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

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Dated the 12th June, 2020

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 Rajaji Tiger Reserve, Uttarakhand during 2020-21 –reg.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme 'Project Tiger' in Rajaji Tiger Reserve, Uttarakhand at the cost of **Rs. 1004.13 Lakhs (Rupees One thousand Four lakhs Thirteen thousand only)** as per details given in the table at Annexure. Of the total cost of the Scheme, **Rs. 383.51 Lakhs (Rupees Three hundred Eighty Three lakhs Fifty One thousand only)** being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India and Government of Uttarakhand. 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 Uttarakhand.**

2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President to the payment and release of an amount of **Rs. 340.72 lakhs (Rupees Three hundred Forty lakhs Seventy Two thousand only)** as the 1st installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Uttarakhand during the current financial year 2020-21. 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 **Rajaji Tiger Reserve** under the Project Tiger Scheme are not higher than those applicable to similar categories of employees of

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- 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 Uttarakhand** 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 **Rajaji 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 Uttarakhand in respect of **Rajaji Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report on or before 31.3.2020.
 - (x) **Rajaji 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 Uttarakhand** 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 Uttarakhand** to the **Govt. of India**.
 - (xiii) Government of Uttarakhand in respect of **Rajaji 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 **Rajaji 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 (**Rajaji Tiger Reserve**) and **Government of Uttarakhand**.
 - (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.

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- (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.
- (xli) **All guidelines of Project Tiger Schemes are followed by concerned tiger reserve and Expenditure Evaluation Report on the expenditure incurred viz. proposed activities and result achieved may be furnished before release of 2nd installment.**

4. As the annual budget of the Scheme is approved by the Central Government, the Government of Uttarakhand 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 Uttarakhand under intimation to this Department.

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8. The expenditure incurred is adjustable to the Demand No. 25 (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)	272.57
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger	3601.06.789.02.01.31 (SCSP)	34.08
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger	3601.06.796.02.01.31 (TSP)	34.07
Total		340.72

9. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 136232/AS&FA (PG) dated 05.06.2020.

Yours faithfully,

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(Surender Mehra)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Uttarakhand. 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 Uttarakhand.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Uttarakhand.
4. The Field Director, Rajaji Tiger Reserve, Uttarakhand.
5. The Accountant General, Uttarakhand.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
7. Forest Finance Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
8. Plan Finance Division (PF-II), Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
9. Guard file/Spare copies.

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FOR SEEKING CENTRAL ASSISTANCE UNDER CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME - PROJECT TIGER 2020-21

COMPILED APO PROJECT TIGER FOR RAJAJI TIGER RESERVE

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S.No.	ITEM	PARA NO. OF CSS-PT guidelines	PREVIOUS YEAR DETAILS (2019-20)						CURRENT YEAR PROPOSAL						JUSTIFICATION		
			Phy Target	Phy Achievement	Fin Target		Fin Achievement		Subcomponent	Location	Unit Price	Physical Target	Financial Target	Location GPS		KM/FILE	
1	2	3	Total	Centre Share	State Share	Total	Centre Share	State Share	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
A. NON RECURRING																	
Anti poaching																	
Core Area																	
	Deployment of antipoaching squads		360	360	50.84	45.76	5.08	38.13	34.32	3.81	10*10	10 Daily Wages @ 10 Ranges* 12 Months	150.00	To be deployed through out the Reserve		Daily wage workers are employed from fringe villages for Anti-Poaching activities. They are deployed at sensitive areas and interstate boundaries of RTR. The deployment of these squads are critical for protection of forests and	

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	Procurement of field gears, dress, shoes, binocular, NVD	16.1.15	449	449	33.91	30.52	3.39	30.53	27.48	3.05		RNP								10.00					Procurement of patrolling paraphernalia like GPS sets, metal detectors, uniforms, shoes, binoculars, sleeping bags, torches, ruck sacks, mosquito nets, beds, tents, utensils, rainwear, solar charging equipment etc. These items are critical requirements to equip staff for safety, effective patrolling and also to improve living conditions. At Present 250 field employees in RTR.	
	Procurement of arms and ammunition	16.1.10	3000	3000	5.01	4.51	0.50	5.01	4.51	0.50		RNP	0.00167	3000	4.00											For procurement of arms, ammunition and annual maintenance of weapons used by field staff (For wild life forest security needs arms & ammunition. As per (Hatrakhand high court)
Strengthening																										

