

**No. 4-1(38)/2015-PT**  
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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
Project Tiger Division

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

**Sub: Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme 'Project Tiger' Administrative Approval for funds release to Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, Kerala during 2015-16.**

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme 'Project Tiger' in Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, Kerala at the cost of **Rs. 335.00 Lakhs (Rupees Three hundred Thirty Five lakhs only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 277.30 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Kerala**. 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. 144.7522 lakhs (Rupees One hundred Forty Four Lakhs Seventy Five thousand Two hundred Twenty only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Kerala during the current financial year 2015-16. 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 **Parambikulam 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 Kerala** 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 **Parambikulam 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 Kerala in respect of **Parambikulam Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2016.
- (x) **Parambikulam 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 Kerala** 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 2015-16 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by **Government of Kerala** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Kerala in respect of **Parambikulam 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 **Parambikulam Tiger Reserve** strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, acting through the National Tiger Conservation Authority, Field Director (Parambikulam Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Kerala**.
- (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.
- (xix) The cost estimates worked out by the Field Director should be based on approved schedule of rates of the State Government, with due approval of the competent authority.

4. As the annual budget of the Scheme is approved by the Central Government, the Government of Kerala 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.**

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 Kerala 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. 32, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Major Head 3601 – Grants-in-aid to the State Governments, 3601.02- Grants for State Plan Scheme, 3601.02.659-Environmental Forestry and Wildlife – Wildlife Preservation, 3601.02.659.04-Integrated Development of Wild Life Habitats, 3601.02.659.04.03- Project Tiger, 3601.02.659.04.03.31-Grants-in-aid for the year 2015-16 (Plan).

10. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 781/AS & FA dated 16.06.2015.

Yours faithfully,

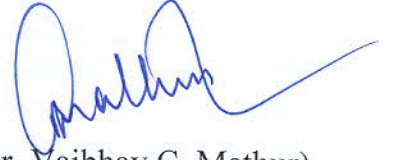
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Assistant Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Kerala. A copy of the detailed sanction letter issued by the State Government in respect of this scheme for 2015-16 may kindly be furnished to this Ministry immediately.

2. The Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Kerala.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Kerala.
4. The Field Director, Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, Kerala.
5. The Accountant General, Kerala.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
7. The IG, NTCA Regional Office, Bengaluru.
8. Forest Finance Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
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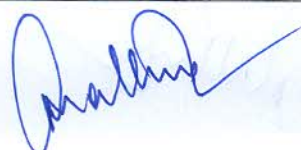


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**Annual Plan of Operations of Parambikulam Tiger Reserve for the year 2015-16 under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger**

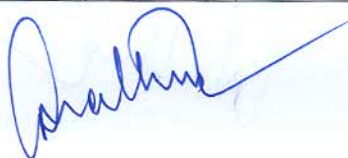
(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Item	Para No. of CSS-PT Guidelines	Para No. of TCP	Location	Physical Target	Rate/ Unit	Amount for 2015-16	GPS
	<b>NON-RECURRING (Core)</b>							
<b>16.1</b>	<b>Antipoaching Activities</b>							
1	Conducting Road patrol	16.1	7.2.2.1.5	PKMTR	LS	LS	0.50	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
<b>16.2</b>	<b>Strengthening of Infrastructure within Tiger Reserve</b>							
1	Establishment of Chain Gates	16.2	7.2.2.1.8	Kunjiarpathy, Anapantham, Kavala, Shaikalmudi, Charpa	5 Nos	0.10	0.50	76.57132,10.43507; 76.51582,10.37990; 76.53453,10.38501; 76.85044,10.32387; 76.63635,10.31635
<b>16.4</b>	<b>Addressing Man-Animal Conflict</b>							
1	Compound stone wall around campsheds	16.4	7.2.2.1.2	Around Vengoli CS, Padukutty CS,	115 Mtr	5205.28	3.00	Vengoli CS (10.42077; 76.80625); Padukutty (10.43592, 76.5885278)
2	Procurement of equipment like trap cages, capture net, hamesing belt and rope etc for rescue of wild animals	16.4	12.2.2	PKMTR	2 Nos.	0.50	1.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
<b>16.7</b>	<b>Research &amp; Field Equipments</b>							
1	Postmortem and sample collection kit	16.7	12.4	PKMTR	LS	LS	0.50	
2	Conducting Phase IV Tiger Monitoring exercise twice in a year	16.7	9.3.1	PKMTR	LS	LS	2.00	
3	Establishment of weather station	16.7	7.2.2.3.1.3	PKMTR	1 No.	1.00	1.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
<b>16.8</b>	<b>Staff Development and Capacity Building</b>							
4	Purchase of books related to management of PAs & Legal issues	16.8	7.2.2.2.19	PKMTR	LS	LS	0.20	
<b>16.15</b>	<b>Provision for the Project Allowance to the staff</b>							
1	Provision for the Project Allowance to staff of Parambikulam Tiger Reserve and Field Directors Office including arrear payment	16.15	7.2.2.1.18	PKMTR	LS	LS	10.00	
	<b>Total Non Recurring (Core)</b>						<b>18.70</b>	
	<b>Non Recurring (Buffer)</b>							
<b>16.5</b>	<b>Co-existence agenda in buffer /fringe areas</b>							
	Providing livelihood measures by implementation of microplan in all the Tribal	16.5	8.2	PKMTR	6 Nos.	0.25	1.50	



