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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Project Tiger Division

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Dated the 7th 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 Dampa Tiger Reserve, Mizoram during 2018-19 –reg.**

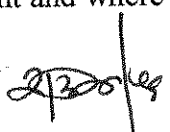
Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme 'Project Tiger' in Dampa Tiger Reserve, Mizoram at the cost of **Rs. 149.38 Lakhs (Rupees One hundred Forty Nine lakhs Thirty Eight thousand only)** as per details given in the table at Annexure. Of the total cost of the Scheme, **Rs. 42.80 Lakhs (Rupees Forty Two lakhs Eighty thousand only)** being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 90:10 basis by the **Government of India** and **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. 134.442 lakhs (Rupees One hundred Thirty Four lakhs Forty Four thousand Two hundred only)** as the total of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Mizoram during the current financial year 2018-19.

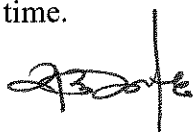
3. The grants-in-aid will be regulated in accordance with the provisions contained in the memorandum of the Centrally Sponsored Project Tiger Scheme. The Grants-in-Aid is also subject to the Chapter 9 of the General Financial Rules 2017, as amended from time to time, read with the Government of India's 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 **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 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 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 Utilization 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 on or before 31.3.2019.
- (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 2018-19 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 230(5).
- (xiv) Grants-in-aid shall be utilized for **Dampa 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 (**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) **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.
- (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.**

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.

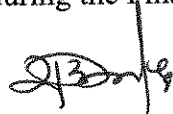
5. The payment sanctioned above is provisional and is subject to the adjustment on the basis of the audited figures of expenditure. Other terms and conditions of the payment are as under:

- (a) The grant is in accordance with the pattern of financial assistance approved by the 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.

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 Mizoram 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 (Gen)	134.442
Total		134.442

9. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 112710/AS&FA (PG) dated 02.01.2019.

Yours faithfully,


(Raja Ram Singh)

Assistant 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 2018-19 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 Accountant General, Mizoram.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
7. IGF, NTCA Regional Office, Guwahati.
8. Forest Finance Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
9. Plan Finance Division (PF-II), Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
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(Raja Ram Singh)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (PT)

DAMPA TIGER RESERVE, MIZORAM
ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION 2018-19

Non-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: Construction of Foresters Quarters	16.2.1	7.2.2.5	0.0	3.00	3.000 Construction of staff quarters at Lallen, Damparengpui & Teirei * 500000.000 = 1500000.000	500000.000	15.00	23.62, 92.46 23.71, 92.41 23.68, 92.45	Existing staff quarters constructed in 1980s are in dilapidated condition hence new construction is required. The plinth area is 10 m x 5 m = 50 sq metre each.
Mainstreaming wildlife concerns	Buffer Area: Anti-poaching operations.	16.10.1.4	10.3.2.3	0.0	1.00	1.000 Special operation/surprise raids by mobilizing local Police and NGOs * 400000.000 = 400000.000	400000.000	4.00		Organizing special operation by involving local police and NGOs is required
Strengthening	Core Area: Construction of (patrolling camp, culverts).	16.2.1	7.2.2.5	0.0	5.00	5.000 Construction of antipoaching camps at a) Ramrilui hnar, b) Sengmataawk, c) Gunda lui, d) Kikawn e) Zawnglo lui * 250000.000 = 1250000.000	250000.000	12.50	23.78, 92.35 23.71, 92.38 23.75, 92.34 23.71, 92.36 23.74, 92.34	5 nos of anti-poaching camps sanctioned in 2017-18 were not constructed due to non-release of 2nd instalment.
Strengthening	Core Area: Construction of Foresters Quarters	16.2.1	7.2.2.5	0.0	76.00	76.000 Construction of approach step from RO qtrs to RO office, Phuldungsei - 46 RM, main road to staff quarters, Saithah - 15 RM, main road to staff quarters, Lallen - 15 RM * 2000 * 2000.000 = 152000.000	2000.000	1.52		Construction of approach masonry steps to Range office and staff quarters are required as they are sloppy/hilly and slippery during monsoon rains
Strengthening	Core Area: Construction of Kitchen	16.2.1	7.2.2.1.12	0.0	1.00	1.000 Construction of kitchen for field hostel at Teirei * 900000.000 = 900000.000	900000.000	9.00	23.68, 92.45	This was sanctioned in 2017-18 but not utilized due to non release of 2nd instalment. The plinth area proposed is 9x5= 45 sq m.
Strengthening	Core Area: Construction of Range Office	16.2.1	7.2.2.5	0.0	1.00	1.000 Construction of retaining wall at Range office complex, Phuldungsei * 600000.000 = 600000.000	600000.000	6.00		Retaining wall is required for Training cum lecture hall recently constructed at Phuldungsei Range complex. The length of retaining wall is 110 metre long and 2.5 metre high approximately.
Strengthening	Core Area: Creation of	16.2.7	7.2.2.3	0.0	6.00	6.000 Creation of water holes	60000.000	3.60	23.68, 92.41 23.65, 92.36	Creation of more water holes is