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Reintroduction of tiger to western part of rajaji tiger reserve	5	5	2.50	2.25	0.2	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Identification of Tigers for Translocation	RNP	0.50	5	2.50	Reintroduction of tiger to western part of rajaji tiger reserve
	5	5	2.50	2.25	0.2	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Tranquillization of Tigers		0.50	5	2.50	
	5	5	2.50	2.25	0.2	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Transportation of Tigers		0.50	5	2.50	
	5	5	2.50	2.25	0.2	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Release of Tigers		0.50	5	2.50	
	100	100	20.00	18.00	2.0	20.00	18.00	2.0						Monitoring of Tigers by camera traps		0.20	100	20.00	
	12*5*4	12*5*4	33.60	30.24	3.36	25.70	23.13	2.57						Monitoring of tigers by daily wages. 4 person per one tiger for 8 hour in a day		0.125	12*5*4	34.35	

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	buffer area (lalhang and koldwar range) monitoring of wildlife		50	50	5.00	4.50	0.50	2.00	1.80	0.20		LFD	0.072	12%12	10.37				For procuring various equipment, batteries and other accessories required for the field implementation of monitoring exercise. Moreover regular monitoring of movement of wildlife is carried out in the sensitive areas like the interstate and interdivisional borders, waterholes etc. to improve surveillance and orient patrolling activity.
Addressing man animal conflicts	buffer area (lalhang and koldwar range) Daily wagers for monitoring wildlife conflict area											HFD		LS	3.00				The fund required for monitoring of conflict animal

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	buffer area (lalhang and koidwar range) procurement of tranquilizing equipments, rescue vehicles, cages and drugs	5	5	1.00	0.90	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	LFD	0.20	5	3.00					The fund is required for supporting the activities around LFD. This fund will be utilised for manufacturing of tiger and leopard capture cages. Purchase of radio collar for the straying leopards. Procurement of drugs and paraphernalia meant for rescue operations and rehabilitation of wild animals that stray outside forest area.	
Associate Division Haridwar Forest Division																			
anti poaching	buffer area (Shyanpur and Rasiyab Garh Range) Maintenance of Existing FG/Forester /Anti poaching Chawklies									HFD	2.00	2	4.00	-				The Fund is required for repairs to existing Staff Quarters/FG/Forester/Mali Chawklies	

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	buffer area (shyampur and Rasiyab gath range) monitoring of wildlife	25	25	2.50	2.25	0.25	2.50	2.25	0.25		HFD	0.050	6*12	3.60	For procuring various equipment, batteries and other accessories required for the field implementation of monitoring exercise. Moreover regular monitoring of movement of wildlife is carried out in the sensitive areas like the interstate and interdivisional borders, waterholes etc. to improve surveillance and orient patrolling activity.
Addressing man animal conflicts	buffer area (shyampur range) Daily wages for monitoring human wildlife conflict area	2	2	2.00	1.80	0.20	1.00	0.90	0.10		HFD	0.125	3*12	4.50	The fund required for providing First aid kit to staff dealing with conflict animals

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	buffer area (shyamput range) monitoring of conflict animal			3*12	3*12	5.04	4.54	0.50	3.78	3.40	0.38		HFD		LS	5.00				The fund is required for monitoring of conflict animal
	buffer area (Shyamput and rasiyabgarh range) procurement of tranquilizing equipments, rescue vehicles, cages and drugs												HFD		LS	5.00				The fund is required for supporting the activities around HFD. This fund will be utilised for manufacturing of tiger and leopard capture cages. Purchase of radio collar for the straying leopards. Procurement of drugs and paraphernalia meant for rescue operations and rehabilitation of wild animals that stray outside forest area.
	Mainstreaming of wildlife concerns																			

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	buffer area (shyampur range) capturing of problematic and aberrant animals	2	2	2.00	1.80	0.2	0.0	0.00	0.0	HFD	1.00	3	3.00	
Total Non-Recurring (Buffer area)				72.6 1	65.3 5	7.2 6	58. 08	52.2 7	5.8 1				74.17	
Total Non-Recurring (Core+Buffer Area)				603. 53	543. 18	60. 35	447. 08	402. 37	44. 71				620.6 1	
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Core Area														
Anti poaching														

The fund is required for supporting the activities around HFD. This fund will be utilised for manufacturing of tiger and leopard capture cages. Purchase of radio collar for the straying leopards. Procurement of drugs and paraphernalia meant for rescue operations and rehabilitation of wild animals that stray outside forest area.

