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To,

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

Sub: Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme 'Project Tiger' Administrative Approval for funds release to Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh 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 Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh at the cost of **Rs. 409.89 Lakhs (Rupees Four hundred Nine lakhs and Eighty Nine thousand only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 282.74 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Madhya Pradesh**. 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. 114.42 lakhs (Rupees One hundred Fourteen lakhs and Forty Two thousand only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Madhya Pradesh during the current financial year 2014-15 (1/3rd of release made during the previous financial year). 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 **Bandhavgarh 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 Madhya Pradesh** 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 **Bandhavgarh 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 Madhya Pradesh in respect of **Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.7.2014.
- (x) **Bandhavgarh 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 Madhya Pradesh** 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 Madhya Pradesh** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Madhya Pradesh in respect of **Bandhavgarh 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 **Bandhavgarh 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 (Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Madhya Pradesh**.
- (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 Madhya Pradesh 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. The State is requested to resubmit a revised APO again, indicating items already approved for the year 2014-15, with physical and financial achievements of 2013-14, utilisation certificate and status of compliance of the tripartite MOU.

8. 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.

9. 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 Madhya Pradesh under intimation to this Department.

10. 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, 3601.02.659-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).

11. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 632/AS & FA dated 05.05.2014.

Yours faithfully,

(Sanjay Kumar)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Madhya Pradesh. 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 Madhya Pradesh.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh.
4. The Field Director, Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh.
5. The Accountant General, Madhya Pradesh.
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, New Delhi.
9. Plan Finance Division (PF-II), Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
10. Guard file/Spare copies.

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ANNEXURE**BANDHAVGARH TIGER RESERVE, MADHYA PRADESH
ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE YEAR 2014-15****(Rs. In Lakhs)**

Sl. No.	Item	Para of CSS-PT guidelines	Location	Physical target	Amount for 2014-15	GPS
NON-RECURRING WORKS (CORE)						
A.	Antipoaching activities					
1.	Deployment of Tiger Protection Force					
	Deployment of squads of ex-army personnel and local EDC members with hiring of vehicles and purchase of two new Gypsy for patrolling	4.1	All 6 ranges of BTR	3 units (1 unit comprises of 4 ex-army gunmen, 6 army jawans, 15 local people, and 2 vehicles)	90.00	
7.	Purchase of wireless equipment and accessories	4.1				
i.	Fixed / mobile sets with requisite accessories, battery panels etc.		All 6 ranges of BTR	15 Nos.	2.25	
ii.	Hand held sets with requisite accessories, battery, chargers etc.			25 Nos.	3.00	
10.	Rewards to informers and staff		BTR	LS	0.50	
11.	Legal aid		BTR		0.50	
C.	Staff welfare activities					
2.	Water filter candle, long coat and long boot	4.16	All 6 ranges of BTR	100 sets	2.00	
3.	Provision of first-aid kits and anti venom	4.16	BTR	All camps barriers, wireless, watchtower	2.00	
D.	Provision of project allowance to staff (all categories) of Project Tiger					
	Provision of project allowance to field and ministerial staff	4.15	BTR	Field staff-223, Ministerial staff-15 Total staff-238	22.00	
G.	Mainstreaming wildlife concerns in tiger bearing forests and fostering corridor conservation through restorative strategy					
3.	Procurement of tranquilizing drugs					
	Tranquilisation of tigers for collaring and decollaring and to rescue the problematic wild animals	4.10	BTR		0.50	
NON-RECURRING WORKS (BUFFER)						
A.	Antipoaching activities					
5.	Purchase of wireless equipment and accessories	9.3				
i.	Fixed / mobile sets with requisite accessories, battery panels etc.		All 3 ranges of buffer	06	0.90	
ii.	Hand held sets with requisite accessories, battery, chargers etc.			15	1.50	

7.	Rewards to informers and staff		All 3 ranges of buffer	LS	0.30	
C.	Staff welfare activities					
1.	Providing camp cots, chairs and mosquito nets	9.3	All 3 ranges of buffer	48 sets	1.20	
2.	Provision of first aid kits and anti-venom	9.3	All 3 ranges of buffer	All camps barriers, wireless, watchtower	0.50	
	TOTAL (Non-Recurring) Core + Buffer				127.15	
RECURRING WORKS (CORE)						
A.	Wages towards patrolling camp labourers / watchers / other labours					
	Wages for senior camp and wireless station / barriers, labours, mahaouts and chara cutters, computer operators and other labours to working in different camps / office	4.1	All 6 ranges	273 labourers	197.49	
B.	Strengthening of infrastructure					
	Maintenance of wireless sets	4.1	BTR	373 Nos.	2.25	
D.	Strengthening of infrastructure within tiger reserve					
3.	Maintenance of vehicles					
	Maintenance and POL of vehicles (Ambassador car-1, Scorpio-1, Gypsy-5, Bolero-4, Jeep-2, Tata Sumo-2, Mini Bus-2, Tata 407-1, Tata 207-3, Voyager-1, Rescue squad truck-1, Mahindra Tractor-1 and Motor cycle-32)	4.1	BTR	71 vehicles (39 four wheelers and 32 two wheelers including trucks and tractor)	24.50	
5.	Maintenance of elephants and elephants camps					
(i)	Maintenance of elephants	4.1	BTR	For 10 adults and 3 sub-adults/ juvenile elephants	12.00	
(ii)	Medicines	4.1	BTR	Some micro nutrient possessing supplementary foods like Sarkoferal, Livodex and petroleum jelly etc.	3.00	
6.	Fire protection					
	Vehicles, manpower and fire line maintenance		All ranges	Fireline-1500 kms, additional vehicles to be deployed-12 nos. for four months, additional labourers 100 engaged for four months, communication by telephone, wireless etc.,	25.00	

				construction of temporary fire watch towers, POL of vehicles, procurement of binoculars, water bottles, cap, fire beater, training publicity etc.		
	Antipoaching activities					
7.	Operation monsoon for special monsoon patrolling	4.1	10 labourers in all 6 ranges	60 labourers for 3 months	11.00	
RECURRING WORKS (BUFFER)						
D.	Strengthening of infrastructure within tiger reserve					
3.	Maintenance and POL of vehicles	9.3	All 3 ranges of buffer	LS	4.50	
6.	Fire protection					
	Vehicles, manpower and fireline maintenance		All 3 ranges of buffer	LS	3.00	
	TOTAL (RECURRING) Core + Buffer				282.74	
	GRAND TOTAL (NR+R)				409.89	

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non – Recurring (core+buffer)	127.15	127.15
2	Recurring (core+buffer)	282.74	141.37
3	Total	409.89	268.52
4	10 % Flexi-fund		29.835
	Grand Total		298.355

Ceiling of 1/3rd of BE, of central share to Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve = Rs. 102.978 lakhs
10% flexi-fund to State Government = Rs. 11.442 lakhs
Total = Rs. 114.42 lakhs

* 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.