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

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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 Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh 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 Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh at the cost of **Rs. 307.65 Lakhs (Rupees Three hundred Seven lakhs Sixty Five thousand only)** as per details given in the table at Annexure. Of the total cost of the Scheme, **Rs. 167.13 Lakhs (Rupees One hundred Sixty Seven lakhs Thirteen thousand only)** being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and **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. 134.296 lakhs (Rupees One hundred Thirty Four lakhs Twenty Nine thousand Six hundred only)** as the 1st installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Chhattisgarh 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 **Udanti-Sitanadi 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 **Udanti-Sitanadi 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 Chhattisgarh in respect of **Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report on or before 31.3.2019.
 - (x) **Udanti-Sitanadi 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 2018-19 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by **Government of Chhattisgarh** to the **Govt. of India**.
 - (xiii) Government of Chhattisgarh in respect of **Udanti-Sitanadi 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 **Udanti-Sitanadi 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 (**Udanti-Sitanadi 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 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 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 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 Chhattisgarh 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)	40.289
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger	3601.06.789.02.01.31 (SCSP)	26.859
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger	3601.06.796.02.01.31(TSP)	67.148
Total		134.296

9. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. M-10/AS&FA (PG) dated 10.8.2018.

Yours faithfully,


(Raja Ram Singh)

Assistant 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 2018-19 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, Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh.
5. The Accountant General, Chhattisgarh.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
7. 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.



(Raja Ram Singh)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests (PT)

UDANTI-SITANADI TIGER RESERVE, CHHATTISGARH
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.)			
Anti-Poaching	Buffer Area: Legal support for defending court cases.	16.1.13	15.2	1.0	12.00	12,000 Advocate Fee and Misc. Expense * 15000.000 = 18000.000 * 15000.000 = 18000.000	150 00.000	1.80	Due to interstate boundary with Odisha there is huge pressure of illicit felling of old teak plantation present along the border & also there is huge pressure on land. Every year we register more than 50 cases Hence engagement of 1 Lawyer/Advocate for the Tiger Reserve is proposed.	
Strengthening	Buffer Area: Creation of dams.	16.2.5	7.2.2	20.0	1.00	1,000 Saucer Pit with Solar Pump * 65000.000 = 65000.000	65000.000	6.50	20.41, 82.39	A saucer pit with cement concrete basement will be constructed at Comptt no 832 along with solar pump to provide drinking water to the wild life and to promote water conservation with in the norms stipulated (01 water hole per 5 SQR.K.M. area)
Addressing man animal conflict	Buffer Area: Deployment traps, cages to catch problematic animals.	16.4.1.3	5.4	2.0	1.00	1,000 Trap Cage and Net * 30000.000 = 30000.000	30000.000	3.00		Rescue the problematic animal and ensuring its safety.
Eco-Development	Buffer Area: To carry out prophylactic immunization of cattle in and around Tiger Reserve.	16.10	11.5	1.0	1.00	1,000 Cattle Immunization * 50000.000 = 50000.000	500 00.000	0.50		To protect wild animal from communicable disease.
Anti-Poaching	Core Area: Organizing vehicular patrolling by constituting squads (Tiger Protection Force) comprising of field staff, laborers and police or SAF or ex-army personnel or home guards with wireless handset and paraphernalia for apprehending offenders, apart from prescribing a patrolling calendar for the squad.	16.1.4	7.2.1.5	0.0	1.00	1,000 Wireless Handsets repairing and battery purchase * 25000.000 = 25000.000	25000.000	2.50		There is no proper communication network in the core and buffer region of the TR. The proposed Wireless Communication system can help to communicate in remote areas of the Tiger reserve. 30 wireless handsets repair and purchase of battery is required for running the network.
Strengthening	Core Area: Construction of (patrolling camp, culverts).	16.2.1	7.2.2	21.50	2.00	1,000 Culvert * 100000.000 = 100000.000 1,000 Culvert * 100000.000 = 100000.000	100000.000 100000.000	20.00	20.05, 82.28 20.06, 81.54	Construction of culvert of size 10*5.10 Meter on Dhoabin Nala is proposed in Comptt No. 260 on forest road Karpani. This 03 Km. long road connects to Likhma Village. It will facilitate patrolling in inaccessible area. We propose to construct a culvert of size 8*5.10 on forest road in Comptt No 39 in South Udanti Range. It will facilitate patrolling in inaccessible area.
Strengthening	Core Area: Establishing Monitoring system for Tigers Intensive protection and Ecological Status (M-STIPES) monitoring.	16.2.14	9.2	0.0	70.00	70,000 Android Mobile * 8827.000 = 617890.000	8827.000	6.18		There are 144 beats in the Tiger Reserve. For Effective Monitoring & management of tiger reserve through M-STIPES Application for Tiger Monitoring purchase of 70 Android Mobile Handsets is proposed. This will be given to trained forest guards.
Research and field equipment	Core Area: Day to day monitoring of wild animals	16.7	9.1	22.64	276.00	36,000 Project Fellow * 16000.000 = 576000.000 240,000 Trackers * 7930.000 = 1903200.000	16000.000 7930.000	24.79		For effective management of TR 3 fellow for 12 months (3 fellow X 12 months =36) as per MoEF & CC norms For effective management of TR 4 trackers per ranges for 12 months. We are engaging local tribes for animal monitoring. (4personsx5Rangesx12Months=240)

