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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 Nagarjunasagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve, Andhra 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 Nagarjunasagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve, Andhra Pradesh at the cost of **Rs. 222.272 Lakhs (Rupees Two hundred and twenty two lakhs twenty seven thousand and two hundred only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 103.770 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Andhra 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. 131.661 lakhs (Rupees one hundred thirty one lakhs sixty six thousand and one hundred only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Andhra Pradesh 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 **Nagarjunasagar Srisailam 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 Andhra 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 **Nagarjunasagar Srisailam 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 Andhra Pradesh in respect of **Nagarjunasagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2015.
 - (x) **Nagarjunasagar Srisailam 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 Andhra 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 Andhra Pradesh** to the **Govt. of India**.
 - (xiii) Government of Andhra Pradesh in respect of **Nagarjunasagar Srisailam 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 **Nagarjunasagar Srisailam 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 (**Nagarjunasagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve**) and **Government of Andhra 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.**
 - (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 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 **Andhra 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 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 Andhra 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 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).

11. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 1136/AS & FA dated 10.09.2014.

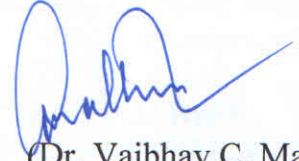
Yours faithfully,


(Dr. Vaibhav C. Mathur)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (PT)

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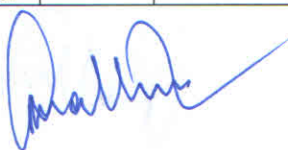
1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Andhra Pradesh. A copy of the detailed sanction letter issued by the State Government in respect of this scheme for 2014-15 may kindly be furnished to this Ministry immediately.
2. The Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.
4. The Field Director, Nagarjunasagar Srisaillam Tiger Reserve, Andhra Pradesh.
5. The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
7. The AIGF, NTCA Regional Office, Bengaluru.
8. Forest Finance Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
9. Plan Finance Division (PF-II), Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
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Assistant Inspector General of Forests (PT)

APO 2014-15 for Nagarjunsagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve, Andhra Pradesh

S l . N o	Item	Para No. of CSSPT Guideline	Current year 2014-15 proposal				
			Location	Physical	Fund Released PFY	Financial	GPS
	NON-RECURRING						
1	Anti-Poaching						
	Anti-poaching activates & vigilance in River Krishna (Hiring of boats)	4.10 & 10.3.1	Atmakur, Markapur	2 Nos.	10.000	2.250	
2	Strengthening of infrastructure with in Tiger Reserve	6.5 & 10.3					
a	Construction of patrolling camp		Markapur , Nandyal and Giddalur	6 Nos.	38.500	21.00	15.93754, 78.93400 15.96310, 79.07850 15.59844, 78.81450 15.51536, 78.88049
b	Procurement of camera trap		Atmakur, Markapur , Nandyal & Giddalur		16.000	6.500	
3	Addressing man-animal conflict	5.10					
a	Compensation for cattle, human injuries and crop damage		Atmakur, Markapur , Nandyal & Giddalur	LS	3.000	9.50	
b	Procurement / deployment of traps, cazes to catch problematic animals		Atmakur, Markapur , Nandyal & Giddalur	LS	1.000	1.50	
c	Procurement of tranquilizing equipments rescue vehicles and drugs		Atmakur, Markapur , Nandyal & Giddalur	LS	2.000	1.000	
4	Co-existence agenda in Buffer / Frinze areas	7.2					
a	Providing medicare to interior villagers		Atmakur, Markapur , Nandyal & Giddalur	LS	2.000	1.250	
b	Providing solar street lights to the interior villages		Atmakur, Markapur , Nandyal & Giddalur	LS	5.000	1.000	
5	Research & Field equipments	8&4.11					
a	Wildlife estimation		Atmakur, Markapur , Nandyal & Giddalur	LS		2.250	
b	Bio-diversity Research & ERM lab maintenance		ACF Bio-Division Srisailam	LS	5.000	5.00	
c	Publicity and extension		Atmakur, Markapur , Nandyal & Giddalur	LS	1.000	1.50	