	EDCs including micro plan preparation.							
16.7	<b>Research &amp; Field Equipments</b>							
	Conducting Phase IV Tiger Monitoring exercise twice in a year / Disease surveillance programs	16.7	9.6	PKMTR	LS	LS	1.00	
16.15	<b>Provision for the Project Allowance to the staff</b>							
1	Provision for the Project Allowance to staff of Parambikulam Tiger Reserve and Field Directors Office including arrear payment	16.15	7.2.2.1.18	PKMTR	LS	LS	3.00	
	<b>Total Non Recurring (Buffer)</b>						5.50	
	<b>Total Non Recurring (Core+Buffer)</b>						24.20	
II	<b>Recurring (Core)</b>							
16.1	<b>Antipoaching Activities</b>							
1	Engaging antipoaching watchers	16.1	7.2.2.1.2	PKMTR	20000 mm	0.004	46.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
2	Engaging watchers for monsoon patrolling	16.1	7.2.2.1.2	PKMTR	2250 mm	0.004	9.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
3	Maintenance of antipoaching camp sheds	16.1	7.2.2.1.2	PKMTR	20 Nos	0.50	12.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
4	Providing ration to frontline staffs and tchers staying in interior campsheds @860/person	16.1	7.2.2.1.2	PKMTR	1220 Nos	0.0086	10.50	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
5	Uniform to the protection mazdoors	16.1	7.2.2.1.6	PKMTR	120 Nos.	0.017	2.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
7	Conducting Inter Division/Inter State joint Camps (Foot patrolling/Vehicle patrolling)	16.1	7.2.2.1.7	PKMTR	20 Camps	0.05	1.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
16.2	<b>Strengthening of Infrastructure within Tiger Reserves</b>							
1	Maintenance and improvement of Staff Quarters, office buildings including Field Director's Office	16.2	7.2.2.1.1	PKMTR	10 Nos	1.50	7.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
2	Installation of CCTV Cameras and visitor monitoring system at three Checkposts	16.2	7.2.2.1.8	PKMTR	3 Nos.	0.70	2.10	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
3	Engaging Wireless attender	16.2	7.2.2.1.11	PKMTR	425mm	0.004	1.70	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
4	Fuel and Repair & maintenance of Vehicles of Range Officers, Deputy Director and Field Director including Wages to the Drivers	16.2	7.2.2.1.10	PKMTR	8 Nos	2.50	10.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
5	Engaging field protection watchers for Tiger Monitoring	16.2	8.3	PKMTR	2500 mm	0.004	10.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
6	Maintenance of patrolling roads	16.2	7.2.2.1.9	PKMTR	67 Km	0.30	10.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
7	Maintenance of Trekpaths	16.2	7.2.2.1.9	PKMTR	75 Km	0.16	7.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
8	Treatment of sick, injured animals & postmortem and disposal	16.2	12.4	PKMTR	LS	LS	1.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
9	Maintenance of Firelines	16.2	7.2.2.2.3	PKMTR	85 Km	0.19	16.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')

10	Engaging Fire Protection Watchers	16.2	7.2.2.2.12	PKMTR	3500 mm	0.004	14.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
11	Maintenance of cross drainage structures, Causeways, bridges, retaining walls and culverts	16.2	7.2.2.1.9	PKMTR	15 Nos	1.00	7.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
12	Maintenance of Communication Network including replacement of damaged Wireless sets, walkie talkies, batteries etc.	16.2	7.2.2.1.11	PKMTR	LS	LS	4.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
13	Mtce of Solar Lighting system in the interior campsheds	16.2	7.2.2.1.2	PKMTR	25 Nos	0.10	2.50	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
<b>16.3</b>	<b>Habitat improvement and water development</b>							
1	Prescribed burning	16.3	7.2.2.2.4	PKMTR	10 Ha	0.005	0.50	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
2	Habitat improvement - Maintenance of Vayals	16.3	7.2.2.3.3	PKMTR	325 Ha	0.08	15.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
3	Vista Clearance	16.3	7.2.2.1.9	PKMTR	170 Ha	0.08	7.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
6	Construction of new waterholes and desiltation of existing waterholes & Checkdams	16.3	7.2.2.3.2	PKMTR	20 Nos.	0.50	7.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
<b>16.2</b>	<b>Fostering Ecotourism in Tiger Reserves</b>							
1	Improvement of Interpretation Centre at Anappady	16.17	14.5	Anappady	LS	LS	3.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
	<b>Total Recurring</b>						<b>205.30</b>	
II	<b>Recurring (Buffer)</b>							
<b>16.1</b>	<b>Antipoaching Activities</b>							
1	Engaging antipoaching watchers	16.1	7.2.2.1.2	PKMTR	2875 mm	0.004	11.50	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
2	Engaging watchers for monsoon patrolling	16.1	7.2.2.1.2	PKMTR	1000 mm	0.004	4.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
3	Maintenance of antipoaching camp sheds	16.1	7.2.2.1.2	PKMTR	4 Nos.	0.50	2.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
4	Conducting Inter Division/Inter State joint Camps (Foot patrolling/Vehicle patrolling)	16.1	7.2.2.1.7	PKMTR	20 camps	0.05	1.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
<b>16.2</b>	<b>Strengthening of Infrastructure within Tiger Reserves</b>							
1	Maintenance and improvement of Staff Quarters, office buildings including Field Director's Office		7.2.2.1.1	PKMTR	3 Nos.	1.00	3.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
2	Fuel and Repair & maintenance of Departmental Boats including wages to boatman driver		7.2.2.1.1	PKMTR	2 Nos.	1.00	2.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
3	Maintenance & Improvement of Inspection Bungalows, Dormitory, Tree top huts, etc		7.2.2.1.1	PKMTR	LS	LS	4.50	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')



