

**No. 4-1(47)/2019-PT**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
Project Tiger Division

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**Dated the 24<sup>th</sup> July, 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 Amrabad Tiger Reserve, Telangana during 2019-20 –reg.**

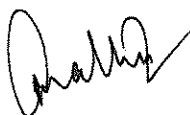
Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme 'Project Tiger' in Amrabad Tiger Reserve, Telangana at the cost of **Rs. 360.46 Lakhs (Rupees Three hundred Sixty lakhs Forty Six thousand only)** as per details given in the table at Annexure. Of the total cost of the Scheme, **Rs. 43.58 Lakhs (Rupees Forty Three lakhs Fifty Eight thousand only)** being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and **Government of Telangana**. 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 Telangana.

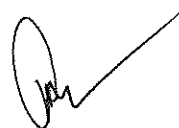
2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President to the payment and release of an amount of **Rs. 84.491 lakhs (Rupees Eighty Four lakhs Forty Nine thousand One hundred only)** as the 1<sup>st</sup> installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Telangana during the current financial year 2019-20. 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 **Amrabad 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 Telangana** 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 **Amrabad 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, 1971 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, 1971 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 Telangana in respect of **Amrabad Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report on or before 31.3.2020.
  - (x) **Amrabad 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 Telangana** 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 2019-20 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by **Government of Telangana** to the **Govt. of India**.
  - (xiii) Government of Telangana in respect of **Amrabad 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 **Amrabad 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 (**Amrabad Tiger Reserve**) and **Government of Telangana**.
  - (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) Funds for POL / maintenance of vehicles would be admissible only for the vehicles purchased from CSS funds.
  - (xxiv) Funds will not be diverted for any item other than specified herein.



- (xxv) Funds to be spent only on items approved in TCP.
- (xxvi) Compensation for loss due to wildlife is to supplement the State Government fund as per the rules of State Government.
- (xxvii) GFR is followed by implementing agency alongwith the economic instructions issued by Government of India from time to time.
- (xxviii) Satellite photo with date and latitude and longitude nodes after completion of work depicting the work carried out before and after the work.
- (xxix) Evidence of deposit of TDS/Service Tax in case of contract payment and CST in case of leviable goods are sent along with UC.
- (xxx) In case of employment through contract, copy of PF & ESI contributions of employees shall be obtained wherever applicable.
- (xxxi) 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.
- (xxxii) 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.
- (xxxiii) There should not be any overlapping of activities under the projects with the activities of ongoing schemes under CSS/CS/State Government Scheme.
- (xxxiv) The sanction order must mention measurable physical parameters and all measurable parameters are to be adhered to.
- (xxxv) The fixed asset created out of this grant shall not be disposed off without concurrence of this Ministry.
- (xxxvi) A separate bank account shall be opened for the purpose and the account shall be open for audit by Central Government or C&AG.
- (xxxvii) All guidelines under the project is to be followed scrupulously.
- (xxxviii) 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.
- (xxxix) 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.
- (xl) All labour payments strictly by DBT.

4. As the annual budget of the Scheme is approved by the Central Government, the Government of Telangana 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.

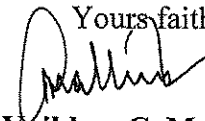


7. In accordance with the revised procedure, the Central Accounts Section, Reserve Bank of India, Nagpur, may kindly be advised to pass on credit to the books of the State Government of Telangana under intimation to this Department.

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 2019-20 :

Scheme	Budget Head	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger	3601.06.101.02.01.31 (Gen)	78.161
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger	3601.06.796.02.01.31 (TSP)	6.33
<b>Total</b>		<b>84.491</b>

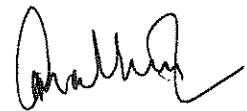
9. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 123931/AS&FA (PG) dated 19.07.2019.