	earthen ponds.					cum salt lick at Dampa tlang II, Old Chikha, Tuichar puk, Malpui tlang, Saipui khaw hlui and Theikelki kawn - 6 nos * 60000 * 60000.000 = 360000.000			23.65, 92.38 23.71, 92.35 23.63, 92.37 23.64, 92.42	required for prey animals particularly in the higher reaches
Strengthening	Core Area: Creation of fire lines and firebreaks.	16.2.6	7.2.2.1	0.0	20.00	20.000 Creation of fire line in fire prone areas of Dampa TR under Teirei and Phuldungsei ranges * 10800.000 = 216000.000	10800.000	2.16		Some of the low lying areas of Dampa TR are of bamboo forest which are very prone to fire during dry season and more so because of practice of shifting cultivation in adjacent areas by the local people
Strengthening	Core Area: Creation of road network.	16.2.2	7.2.2.5	0.0	420.00	150.000 Black topping/PCC of approach road to FRH, Teirei - 150 RM * 3000 * 3000.000 = 450000.000 170.000 Black topping/PCC of internal road within Range complex, Phuldungsei - 170 RM * 3000.00 * 3000.000 = 510000.000 100.000 Stone pitching improvement work of approach road to Field Director Complex, W Phaileng * 1500 * 1500.000 = 150000.000	3000.000 3000.000 1500.000	11.10		FRH, Teirei is the only accommodation for Dampa TR. The black topping/PCC of the road has gone since years back and is in a bad shape and needs immediate improvement. Portions of internal road within Phuldungsei Range Complex require black topping/PCC as the road is slippery during monsoon rain. A car can hardly ply on this steep road because of depressions on both sides of the stone pitched road which need immediate repair.
Strengthening	Core Area: Procurement of Hardware.	16.2.10	10.3.2.1	0.0	2.00	2.000 Purchase of computer, printer, scanner and external hard disc * 70000 * 70000.000 = 140000.000	70000.000	1.40		Existing computers are old and latest configuration computers are required
Research and field equipment	Core Area: Day to day monitoring of wild animals	16.7	8.5.5	0.0	76.00	50.000 Purchase of camera traps * 20000.000 = 1000000.000 20.000 Purchase of compass * 5000.000 * 5000.000 = 100000.000 5.000 Purchase of range finder * 20000.000 * 20000.000 = 100000.000 1.000 Wages of Biologist * Rs.25000 per month for 12months *	20000.000 5000.000 20000.000 300000.000	15.00		This was sanctioned in 2017-18 but not utilized due to non release of 2nd installment This was sanctioned in 2017-18 but not utilized due to non release of 2nd installment This was sanctioned in 2017-18 but not utilized due to non release of 2nd installment Engagement of Biologist in DTR is felt necessary who will take up research

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						300000.000 = 300000.000				and related activities whenever required and hence the proposal.
Staff Development	Core Area: Dissemination workshops.	16.8.6	11.4	0.0	2.00	2.000 Organizing training for staff including Tiger Protection Force and stakeholders * 75000.000 = 150000.000	75000.000	1.50		For development of skill among the staff
Staff welfare	Core Area: Supply of field kit	16.16	7.2.2.1.4	0.0	270.00	170.000 Procurement of field gear like khaki uniforms, shoes, caps, etc. for TPF * 3000.000 = 510000.000 100.000 Provision of solar lamps for anti-poaching camps and staff quarters - 100 nos * 2500 * 2500.000 = 250000.000	3000.000 2500.000	7.60		TPF personnel require basic uniforms while on patrol duty in core and buffer areas Frontline staff and TPF who are on night duty at Anti-poaching Camps/remote places need solar lamp
Staff welfare	Core Area: Supply of medicine	16.16	7.2.2.1.12	0.0	1.00	1.000 Supply of medicines to TPF and other field staff and First-Aid Kit for APC * 150000.000 = 150000.000	150000.000	1.50	23.71,92.47	Being remote and malaria prone area where medical facility is poor, provision of medicines for the staff & TPF is required.
Fostering Tourism	Core Area: Wildlife Conservation Awareness	16.17	7.2.2.6	0.0	1.00	1.000 Organizing nature camp and wildlife awareness programs at various fringe villages and making of signages, posters, hoardings, etc * 400000.000 = 400000.000	400000.000	4.00		To create awareness among the fringe villagers of Dampa TR, nature camp and awareness programs are proposed during the year.
Acquisition of private land	Core Area: Acquisition of private land for making the core and critical tiger habitat inviolate.	16.20	7.2.1.1	0.0	32300.00	32000.000 Survey and demarcation of new boundary line - 32000 RM * 10.000 due to inclusion of adjoining 45 sq.km in the core area of Dampa TR * 10.000 = 320000.000 300.000 Erection of boundary pillars - 300 nos @ 2000.00 due to inclusion of adjoining 45 sq.km in the core area of Dampa TR. * 2000.000 = 600000.000	10.000 2000.000	9.20		The adjoining Serhmun village areas of 45 sq.km is included in the core area of Dampa TR as approved by the Cabinet meeting conveyed on 21.8.18. Final notification is being issued during Sept, 2018 and relocation of 238 families of Serhmun village is in progress.
Water Development	Core Area: Habitat Improvement Works	16.2.9	7.2.2.5	0.0	1.00	1.000 Construction of water storage structure of	150000.000	1.50	23.50, 92.41	Training cum Lecture Hall was constructed at Phuldungsei in