	Maintenance of vehicles (Gypsy, Jeep, Truck, Tractor, staff car etc.).					50000.000 = 200000.000				areas of TR
Strengthening	Buffer Area: Procurement of compass, range finder, Global Positioning System (GPS), camera traps.	16.2.11	12.1	31.75	220.00	150.000 Camera Trap * 20000.000 = 3000000.000 50.000 Compass * 7000.000 = 350000.000 20.000 Bincular * 5000.000 = 100000.000	20000.000 7000.000 5000.000		34.50	As on Date we have 317 Camera trap, 32 Range Finder, 143 Compass, 110 GPS, Whose quantity is insufficient for conducting all India tiger survey & Phase IV monitoring of 1842sq/Km area hence this year we project a requirement of 150 camera trap, 50 Sunto, Compass and 20 Binocular.
Anti-Poaching	Core Area: Deployment of anti-poaching squads.	16.1.2	12.1	0.0	240.00	240.000 Antipoaching Squad * 7930.000 = 1903200.000	7930.000		19.03	04 Labour For 12 Months in 5 ranges of core area are engaged in areas for controlling illegal felling of trees & encroachment of forest land by people. (4 labour X 5 Ranges X 12 months=240)
Anti-Poaching	Core Area: Deployment of camp labourers for patrolling.	16.1.3	9.1, 12.1	12.55	480.00	480.000 Camp Labour * 7930.000 = 3806400.000	7930.000		38.06	For effective patrolling in the remote areas of TR 05 camp watchers in 5 core ranges of North Udanti, South udanti, sitanadi, Risgaon & Arsihanhar for 12 months (8 labour x 5 ranges x 12months)
Anti-Poaching	Core Area: Maintenance of vehicles, boats	16.1.14	10.3	0.0	7.00	7.000 Bolero & Gypsy * 25000.000 = 175000.000	25000.000		1.75 lakhs	Vehicle maintenance is essential for effective patrolling in the remote areas of TR.
Anti-Poaching	Core Area: Maintenance of office equipment.	16.2.1	7.2.2	0.0	204.00	200.000 Procurement of SD Card * 600.000 = 120000.000 4.000 Digital Camera * 28000.000 = 112000.000	600.000 28000.000		2.32	200 SD memory cards are essential for trap cameras for Phase IV Monitoring. For effective management of TR, cameras will be used for taking photographs and documentation.
Anti-Poaching	Core Area: Rewards to informers.	16.1.12	10.5	0.0	1.00	1.000 Reward * 100000.000 = 100000.000	100000.000		1.00	Information network will be strengthened for getting information on illegal felling, encroachment, poaching & unauthorized movement of wild life articles.
Mainstreaming wildlife concerns	Core Area: Monitoring of wild animals.	16.10.1.3	9.1	1.0	1.00	1.000 Wild Animal monitoring * 1000000.000 = 1000000.000	1000000.000		10.00	For effective management of TR by Phase IV Monitoring throughout the year
Staff welfare	Core Area: Maintenance of torch/ batteries	16.16	8.5	1.0	1.00	1.000 Batteries * 200000.000 = 200000.000	200000.000		2.00	For effective use of the equipment like GPS, trap camera, range finder etc., frequent replacement of the batteries is required.
	Total (Recurring):								167.13	

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring (60%)	140.52	84.31
2.	Recurring (50%)	167.13	83.56
	Total	307.65	167.87



(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share	A	307.65
Center's share in APO	B	167.87
1 st release @ 80% of Center's share	$C=0.8*B$	134.296
Less: Unspent balance FY 17-18	D	---
Adjusted 1 st release	$E=C-D$	134.296
2 nd release @ 20% of Center's share	$F=0.2*B$	33.574

* 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.

