grass land maintenance Creation of permanent nursery for fodder species one each in BTR(E) & BTR(W)
Staff Development	Core Area: Capacity building and training.	16.8.1	8.4.1	0.0	2.00	2.000 Conducting training for front line staff * 30000.000 = 60000.000	30000.000	0.60		Conducting training for front line staff on Tiger Augmentation programme, Tiger and co-predator estimation, herbivore estimation, WL management etc.
Staff welfare	Core Area: Maintenance of torch/ batteries	16.16	8.5.1	0.0	100.00	100.000 procurement of Torchlight for staff * 550.000 = 55000.000	550.000	0.55		Procurement of Torchlight for staff to facilitate night patrolling and safety measures.
Habitat Improvement	Core Area: Grass land improvement, wetland improvement	16.3	7.2.1.1.2	0.0	100.00	100.000 Cut-burn of older grassland-200ha (i) Nimati Range, NMT-3 complt, BTR-W Division-25ha, (ii) WRVK, SRVK2 & 3 complt, BTR-W Division-25ha (iii) SRD Range, SRD-3,4 & 5 complt, BTRE-30ha, (iv) JNT Range, JNT-7 & 8 complt, BTRE-20ha * 5500.000 = 550000.000	5500.000	5.50	26.61, 89.46 26.65, 89.55 26.56, 89.75 26.61, 89.63 26.63, 89.45	Cut-burn of older grassland as habitat improvement measure to increase herbivore population
Habitat Improvement	Core Area: Removal of gregarious plant growth from grasslands	16.3	7.2.1.1.2	0.0	50.00	50.000 Removal of gregarious plant growth from grasslands * 4500.000 = 225000.000	4500.000	2.25	26.63, 89.53 26.56, 89.75 26.61, 89.63 26.61, 89.46 26.63, 89.55	Removal of gregarious plant growth from grasslands to improve grassland quality.

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Habitat Improvement	Core Area: Weed eradication	16.3	7.2.1.1.2	0.0	50.00	50.000 Eradication of obnoxious weed, invasive species to improve habitat for herbivores 50 mds per ha @ Rs 226 per mds (i) WRVK Range, SRVK-2 compt, BTRW Divn-25 ha (ii) SRD Range, SRD-3 & 5 compt, BTRE-15ha (iv) JNT Range, JNT-7 & 8 compt, BTRE-10ha * 12500.000 = 625000.000	12500.000	6.25	26.63, 89.53 26.56, 89.75 26.61, 89.63 26.60, 89.58 26.55, 89.56 26.61, 89.65 26.56, 89.55	For improvement of habitat quality for herbivores.
Total (Recurring):								109.87		

(Rs. In lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non-Recurring (60%)	113.61	68.165
2	Recurring (50%)	109.87	54.935
	<b>Total</b>	<b>223.48</b>	<b>123.10</b>

(Rs. In lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share	A	223.48
Center's share in APO	B	123.10
1 <sup>st</sup> release @ 80% of Center's share	C=0.8*B	98.48
Less: Unspent balance FY 2017-18	D	50.04
Adjusted 1 <sup>st</sup> release	E=C-D	48.44
2 <sup>nd</sup> release @20% of Center's share	F=0.2*B	24.62

\* Eco development 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 Tiger Reserves and the local people.

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