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Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change  
Project Tiger Division

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**Dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2014**

To,

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

**Sub: Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme 'Project Tiger' Administrative Approval for funds release to Achanakmar Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh 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 Achanakmar Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh at the cost of **Rs. 534.688 Lakhs (Rupees Five hundred Thirty Four lakhs Sixty Eight thousand Eight hundred only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 369.62 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Chhattisgarh**. 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. 263.415 lakhs (Rupees Two hundred Sixty Three lakhs Forty One thousand Five hundred only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Chhattisgarh 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 **Achanakmar 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 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 **Achanakmar 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 Chhattisgarh in respect of **Achanakmar Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.7.2014.
- (x) **Achanakmar 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 2014-15 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by **Government of Chhattisgarh** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Chhattisgarh in respect of **Achanakmar 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 **Achanakmar Tiger Reserve** strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Ministry of Environment and Forests, acting through the National Tiger Conservation Authority, Field Director (Achanakmar 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.**

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 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 Management 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.**
- 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.**

**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.**

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 Chhattisgarh 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 State Plan Scheme, 3601.02.796-Tribal Area Sub Plan (Minor Head), 3601.02.796.03- Project Tiger- Assistance to National Parks & Sanctuaries (Detailed Head), 3601.02.796.03.31.03.31- Grants-in-aid General 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. 849/AS & FA dated 20.06.2014.

Yours faithfully,

(Sanjay Kumar)  
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 2014-15 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, Achanakmar Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh.

5. The AIG, Regional Office of NTCA, Nagpur.
6. The Accountant General, Chhattisgarh.
7. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
8. Forest Finance Division, MoEFCC, New Delhi.
9. Plan Finance Division (PF-II), Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
10. Guard file/Spare copies.

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Assistant Inspector General of Forests (PT)

**ANNEXURE****ACHANAKMAR TIGER RESERVE, CHHATTISGARH  
ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE YEAR 2014-15****(Rs. in lakhs)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Description of works</b>	<b>Para No. of CSS-PT Guidelines</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Physical</b>	<b>Amount for 2014-15</b>
<b>A.</b>	<b>Non-Recurring Works (Core Area)</b>				
	<b>Wildlife Management (Extension of communication network)</b>	<b>4.1</b>			
1	Wireless handset & fix set with solar system		Core area	15	3.00
2	Construction of residence cum watch tower		Core area	1	5.00
3	Digital Camera		Core area	10	1.00
5	GPS		Core area	20	3.00
6	Range Finder		Core area	20	2.00
7	Compass		Core area	20	0.20
8	Binocular		Core area	5	0.40
9	Procurement of field gear for employees & local forces		Core area	L.S.	2.00
10	Construction of PIPs		Core area	300	3.00
11	Employment of ex-army man/ jawan/ gunmen & supervisor 12000/- per month		Core area	15	21.60
12	Tiger Protection Force (TPF) Salary 40 Nos.		Core area	20X12X 6000	14.40
13	Procurement of Camera Traps		Core area	100	15.00
	<b>Strengthening of Infrastructure</b>	<b>4.2</b>			
14	Construction of check post		Core area	2	3.00
15	Replacing barriers by constructing permanent closer gate (entry gate)		Core area	1	2.00
16	Project Allowance – (Director, Dy. Director, Asst. Director, Range Officer, A.R.O., FG., & equivalent rank, 10 Official Staff)	4.15	Core area	L.S.	20.00
17	<b>Revision of Management plan</b>	Core area	ATR	L.S.	1.00
<b>B.</b>	<b>Non-Recurring Works (Buffer Area)</b>				
	<b>Wildlife Management (Extension of communication network)</b>	<b>4.1</b>			
1	Wireless handset & fix set with solar system		ATR Buffer	10	1.25
2	GPS		ATR Buffer	5	0.75
3	Procurement of field gear for employees & local forces		ATR Buffer	L.S.	1.00
4	Employment of ex-army man/ jawan/ gunman & supervisor 12000/- per month		ATR Buffer	5	7.25
	<b>Strengthening of Infrastructure Infrastructure development -</b>	<b>4.2</b>			
5	Patrolling camp		ATR Buffer	1	2.75
6	Project Allowance – (Director, Dy. Director, Asst. Director, Range Officer, A.R.O., F.G. & equivalent rank, 10 Official Staff)	4.15	ATR Buffer	L.S.	2.00
	<b>TOTAL NON-RECURRING (CORE+BUFFER)</b>				<b>111.60</b>
<b>C.</b>	<b>Recurring Works (Core area)</b>				
	<b>Wildlife Management (Extension of communication network)</b>	<b>4.1</b>			
1	Maintenance of wireless handset & fix set		Core area	L.S.	2.00
2	Maintenance of Camera Traps		Core area	L.S.	1.00