Yours faithfully,  


(Dr. Vaibhav C. Mathur)  
Assistant Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Telangana. A copy of the detailed sanction letter issued by the State Government in respect of this scheme for 2019-20 may kindly be furnished to this Ministry immediately.
2. The Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Telangana.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Telangana.
4. The Field Director, Amrabad Tiger Reserve, Telangana.
5. The Accountant General, Telangana.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
7. IG/AIG, NTCA Regional Office, Bengaluru.
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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**AMRABAD TIGER RESERVE, TELANGANA  
ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION 2019-20**

Annexure

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No	Activity	Name of the component	Para No. CSS PT Guidelines	Para No. TCP	Previous year 2018-19 details	Physical		Financial		Name of Sub Item	GPS (Lat/ Long)	Current Financial Year	Unit Price (Rs.)	Total (Financial Target)	Justification
						Target	Ach.	Target	Ach.						
A	NON - RECURRING - CORE (60-40)					Target	Ach.	Target	Ach.						
1	Anti-Poaching	Procurement of vehicles (Boat and Innoval)	16.1.19		1	1		9.00	8.83	Procurement of Vehicle for the protection & Management to the F-D for field purpose	-	1	14.00	14.00	The terrain of the TR is highly undulating and hilly. Hence rough terrain vehicle proposed. The Mahindra Bolero vehicle No.AP22C 8824 is put of for condemnation. The District Transport Officer, Nagerkurnool has also issued Lr. Dt.06.06.2018 stating that the vehicle be condemned.
2	Anti-Poaching	Procurement field gear, night vision device, field dress, boots, binoculars	16.1.21	10.2						Binoculars and Telescopes	-	10	0.20	2.00	Strengthening of Forest protection and study of birds / animals and effective implementation of Phase-IV protocol & M-STIPES.
										Binoculars and Telescopes	-	5	0.20	1.00	
										Binoculars and Telescopes	-	3	0.20	0.60	
3	Anti-Poaching	Establishing of patrolling camps/chowkis/ buildings	16.1.3	12.1.2						Patrolling Camps	16.1	1	1.00	1.00	These locations of the Tiger Reserve are provided with patrolling / Anti-poaching watchers but there is no place to camp. Hence it is proposed to construct these new Base / Anti-poaching Camps to strengthen the protection network.
										Patrolling Camps	16.3	1	3.00	3.00	
										Patrolling Camps	16.4	1	78.6	78.6	
										Patrolling Camps	16.2	1	78.1	78.1	











12	Strengthening	Establishing Monitoring system for Tigers intensive protection and Ecological Status (M-Stripes) monitoring.	16.2.27	9.2.4	48	48	4.32	4.32	Conservation for water conservation	16.5	79.2	1	0.30	0.30	Effective implementation of Phase-IV protocol & M-STRIPES. Monitoring the movement of the wildlife. Mobile phones with NITCA specified technical specifications - 144 Nos @ Rs 10000/- each. Requirement of DPO for Analysis of M-Stripe data.
					1	1	0.51	0.51	Procurement of Android phones for M-stripes	-	-	104	0.09	9.36	
									One Desktop computer (Work station)	-	-	1	1.50	1.50	
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									Implementation of M-Stripes 1 DPO @ 25029/- PM	-	-	1	3.00	3.00	
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									Procurement of Android phones for M-stripes	-	-	40	0.09	3.60	
13	Strengthening	Procurement of Hardware.	16.2.18	9.2.4	1	1	1.50	1.50		-	-	1	0.60	0.60	The system are with old version software and outdated. The entry of Wildlife census data and also transfer of M-Stripes data is becoming difficult with the outdated software. Hence, upgradation with new version computers are proposed.
					1	1	0.50	0.50	Canon xerox machine (Big)	-	-	1	2.00	2.00	
					1	1	0.50	0.50		-	-	1	0.60	0.60	