4	Engaging field protection watchers for Tiger Monitoring	7.2.2.1.1	PKMTR	500 mm	0.004	2.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
5	Engaging Assistant for data compilation in Field Directors office	7.2.2.1.1	PKMTR	325 mm	0.004	1.30	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
6	Maintenance of patrolling roads/routes	7.2.2.1.1	PKMTR	15 Km	0.30	4.50	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
7	Maintenance of Trekpaths	7.2.2.1.1	PKMTR	20 Km	0.16	3.20	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
8	Annual maintenance of computers and peripherals, Photocopiers, Fax machines, LCD Projectors, consumables, stationeries and other office expenses for Deputy Director & Field Director offices	7.2.2.1.1	PKMTR	LS	LS	1.50	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
9	Payment of building tax, telephone, mobile, electricity, water charges and TA bills including Field Director office	7.2.2.1.1	PKMTR	LS	LS	5.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
10	Creation and maintenance of Firelines	7.2.2.1.1	PKMTR	30 Km	0.19	6.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
11	Engaging Fire Protection Watchers	7.2.2.1.1	PKMTR	1250 mm	0.004	5.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
16.3	<b>Habitat improvement and water development</b>						
1	Habitat improvement - Maintenance of Vayals	7.2.2.1.1	PKMTR	25 Ha	0.08	2.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
2	Vista Clearance	7.2.2.1.1	PKMTR	38 Ha	0.08	3.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
3	Desilting of Waterholes & Checkdams	7.2.2.1.1	PKMTR	8 Nos.	0.50	4.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
4	Conducting Fire Awareness Campaign, printing of brochures, posters, T-shirts and wall writing etc.	7.2.2.1.1	PKMTR	LS	LS	1.50	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
5	Procuring education material, signages, display boards and Publication of folders and posters, brochures, Newsletter etc.	7.2.2.1.1	PKMTR	LS	LS	3.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
6	Celebration of Wildlife week and other important days	7.2.2.1.1	PKMTR	LS	LS	1.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
7	Conducting Nature Education Camps	7.2.2.1.1	PKMTR	5 camps	0.20	1.00	PKMTR (10 20' & 10 26'; 76 35' 76 50')
	<b>Total Recurring (Buffer)</b>					<b>72.00</b>	
	<b>Total Recurring (Core+Buffer)</b>					<b>277.30</b>	
	<b>Grand Total – Non Recurring + Recurring</b>					<b>301.50</b>	



(Rs. In Lakhs)

S.No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non – Recurring	24.20	24.20
2	Recurring	277.30	138.65
3	Eco-development	---	--
4	<b>Total (x)</b>	<b>301.50</b>	<b>162.85</b>
5	10% Flexi-fund (x/9)	33.50	18.094
6	<b>Total (x)</b>	<b>335.00</b>	<b>180.944</b>
7	Adjustment of previous balance for 2014-15	---	---
8	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>335.00</b>	<b>180.944</b>

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share (including Flexi Fund)	A	335.00
Centre's share in APO (without Flexi Fund)	B	162.85
FF on Centre's share	$C=B/9$	18.094
Centre's share including FF	$D=B+C$	180.944
1 <sup>st</sup> release @ 80% of Centre's share	$E=0.8*D$	144.7552
Less: Unspent balance FY 14-15	F	---
Adjusted 1 <sup>st</sup> release including FF	$G=E-F$	144.7522
2 <sup>nd</sup> release @ 20% of Centre's share	$I=0.2*D$	36.1888
Total release towards APO in FY 15-16	$J=(9/10)*(G+I)$	162.8496
Total release towards FF in FY 15-16	$K=(1/10)*(G+I)$	18.0944
Grand total release in FY 15-16	$L=G+I$	180.944
Total effective release including USB	$L+F$	180.944
Effective release for APO activities	$J+0.9*F$	162.8476
Effective release for FFs	$K+0.1*F$	18.0944

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