	<b>Office expenses</b>				
3	Maintenance of computer at FD, DD&AD Office		FD, DD & AD Office	L.S.	0.15
4	Stationary, Books, Map		FD, DD & AD Office	L.S.	1.00
	<b>Habitat Improvement</b>	4.3			
5	Eradication of lantanta/ Chhind grass/ parthinnium grass		Core area	L.S.	5.00
6	External fire line – 40 feet		Core area	600 km.	6.60
7	Internal fire line – 20 feet		Core area	885 km.	6.82
8	<b>Fire protection-</b> daily wages fire watcher engaged for 4 month in 79 beats, 21 patrolling camps and 12 residences towers		79 Beat of core area	79X2X4X5600	35.40
			21 patrolling camps and 12 residence cum watch tower	33x2x4x5600	14.78
9	Monsoon patrolling for 4 month		Core area	79X2X4X5600	35.40
10	Development of Grass Meadows		The blank area of the forest in ATR	50 ha.	7.50
11	<b>Veterinary care:</b> Purchase of medicine & vaccination of local animals (19 forest villages situated in the core area)	4.6	Core area	19	1.00
	<b>Educational tour, training publicity</b>	4.7			
12	Study tours for appraisal of good practices in other TR like Bandipur in Karnataka and other TR.		Core area	L.S.	1.00
13	Printing publicity materials, preparation of sign boards.		Core area	L.S.	1.00
14	Workshop, seminar & wild life week		Core area	L.S.	1.00
	<b>Census &amp; monitoring</b>	4.13			
15	Phase-IV: Census of wild animals & monitoring of habitat and monitoring by trap camera in winter and summer season		Core area	L.S.	5.00
	<b>Strengthening of infrastructure</b>	4.2			
16	Maintenance of FD/DD/AD Camp Office		Core area	L.S.	2.00
17	Repairing of existing forest road 300 km.		Core area	L.S.	30.00
18	Maintenance of staff quarter		Core area	40	8.00
19	Maintenance of patrolling camp. Residence cum watch tower/ check post		Core area	40	4.00
	<b>Compensation</b>	4.4	Core area	L.S.	2.00
20	Cattle/ human killed by wild animals				
	<b>Staff development and capacity building</b>				
21	Training and management planning, study tours, specialized training in anti poaching operation & wild life forensics.	4.8	Core area	L.S.	1.00
	<b>Establishment and development of ATR</b>	4.14			
22	Employment of local force in 79 beat in a group of 2 person for 12 month		Core area	79X2X8X5600	70.78
23	Wages of casual workers (semi-skilled) chowkidar 50, barrier helper 20, cook 8, mahaut helper 8 .		Core area	52X12X5600	34.94
24	Wages of causal workers (skilled) – wireless attendant 30, driver 15, Mahaut 8, Office attendant 15.		Core area	48X12X5600	32.25

