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

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To,
The Sr. Pay & Accounts Officer,
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,
New Delhi.

Sub: Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme 'Project Tiger' Administrative Approval for funds release to Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra during 2014-15.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme 'Project Tiger' in Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra at the cost of **Rs. 522.5926 Lakhs (Rupees Five hundred Twenty Two lakhs Fifty Nine thousand Two hundred Sixty only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 160.94 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Maharashtra**. The remaining cost of the scheme will be treated as 100% Central Assistance by the Government of India.

2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President to the payment and release of an amount of **Rs. 230.3783 lakhs (Rupees Two hundred Thirty lakhs Thirty Seven thousand Eight hundred Thirty only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Maharashtra during the current financial year 2014-15. 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 2005, 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:-

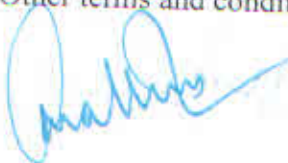
- (i) All relevant information and documents/certificates as required under GFR 209(I) have been received.
- (ii) The pattern of assistance of rules governing such grants-in-aid have received the approval of the Ministry of Finance, as required under Government of India decision No. (1) under DFPR-Rules 20.
- (iii) Terms and conditions of the service of the employees employed in the **Pench 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 208(6)(iv)(a).



- (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 Maharashtra** 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 **Pench 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 Utilisation Certificate against the earlier funds released under Grants-in-aid have been received and accepted by the competent authority.
- (ix) Government of Maharashtra in respect of **Pench Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before **31.3.2015**.
- (x) **Pench 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 Maharashtra** 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 2014-15 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by **Government of Maharashtra to the Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Maharashtra in respect of **Pench Tiger Reserve** will maintain a separate account and will present their annual accounts in the standard format as required under GFR 209(xiii).
- (xiv) Grants-in-aid shall be utilized for **Pench 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 (Pench Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Maharashtra**.
- (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.**
- (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.

4. As the annual budget of the Scheme is approved by the Central Government, the Government of Maharashtra 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 Planning Commission and 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 for implementation of National Tiger Conservation Authority shall 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. Further, Ministry of Finance, D/o of Expenditure, Plan Finance-II Division, vide O.M.No.55(5)/PF.II/2011 dated 06-01-2014, has introduced a flexi fund component within the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) to achieve the following objectives:

- i) To provide flexibility to States to meet local needs and requirements within the overall objective of each programme or scheme;
- ii) To pilot innovations and improved efficiency within the overall objective of the scheme and its expected outcomes;
- iii) To undertake mitigation/restoration activities in case of natural calamities in the sector covered by the CSS.

The flexi-fund will be utilized by the State Government as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, read with guidelines of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger in vogue, for utilisation in the tiger reserve.

- iv) As flexi-funds are a part of the concerned CSS, the same State share (including beneficiary contribution, if any) would be applicable for the flexi-fund component as well. However, States may provide additional share (including beneficiary contribution, if any) over and above the required State share for the flexi-funds component of the allocation for the CSS.

8. 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 Maharashtra under intimation to this Department.

9. The expenditure involved will be met from within the Sanctioned Budget Grants of Centrally Sponsored Project tiger Scheme under Demand No. 31, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Major Head 3601 – Grants-in-aid to the State Governments, 3601.02- Grants-in-aid for Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme, 3601.02.659-Environmental Forestry and Wildlife–Wildlife Preservation, 3601.02.659.03- Project Tiger, 3601.02.659.03.00.31- Grants-in-aid for the year 2014-15 (Plan).

10. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 609/AS & FA dated 21.10.2014.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. Vaibhav C. Mathur)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Maharashtra. A copy of the detailed sanction letter issued by the State Government in respect of this scheme for 2014-15 may kindly be furnished to this Ministry immediately.

2. The Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Maharashtra.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Maharashtra.
4. The Field Director, Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra.
5. The Accountant General, Maharashtra.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
7. The 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.