	(Construction of Tank, Well, Hand Pump etc.).					10000 Ltr capacity for Training cum Lecture Hall at Phuldungsei * 150000.000 = 150000.000				2017-18. Construction of water storage structure with rain water harvesting facility is required.
	Total (Non-Recurring):								106.58	

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 (staff quarters, family hostels, office improvement, house-keeping buildings, museum).	16.2.1	11.4	0.0	3.00	1.000 Renovation of Interpretation centre, Teirei * 700000.000 = 700000.000 2.000 Renovation of Field Hostels Teirei * 200000.000 = 400000.000	700000.000 200000.000	11.00	This was sanctioned in 2017-18 but fund was not utilized due to non release of 2nd instalment. The pith area of the interpretation centre is 127.04 sq metre (11.27 metre x 11.27 metre). Two no of Field Hostels at Teirei are quite old and need renovation and furnishing as these are the only accommodation available for students and group visitors. The dimensions of the buildings is 79.86 sq metre (10.97 m x 7.28 metre each)
Tiger Safari	Buffer Area: Establishment of Tiger Safari, interpretation and awareness centers under the existing component of co-occurrence agenda in buffer and fringe areas	16.21	12.2	0.0	1.00	1.000 Establishment of Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre at Teirei * 500000.000 = 500000.000	500000.000	5.00	23.68, 92.45 People who caught stray animals tend to release them in the PA without following the required protocol for which Rehab Centre with necessary equipment is required.
Strengthening	Core Area: Maintenance of fire lines and firebreaks.	16.2.6	3.1.1.2	0.0	84.00	84.000 Engaging local villagers/NGOs as fire watchers 2 nos each in 14 fringe villages for 3 months (Jan - Mar, 2019) * 8100.00 pm * 8100.000 = 680400.000	8100.000	6.80	Slash and burn method of Shifting cultivation is still practised in the fringe villages for which adjoining forests are prone to fire. When local NGOs (Young Mizo Assoc) are engaged as fire watchers, they take the responsibility of fire fighting when fire broke out from the burning of jhum areas.
Mainstreaming wildlife concerns	Core Area: Monitoring of wild animals.	16.10.1.3	9.1	0.0	1.00	1.000 Logistic support for monitoring of tiger,	400000.000	4.00	Monitoring of Tiger Source Population is being done by

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						co-predator, prey base and their habitat evaluation * 400000.000 = 400000.000				Will the PA staff, Logistic support for field exercises, sample and data collection and analysis, etc is necessary.
Habitat Improvement	Core Area: Grass land improvement, wetland improvement	16.3	7.2.2.3	0.0	5.00	5.000 Maintenance of grassland inside the core area at DTR * 40000.000 = 200000.000	40000.000	2.00		Existing grassland created few years back needs annual maintenance
Co-occurrence agenda in buffer	Core Area: Co-occurrence agenda in buffer and fringe areas (landscape approach, sectoral integration, ecologically sustainable development programmed, livelihood options and eco-tourism) (new activity in case of tiger reserves where buffer has not been notified so far).	16.5	7.2.1.3	0.0	112.00	70.000 Procurement and supply of betel nut seedlings to selected jhum cultivators -70 families * 500 seedlings per family * Rs.20.00 per seedling * 10000.000 = 700000.000 40.000 Free distribution of LPG to 40 families of Damparengpui * 5000.000 = 200000.000 2.000 Construction of Assam type building for 2 widows in Damparengpui village who were left out in 2017-18 * 250000 * 250000.000 = 500000.000	10000.000 5000.000 250000.000	14.00		To provide alternate livelihood option of farmers and to wean away shifting cultivation in the fringe villages of Dampa TR Out of 100 nos. of LPG connection approved last year, only 60 connections could be provided * Rs.5000/- Proposal is again made for remaining 40 families. Last year, 10 nos of shelter for widows * Rs.250000 was approved but amount released was Rs.2000000 as against the requirement of 2500000
	Total (Recurring):							42.80		

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring (90%)	106.58	95.922
2.	Recurring (90%)	42.80	38.52
	Total	149.38	134.442

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share	A	149.38
Center's share in APO	B	134.442
Total central release	C	134.442
Less: Unspent balance FY 17-18	D	--
Adjusted central release	E=C-D	134.442

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.