25	Feed and upkeepment of camp elephants 4 old 1 cub and 2 wild elephant = 7 no.				7.00
26	Maintenance of vehicles and P.O.L.		1 Scorpio, 1 gypsy, 3 pickup, 26 motorcycles, 1 ambulance, 7 bolero, 1 indica	L.S.	20.00
27	Facilities for non-family posting like, health, education, amenities for staff welfare inputs like residential accommodation for the children supply of kerosene, medicine, field kit, mosquito net, torch etc.		Core area	L.S.	1.00
	<b>Wildlife Management (Extension of communication network)</b>	4.1			
28	Publicity, banner, posters, sign boards, printing materials		Core area	L.S.	1.00
29	Awards for exemplary works to sub-ordinate staff		Core area	L.S.	0.50
30	Hire charges of vehicle for use in fire season and anti-poaching operation		ATR	L.S.	4.00
31	Reward to informers		ATR	L.S.	0.50
31	Legal courts cases		Core area	L.S.	0.50
	<b>Rescue to wildlife management plan</b>				
	Veterinary care- rescue bag, oxygen cylinder, thermometer stethoscope, sphygmomanometer, blood sample collection kit, sterile container <b>Urgent medicine-</b> antibiotic, vitamin, narwine, injection, antiseptic, CPM, anticoagulant, eye drop, dressing material & cotton bandage, blood slide, hand glove & mask				0.25
<b>D.</b>	<b>Recurring Works (Buffer Area)</b>				
	<b>Wildlife Management (Extension of communication network)</b>	4.1			
1	Maintenance of wireless handset and fix set, solar light/ battery replacement		ATR Buffer	L.S.	1.00
	<b>Habitat Improvement Habitat Manipulation -</b>	4.3			
2	Eradication of weeds for improvement of grassland, pruning, cutting and stump dressing of fodders species.		ATR Buffer	100	2.00
3	External fire line – 40 feet		ATR Buffer	300	2.00
4	Internal fire line – 20 feet		ATR Buffer	400	2.00
	<b>Veterinary Care</b>	4.6			
5	Purchase of medicine and vaccination of local animals (5 forest villages)		ATR Buffer	15	0.50
	<b>Educational tour, training, publicity</b>	4.7			
6	Printing publicity materials, preparation of sing boards, workshop, seminar & wild life week.		ATR Buffer	L.S.	0.50
	<b>Census &amp; monitoring</b>	4.13			
7	Census of wild animals & monitoring of habitat		ATR Buffer	L.S.	1.00
	<b>Strengthening of infrastructure</b>	4.2			
8	Repairing of existing forest road 100 km.		ATR Buffer	100 km.	15.00

	<b>Compensation</b>	4.4			
9	Cattle/ human killed by wild animals		ATR Buffer	L.S.	1.00
10	Legal courts cases	-	ATR Buffer	L.S.	0.25
	<b>TOTAL RECURRING (CORE + BUFER)</b>				<b>369.62</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL=Non Recurring + Recurring Total</b>				<b><u>111.60</u> + <u>369.62</u> <u>381.22</u></b>

**(Rs. In Lakhs)**

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non-Recurring	111.60	111.60
2	Recurring	369.62	184.81
3	<b>Total</b>	<b>481.22</b>	<b>296.41</b>
4	Adjustment of previous balance for 2013-14		Nil
5	<b>Total</b>	<b>481.220</b>	<b>296.41</b>
6	10% Flexi-fund	53.468	32.934
7	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>534.688</b>	<b>329.344</b>

- (i) Total sanction (including 10% Flexi-Fund) : Rs. 534.688 Lakh  
(ii) Central assistance (including 10% Flexi-Fund) : Rs. 329.344 Lakh  
(iii) Ist Release (@ 80% of CA without Flexi-Fund) : Rs. 237.128 Lakh  
(iv) Adjustment of previous balance of 2013-14 : Rs. 0.054 Lakh  
(v) Net Release for APO : Rs. 237.074 Lakh  
(vi) 10% Flexi Fund : Rs. 26.341 Lakh  
(vii) Total 1<sup>st</sup> Release including Flexi Fund : Rs. 263.415 Lakh

**\* Ecodevelopment initiatives should be based on normative guidelines of the National Tiger Conservation Authority, Ministry of Environment and Forests, 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.**