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

ANNEXURE

**Annual Plan of Operation 2014-15
Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra**

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No.	Item	Para No. of CSS-PT Guidelines	Location	Physical	Amount released for 2014-15	GPS
	NON-RECURRING (CORE)					
	STPF					
1.	Salary of Special Tiger Protection Force					
a.	ACF-01 (Pay-22050+GP-5000 and Allowance = 53548)			0.65 × 1ACF × 12 months	7.20	
b.	RFO-03 (Pay-10900 + GP-4400 and Allowance = 31315)			0.645 × 3RFO × 12 months	14.40	
c.	Forest Guard -81 (Pay-10900-GP-4400 and Allowance = 14630)			0.18 × 81FG × 12 months	155.52	
d.	Forest Watchers - 27 (Pay-5400+GP-1800 and Allowance = 14630)			0.18 × 27FW × 12 months	51.84	
	Ration Allowance					
i.	a) Forest Guard-81			860*81*8.5	5.92	
ii.	b) Forest Watchers-27			860*27*8.5	1.97	
	Purchase of equipment					
i.	Patrolling gear to field staff (STPF staff-RFO-3, Forest Guard-81, Forest Watchers-27)			111 units	5.50	
2.	Anti poaching Activities					
	Tiger Protection Force (two units each of 10 with local labourers and hired vehicles)	10.2	East Pench = 1 unit / West Pench = 1 unit	02 units	20.700	
3.	Project Allowances					
i.	Field Director -01			1 × 12 × 0.02	0.240	
ii.	Divisional Forest Officer-01			1 × 12 × 0.015	0.180	
iii.	Assistant C.F -02			2 × 12 × 0.013	0.312	
iv.	Range Forest Officer - 02			2 × 12 × 0.01	0.240	
v.	Forester -07			7 × 12 × 0.009	0.756	
vi.	Forest Guard -58			58 × 12 × 0.007	4.872	
vii.	Driver -04			4 × 12 × 0.007	0.336	
viii.	Ministerial staff Clasee-III-17 (2-Peon, 1-Watchman, 1-khansama, 2- Wireless helper)			17 × 12 × 0.007	1.428	
	ANTIPOACHING ACTIVITIES					
4.	Anti-poaching Activities					
i.	Tiger Protection Force (one unit with local labourers and hired vehicles)					
ii.	Wages for 15 labours @ 0.065 11.70	7.2.2	Buffer area 3 Ranges (Deolapar, Chorbauli & Saleghat)	3 units @ 4.00	10.60	
iii.	Hiring of vehicles 2.30					
iv.	Purchase of Material 1.00					
5.	Strengthening wireless infrastructure					
i.	Batteries for base stations	13.3		10 nos. @ 0.05	0.500	
6.	Project Allowances					
i.	Range Forest Officer - 04		Buffer area 3 Ranges (Deolapar, Chorbauli & Saleghat)	4 × 12 × 0.01	0.480	
ii.	Forester -07			7 × 12 × 0.009	0.756	

iii.	Forest Guard -61			61×12×0.007	0.5124
iv.	Driver -01			1×12×0.007	0.084
v.	Ministerial staff Class-II -03			3×12×0.007	0.252
vi.	Van Mazdoor			10×12×0.004	0.480
8.	Ration Allowance for antipoaching activities				
i.	a) Forester-7			860*7*8.5	0.512
ii.	b) Forest Guard-58			860*58*8.5	4.24
iii.	c) Vanmajdoor-47, Khansama-1, Wireless helper-2			860*50*8.5	3.66
9.	Mainstreaming wildlife concern in tiger bearing forests and corridor				
	Purchase of camera traps, batteries and memory card for monitoring of the tigers			60@0.17	10.20
	NON-RECURRING (BUFFER)				
	Antipoaching Activities				
8.	Ration Allowance				
i.	a) Forester-7			860*7*8.5	0.512
ii.	b) Forest Guard-61			860*61*8.5	4.46
iii.	c) Vanmajdoor-10			860*10*8.5	0.731
	Total Non-Recurring				309.3934
	RECURRING				
a	Wireless communication network Royalty to Govt. of India	7.2.2	1 network	1 network	1.000
b	Wages for wireless operator 3 Stations 3 person each @ 0.07/- per month	7.2.2	East Pench / West Pench	3×3×12 = 108 @ 0.07	5.04
c	Maintenance and repair to wireless sets	7.2.2	East Pench / West Pench	12 B.S.@0.05	0.600
			East Pench / West Pench	8 M.S. @0.030.240	0.240
				50 H.H. @0.01	0.50
d	Maintenance of walki-taki sets and accessories of field staff	13.3	Buffer area 3 Ranges (Deolapar, Chorbauli & Saleghat)	30 sets @ 0.01	0.30
e	Wages for labourers engaged in protection huts 2 person on each camp = 20 persons	7.2.2 (F)	East Pench / West Pench	10 huts × 2 person × 12 months × 0.065	15.600
f	Wages for check Naka labours	7.2.2 (c)		6 check naka × 3 person × 12 months × 0.065	14.040
7.	Wages of driver of vehicle				
i.	3 drivers +1 cleaner = 4 × 12 = 48 @ 0.075 for Jeep / Truck	7.2.2 (G)		3 drivers +1 cleaner = 4 × 12 = 36 @ 0.075 for Jeep / Truck	2.700
8.	Maintenance / Repair / Vehicles				
i.	Petrol Vehicle	7.2.2 (G)		Petrol -1 @ 1.50	1.50
ii.	Diesel Vehicles			Diesel -5 @ 1.20	6.00
iii.	Motor Boat			Motor boat -4 @ 1.00	4.00
iv.	Motorcycles			Motorcycles -6 @ 0.12	0.72
9.	Fire lines cutting and burring				
i.	A' class	7.2.2 (F)	core	93km = 1860 md × 250 per day	4.60
ii.	B' class			240 km = 2880 md × 250 per day	7.200
iii.	Wages for wireless operator 3	13.3	Buffer area 3	3×2×12= 72 @	5.04

