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Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
Project Tiger Division

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Dated the 16th June, 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 Manas Tiger Reserve, Assam 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 Manas Tiger Reserve, Assam at the cost of **Rs. 370.96 Lakhs (Rupees Three hundred Seventy lakhs and Ninety Six thousand only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 141.46 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 90:10 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Assam**. 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. 140.00 lakhs (Rupees One hundred Forty lakhs only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Assam 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 **Manas 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 Assam** 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 **Manas 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 Assam in respect of **Manas Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.7.2014.
- (x) **Manas 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 Assam** 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 Assam to the Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Assam in respect of **Manas 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 **Manas 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 (Manas Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Assam**.
- (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 Assam 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 Assam 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. 605/AS & FA dated 16.06.2014.

Yours faithfully,

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

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Assam. 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 Assam.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Assam.
4. The Field Director, Manas Tiger Reserve, Assam.

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

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

MANAS TIGER RESERVE, ASSAM
ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE YEAR 2014-15

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Description of works	Para No. of CSS-PT guidelines	Current Year Proposal			GPS coordinates
			Location	Physical	Amount recommended by PT Division for 2014-15	
A.	NON-RECURRING					
1.	a. Project Tiger Allowance to Project Tiger Staff (only to staff on regular pay roll basis)	4.15	Manas Tiger Reserve	388 Nos.	55.10	
2.	Staff welfare					
	a. Provision for uniform, patrolling gear	4.1	Manas Tiger Reserve	300 Nos.	3.60	
6.	Deployment of personnel for antipoaching TPF					
	a. Home Guards: 100 numbers @ Rs. 6000/- per Guard for 12 months (wages enhanced)	4.1	Manas Tiger Reserve	100 Nos.	72.00	
	b. Wages for local people engaged in antipoaching TPF activity: 85 nos. @ Rs. 6000/- per no. for 12 months	4.1	Manas Tiger Reserve	85 Nos.	61.20	
8.	Logistics for monsoon patrolling					
	d. Purchase of raincoats: 500 Nos. @ Rs. 700/- per coat	4.1	Manas Tiger Reserve	300 Nos.	2.10	
10.	Purchase of camp equipments for antipoaching activities					
	f. Purchase of logistics for day and night patrolling (torch, cells, kerosene etc.)	4.1	Manas Tiger Reserve	LS	4.00	
12.	Protection measures					
	a. Intelligence gathering	4.1	Manas Tiger Reserve	LS	1.00	
	d. Payment of special incentives and legal aids to frontline staff for good works and outstanding performance	4.15	Manas Tiger Reserve	LS	0.50	
15.	Research and Training					
	a. Purchase of camera trap- 60 Nos. @ Rs. 15000/- per camera	4.1	Manas Tiger Reserve	60 Nos.	9.00	
16.	Veterinary and animal health care					
	c. Cattle vaccination cum treatment in fringe villages under tiger reserve from Songkosh to Dhansiri	4.4	Manas Tiger Reserve	20 camps	2.00	
17.	Addressing man-animal conflict					
	a. Killed by wild animal- 2 Nos. @ Rs. 2.00 per person	4.4	Manas Tiger Reserve	2 Nos.	4.00	
	b. Serious injured by wild animals- 5 Nos. @ Rs. 60000/- per person	4.4	Manas Tiger Reserve	5 Nos.	3.00	
	c. Payment of compensation for damage to crop and property	4.4	Manas Tiger Reserve	LS	2.00	
	d. Erection of barrier: Electric fencing:- 5 kms. @ Rs. 2.0 lakh per km	4.4	Manas Tiger Reserve	5 Kms.	10.00	
TOTAL (NON-RECURRING)					229.50	
B.	RECURRING					
2.	Repairing of vehicles	4.4	Manas Tiger Reserve	LS	10.00	

3.	Repairing of mechanized/country boat	4.1	Manas Tiger Reserve	LS	5.00	
5.	Wages for local casual labours engaged in antipoaching activity & maintenance of patrolling paths (Kahitama)- 32 Nos. @ Rs. 6000/- per casual for 12 months	4.1	Manas Tiger Reserve	LS	23.04	
7.	Fixed payment					
	a. Payment of wages for casual labours- 41 Nos. @ Rs. 6000/- per month for 12 months	4.1	Manas Tiger Reserve	41 Nos.	29.52	
	b. Computer operator- 2 Nos. @ Rs. 7500/- per month	4.1	Manas Tiger Reserve	2 Nos.	1.80	
8.	Logistics for monsoon patrolling					
	e. Wages for skilled daily labours- 25 nos. @ Rs. 6000/- per no. for 12 months	4.1	Manas Tiger Reserve	25 Nos.	18.00	
12.	Protection measures					
	a. Intelligence gathering	4.1	Manas Tiger Reserve	LS	1.00	
	b. POL for patrolling, rhino monitoring and other management purpose	4.1	Manas Tiger Reserve	LS	7.00	
13.	Habitat improvement and water development					
	c. Maintenance of fireline/clearance of patrolling path	4.2	Manas Tiger Reserve	150 kms.	7.50	
14.	Elephant and other animal care					
	a. Upkeep of departmental elephants 40 Nos. @ Rs. 7000/- per month for 12 months	4.2	Manas Tiger Reserve	40 Nos.	33.60	
16.	Veterinary and animal health care					
	a. Medicine required in stock for the emergency treatment of captive elephant and rescue animals	4.1	Manas Tiger Reserve	LS	2.00	
	e. Elephant feed supplement for 40 Nos. of captive elephants	4.4	Manas Tiger Reserve	40 Nos.	3.00	
TOTAL (RECURRING)					141.46	
GRAND TOTAL (NR + R)					370.96	

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non-Recurring	229.50	229.50
2	Recurring	141.46	127.314
3.	Total	370.96	356.814
4.	10 % Flexi-fund		39.646
	Grand Total		396.46

Ceiling of 1/3rd of BE, of central share to Manas Tiger Reserve = Rs. 126.00 lakhs
10% flexi-fund to State Government = Rs. 14.00 lakhs
Total = Rs. 140.00 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.