d	Implementation of M-STriPES	9	ACF Bio-Division Srisailam		8.00	1.00	
e	Phase-IV monitoring for maintenance of camera traps of batteries, accessories etc.		Atmakur, Markapur, Nandyal & Giddalur			4.250	
6	Provision of project allowance to staff (all categories) of Project Tiger	14.4	All the staff of Project Tiger area (including Nadyal & Giddalur Division)	368 Nos	49.656	34.275	
7	Staff Development and Capacity Building	14.47					
	Staff welfare activities		Atmakur, Markapur, Nandyal & Giddalur	LS	7.000	4.000	
	Total Non-Recurring				140.16	96.275	
	RECURRING						
8	Anti-poaching activities						
a	Engaging of PTG chenchus for protection		Atmakur, Markapur, Nandyal & Giddalur	71 Nos.	87.694	64.82	
b	Reward for informers		Atmakur, Markapur, Nandyal & Giddalur		0.500	0.50	
c	Awards to staff for meritorious services		Atmakur, Markapur, Nandyal & Giddalur		0.500	0.400	
d	Strengthening of check post		Atmakur, Markapur, Nandyal & Giddalur	5 Nos.	8.000	1.500	16.04498, 78.91713 15.87558, 78.97171 15.72543, 78.56693 15.89851, 78.82544 15.81851, 78.82544
9	Strengthening of infrastructure with in Tiger Reserve	10					
a	Maintenance of building		Atmakur, Markapur, Nandyal & Giddalur	LS	10.000	5.250	
b	Maintenance of EFCs		Srisailam Project, atmakur WLM Davison	1 Nos	8.000	2.00	
c	Stationery, maintenance of Copies, telephones ect.		Atmakur, Markapur, Nandyal & Giddalur including PCCF (WL) and circle officers, Srisailam	7 officers	4.750	4.500	
d	Maintenance of Govt. vehicles		Atmakur,	LS	9.500	4.500	

			Markapur , Nandyal & Giddalur including PCCF (WL) and circle officers, Srisailam				
e	Maintenance of animal rescue care centre		Srisailam Project, atmakur WLM Davison	2 Nos.	3.000	3.00	
f	Maintenance of protection camps for facilities patrolling camps in sanctuary areas			22 Nos.		2.60	15.86927, 78.71303 15.93278, 78.83303 15.90533, 78.36128 15.95956, 78.60115 15.84629, 78.71550 15.83328, 78.59315 15.72011, 78.65381 15.39377, 78.44497 15.69647, 78.66745 15.73522, 78.36675 15.88150, 78.82810 15.83540, 78.85950 15.96570, 78.93690 16.06405, 79.05065 16.15936, 79.03989 16.04480, 78.58360 16.01692, 79.06963 16.26877, 79.22778 16.17975, 79.23772 15.39500, 78.82717
10	Staff Development and Capacity Building	10 & 14					
a	Specialized training in the use of GIS, tranquilizing, anti-poaching operations		Atmakur, Markapur , Nandyal & Giddalur		1.000	0.500	
b	Study tours for appraisal of in other reserves		Atmakur, Markapur , Nandyal & Giddalur		1.000	0.800	
11	Habitat Improvement and Water Development	7					
a	Removal of unwanted species of flora ie., lantana and maintenance etc.		Atmakur, Markapur , Nandyal & Giddalur	20 ha.	10.500	0.500	15.99934, 78.93159 16.02297, 78.94727 16.02040, 79.15050
b	Transport of water during summer season		Atmakur, Markapur , Nandyal & Giddalur		2.000	2.50	
c	Development and maintenance of view lines		Atmakur, Markapur , Nandyal & Giddalur	130 kms		10.40	
	Total Recurring				184.94	103.77	

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S.No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non-Recurring	96.275	96.275
2	Recurring	103.770	51.885
3	Total (X)	200.045	148.16
4	10% Flexi-fund (X/9)	22.227	16.462
5	Grand Total	222.272	164.622

(i)	Total sanction (including 10% Flexi-Fund)	:	Rs. 222.272 Lakh
(ii)	Central assistance (including 10% Flexi-Fund)	:	Rs. 164.622 Lakh
(iii)	Ist Release @ 80% of CA with Flexi-Fund	:	Rs. 131.698 Lakh
(iv)	Less unspent balance of 2013-14	:	Rs. 0.037 Lakh
(v)	Net Release	:	Rs. 131.661 Lakh
	a) APO for 2014-15 (90% of (v) above)	:	Rs. 118.495 Lakh
	b) Flexi Fund (10% of (v) above)	:	Rs. 13.166 Lakh