14	Addressing man animal conflict	Procurement of cages to catch problematic animals.	16.4.4	10.3.1	1	1	1.40	1.40	Procurement of cages to catch problematic animals	-	-	1	1.50	1.50	There are (18) tribal hamlets in the Core area and 28 villages around the TR. There are only (2) cases in entire TR of 2611 Sqm. There are problems of man animal conflict and hence 02 trap cages are proposed at unit cost of Rs. 1.50 Lakhs each to mitigate man animal conflict.
15	Tiger Safari	Establishing of Tiger Safari, interpretation and awareness centers under the existing component of co-occurrence agenda in buffer and fringe areas	16.21.2	11.1.7	2	2	1.40	1.40	Procurement of case to catch problematic animals	-	-	3	1.50	4.50	Interpretation centre for visitors.
16	Research and field equipment	Day to day monitoring of wild animals	16.7.1	9.2.4	93	93	22.20	22.19	Android Phone	-	-	70	0.09	6.30	For wildlife monitoring
									High definition canon camera	-	-	1	0.50	0.50	For Wildlife photography
									Purchase of camera traps	-	-	35	0.20	7.00	
									Field work cost on laying out of transect, 8 days protocol, logistics and reporting	-	-	LS	-	1.00	
17	Manstreaming wildlife concerns	Habitat improvement measures.	16.10.5	7.10	62	42	6.51	3.19	Removal of Lantana	-	-	50	0.10	4.90	Lantana weed growth is dense in these areas suppressing the growth of grass. On yearly basis, the area is to be kept free from the weeds. Presently the area is covered with growth of lantana and eupatorium. This area is to be de-weeded and immediately restored by planting wild grass slips or broadcasting wild grass seed immediately after uprootal of lantana for improving fodder development.
18	Staff Development	Study tours for appraisal of good practices in other reserves.	16.8.5	11.3.1					Maintenance of already Lantana removed areas	-	-	36	0.09	3.24	
									Study tours for field staff	-	-	1	2.00	2.00	There are total of 86 ground level staff presently in TR. The staff have not been taken on any study tours to other places.



2	Anti-Poaching	Maintenance of office equipment.	16.1.23	9.2.4	LS	LS	3.00	3.00	Office support	-	-	1	4.18	4.18	2.00	Maintenance of Field Director office and also of the Dy. Director, Asst. Director and 10 Range offices.
					LS	LS	1.00	1.00	Office support	-	-	LS	-	-	2.00	
					LS	LS	2.00	2.00	Office support	-	-	LS	-	-	2.00	
3	Anti-Poaching	Organizing surprise raids jointly with the local police in railway stations, local trains, bus-stops, buses, catchers and catereria.)	16.1.19	10.3	LS	LS	0.40	0.40	Organizing surprise raids jointly with the local police	-	-	LS	1.00	1.00	1.00	These are 18 hamlets in the forest and also villages surrounding the Tiger Reserve. In order to control and check the activities of poaching, surprise joint raids along with the police is required. Hence, proposed.
												LS	-	1.00		
4	Anti-Poaching	Rewards to informers.	16.1.17	10.3	LS	LS	0.30	0.30	Rewards to informers	-	-	LS	-	-	0.50	For maintenance of information network regarding poaching, habitat destruction, etc.
					LS	LS	1.20	1.20	Rewards to informers	-	-	LS	-	-	0.50	
												LS	-	-	0.50	
5	Anti-Poaching	Legal support for defending court cases.	16.1.18	10.3	LS	LS	0.25	0.25	Legal support for defending court cases	-	-	LS	-	-	0.50	For initiating stringent action against the poachers and smugglers there is a need for legal support.
					LS	LS	0.10	-	Legal support for defending court cases	-	-	LS	-	-	0.50	
												LS	-	-	0.50	
6	Strengthening	Maintenance of Gate/ Check-posts.	16.2.1.3	10.3.7	1	1	3.40	3.40	Maint. of Gate / Check gates	-	-	2	2.50	5.00	-	



(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring (60%)	316.88	190.12
2.	Recurring (50%)	43.58	21.79
	<b>Total</b>	<b>360.46</b>	<b>211.91</b>

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share	A	360.46
Center's share in APO	B	211.91
1 <sup>st</sup> release @ 80% of Center's share	$C=0.8*B$	169.52
Less: Unspent balance of previous financial year	D	85.037
Adjusted 1 <sup>st</sup> release	$E=C-D$	84.491

\* 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.