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Establishment of a surveillance system	6	6	9.00	4.50	4.50	9.00	4.50	4.50	CC Camera with solar backup/Transmission, Installation, Connection, networking etc.	Chilla, Morichur, Ranipur, Chilawati and all Important Sensitive Locations	5.00	6	30.00	To be deployed through Reserve	The fund is required for Establishment of a surveillance system.
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	Rewards to informers			15	15	3.60	1.80	1.80	0	0.0	0.00	0.0		RNP		0.30	10	3.00	Rajaji Tiger Reserve			To ensure a regular flow of information about wildlife offenders are routinely rewarded using this 'secret fund'. Also keeping in view that the principal threats are from across the interstate border, a strong focus is being placed on developing a network of informers across the interstate border.
Strengthening																						

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	Creation/ maintenance of permanent waterhole	5	5	5.00	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	0	RNP	1.20	2	2.40	The fund is required for provisioning water for wildlife. Rajaji Tiger Reserve has permanent waterholes that require annual maintenance and Creation. In the water scarce seasons, tankers are also used for filling waterholes.
	Maintenance of vehicles and staff cars	10*12	10*12	12.00	6.00	6.00	9.00	4.50	4.50	12000 POL per vehicle per month and annual maintenance of 30000	RNP	0.15	10*12	18.00	Patrolling is the main activity undertaken to ensure safety of forests and wildlife. Vehicles are available upto the range level. Some of the vehicles are old and require frequent maintenance work. This fund is required for fuel and annual maintenance and service of existing vehicles, tractors and motor boats.
Addressing man animal conflicts															

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Associate Division Lansdown Forest Division

anti poaching	buffer area (lalhang and kordwar range) deployment of local work force for patrolling, surveillance of water holes and barriers	16.2.1 5	4*12	4*12	6.72	3.36	3.3 6	5.0 3	2.52	2.5 2	LFD	0.072	8*12	6.91				The fund is required for deployment of local work force for patrolling, surveillance of water holes and barriers in Lansdown Division.
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buffer area (lalhang and koidwar range) deployment of anti-poaching squads	4*12	4*12	6.72	3.36	3.3	6	5.0	4	2.52	2.5	2	LFD	0.12	LS	8.00	Daily wage workers are employed from fringe villages for Anti-Poaching activities. They are deployed at sensitive areas and interstate boundaries of LFD. The deployment of these squads are critical for protection of forests and wildlife. Their number needs to be enhanced keeping in view enhanced threats and to augment manpower as we have increased our reach and presence in remote locations. The fund will also be used to meet provisions for anti-poaching squad members.
buffer area (lalhang and koidwar range) deployment of camp labour for patrolling	2*12	2*12	3.36	1.68	1.6	8	2.5	1	1.26	1.2	6					

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buffer area (shyam pur range) deployment of local work force for patrolling, surveillance of water holes and barriers	16.21	2*12	2*	3.36	1.68	1.68	2.51	1.26	1.26	HFD	1	10	10.00	The fund is required for deployment of local work force for patrolling, surveillance of water holes and barriers in Hardwar Division.
buffer area (shyam pur range) deployment of antipoaching squads		3*12	3*	5.04	2.52	2.52	3.78	1.89	1.89	HFD	0.12	6*12	8.64	Daily wage workers are employed from fringe villages for Anti-Poaching activities. They are deployed at sensitive areas and interstate boundaries of HFD. The deployment of these squads are critical for protection of forests and wildlife. Their number needs to be enhanced keeping in view enhanced threats and to augment manpower as we have increased our reach and presence in remote locations. The fund will also be used to meet provisions for antipoaching squad members.
buffer area (shyam pur range) Specialized patrolling in sensitive areas		2*12	2*	3.36	1.68	1.68	2.50	1.25	1.25	HFD	0.25	15	3.75	This fund is required to support protection work and augment staff numbers and supply provisions in the sensitive post-monsoon months. The labourers engaged are deployed in the most sensitive southern boundary and remote chautis.

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(Rs. In lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non-Recurring (90%)	620.62	558.55
2	Recurring (50%)	383.51	191.75
	Total	1004.13	750.30

(Rs. In lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share	A	1004.13
Center's share in APO	B	750.30
1 st release @ 50% of Center's share	C=0.5*B	375.15*
Less: Unspent balance FY 2019-20	D	34.43
Adjusted 1 st release	E=C-D	340.72
2 nd release @50% of Center's share	F=0.5*B	375.15

* As Per IFD's OM No. 50% dated 11th May 2020 and Deptt. at Exp. DO No. 25 (13)/E.Coarf/2020 dt. 4th May 2020.

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