	Station 3 person each @ 0.07/- per month		Ranges (Deolapar, Chorbauli & Saleghat)	0.07	
iv.	Maintenance and repair to wireless sets (Buffer area 3 Ranges)	13.3	Deolapar,	5 B.S @ 0.05	0.25
			Chorbauli		0.9
			Saleghat		0.10
v.	Wages for labourers engaged in 8 protection huts 2 person on each camp = 16 person (16 × 12 = 96 mm @ 0.065/-)	13.3	Buffer area 3 Ranges (Deolapar, Chorbauli & Saleghat)	8 huts × 2 person × 12 months × 0.065	12.480
vi.	Wages for check Naka labours	7.2.2	Buffer area 3 Ranges (Deolapar, Chorbauli & Saleghat)	6 check naka × 3 person × 12 month × 0.065	14.040
10.	Wages of driver of vehicle				
i.	2 drivers × 12 = 24 @ 0.075 for jeep	13.2	Buffer area 3 Ranges (Deolapar, Chorbauli & Saleghat)	2 × 12 × 0.075	1.800
ii.	1 driver + 1 helper × 24 @ 0.075 motor boat			2 × 12 × 0.075	1.800
11.	Maintenance / repair / vehicles				
i.	Diesel vehicles -3	13.2	Buffer area 3 Ranges (Deolapar, Chorbauli & Saleghat)	Petrol - 3 @ 1.20	3.60
ii.	Motor Boat - 1			Motor boat -1 @ 1.00	1.00
iii.	Motorcycles -3			Motorcycles-3 @ 0.12	0.36
iv.	Rent for hire of building for office of Dy. Director, PTR-1 at Ramtek			1 @ 10000/-	1.200
12.	Firelines cutting and burring				
i.	A' class	13.3	Buffer area 3 Ranges (Deolapar, Chorbauli & Saleghat)	250 km = 3500 md × 250 per day	8.760
ii.	B' class			212 km = 2544 md × 2.50 per day	6.360
iii.	Engagement of firewatchers for Mansinghdeo part of buffer for 4 month	13.3	Buffer area 3 Ranges (Deolapar, Chorbauli & Saleghat)	4 months × 25 person = 100 mm @ 0.065	6.500
13	Antifishing squad for Totlah Reservoir	7.2.1	Totlah Reservoir (East Pench)	10 person × 12 months × 0.065	7.800
14.	Maintenance of residential and other administrative building	13.4		20 Nos.	4.00
15.	Maintenance of forest roads				
	Murrum road – 211.00 km	7.2.2(D)	Core	211 km @ 0.06	12.720
	Earthern road – 55.0 km		Core	55 km @ 0.05	2.75
16.	Preparation of posters, banners for wildlife awareness in core area and to mark entrance of core with proper board	11.4	Core	LS	1.00
17.	a) Training of all beat guards of Pench Tiger Reserve	7.2.2 (J)	Core	2 training	0.50
18.	Research and equipments				
	Maintenance of camera traps	9.2	Core	LS	0.50
19.	Providing habitat supplement to buffer zone				

	a) engagement of firewatchers for Pench National Park for 1.5 month (15.02.2015 to 31.3.2015) x 25 person @ 0.065	7.2.2(F)	Core		2.44
20.	Staff development and capacity building				
	a) Tour of selected PA outside state to study good wildlife management practices	7.2.2(J)	Core	1 tour	1.00
Total Recurring					160.94
GRAND TOTAL					470.3334

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non – Recurring	309.3934	309.3934
2	Recurring	160.94	80.47
3	Total (x)	470.3334	389.8634
4	10% Flexi-fund (x/9)	52.2592	43.3182
5	Total (x)	522.5926	433.1816
6	Adjustment of previous balance for 2013-14	-	-
7	Grand Total	522.5926	433.1816

(Rs. in lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share (including Flexi Fund)	A	522.5926
Centre's share in APO (without Flexi Fund)	B	389.8634
FF on Centre's share	C=B/9	43.3182
Centre's share including FF	D=B+C	433.1816
1 st release @ 80% of Centre's share	E=0.8*D	346.5453
Less: Unspent balance FY 13-14	F	Nil
Adjusted 1 st release including FF	G=E-F	346.5453
Less 1/3 rd advance released in financial year 2014-15	G1	116.167
Net release	G2	230.3783
2 nd release @ 20% of Centre's share	I=0.2*D	86.6363
Total release towards APO in FY 14-15	J=(9/10)*(G+I)	389.8634
Total release towards FF in FY 14-15	K=(1/10)*(G+I)	43.3182
Grand total release in FY 14-15	L=G+I	433.1816
Total effective release including USB	L+F	433.1816
Effective release for APO activities	J+0.9*F	389.8634
Effective release for FFs	K+0.1*F	43.3182

- (i) Cost of APO (including FF) - Rs. 522.5926 lakhs
(ii) Central assistance (including FF) - Rs. 433.1816 lakhs
(iii) Ist release (80% of central assistance) - Rs. 346.5453 lakhs
(iv) Net Ist release after adjustment of 1/3rd advance of Rs. 116.167 lakhs

* Ecodevelopment initiatives should be based on normative guidelines of the National Tiger Conservation Authority, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Govt. of India issued earlier based on village level, site specific, participatory micro plan with reciprocal commitment between the tiger reserve and the local people.