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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
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Dated: 10th June, 2015

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 Melghat Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra 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 Melghat Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra at the cost of **Rs. 570.77 Lakhs (Rupees Five hundred Seventy Lakhs Seventy Seven thousand only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 343.38 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Maharashtra**. 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. 289.1568 lakhs (Rupees Two hundred Eighty Nine Lakhs and Fifteen thousand Six hundred Eighty only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Maharashtra 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 **Melghat 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 Maharashtra** 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 **Melghat 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 Maharashtra in respect of **Melghat Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2016.
- (x) **Melghat 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 Maharashtra** 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 Maharashtra** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Maharashtra in respect of **Melghat 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 **Melghat 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 (Melghat Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Maharashtra**.
- (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 Maharashtra 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.**

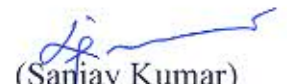
The flexi-fund will be utilized by the State Government as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, read with guidelines of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger in vogue, for utilisation in the tiger reserve.

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 Maharashtra 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. 726/AS & FA dated 05.06.2015.


Yours faithfully,


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

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Maharashtra. 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 Maharashtra.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Maharashtra.
4. The Field Director, Melghat Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra.
5. The Accountant General, Maharashtra.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
7. The IG, NTCA Regional Office, Nagpur.
8. Forest Finance Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
9. Plan Finance Division (PF-II), Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
10. Guard file/Spare copies.


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Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

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

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S. No.	Item	Para No. of CSS-PT Guidelines	Location	Physical	Amount sanctioned for previous financial year	Amount for 2015-16	GPS
A.	NON-RECURRING (CORE)						
1.	Ration allowance						
	Ration allowance (Forester-68, Forest Guard-229, Mahavat-3, Characutter-4, Chowkidar-9, Mali-4, and Forest labor-142 @ Rs. 860/- from 1.3.15 to 28.2.16(367 x 12 x 860)	As per notification No. 12-7/2010-NTCA dated 6.6.2014	Sipna, Gugamal and Akot	367 persons	29.61	37.87	
2.	Antipoaching						
i.	Patrolling gear for ex-army protection force Rs. 15000 per squad	4.1	Sipna-2 Gugamal-1 Akot-1	4 protection force	0.60	0.60	
ii.	Payment of supervisors + ex-military 32x10000x12 months	4.1	Sipna-14 Gugamal-9 Akot-9	32 Supervisors + Ex-military	38.40	38.40	
iii.	Strengthening of wildlife crime cell and cyber cell	4.1	For the directorate sanctioned at Gugamal Division		-	4.00	
iv.	Inter State coordination meeting of tiger reserves	4.1		LS	0.30	0.30	
3.	5 th Boundary Demarcation						
	Office equipments						
i.	Tiger reserve component (budget), M-STRIPES (GPS unit, field expenses, computer laptop, computer tag (Annual recurring), M-STRIPES Booklet printing	GOI letter No. 15-17/2010-NTCA dated 3.12.2014	Directorate, Sipna, Gugamal and Akot Division	Approximately	-	7.00	
4.	Strengthening of infrastructure, roads						
i.	Purchase of arms ammunition and training 1.00 per year	4.4	Sipna, Gugamal Akot	LS	-	1.00	
ii.	Preparation of beat, round and range maps as per reorganization 1.00 / year	4.2	Sipna, Gugamal, Akot	LS	-	0.80	
5.	Research providing equipment, GPS, camera traps, computer software and estimation of tigers and other animals						
i.	Purchase of equipment camera traps, camera accessories and purchase of battery for wireless station	4.2	Sipna, Gugamal, Akot and Directorate	LS	15.00	3.00	
ii.	Monitoring by camera traps phase IV census and annual census, purchase of GPS instrument 100 nos.,	4.2	Sipna, Gugamal, Akot	LS	-	2.00	

	digital camera 100 nos, Duracell with memory card						
6.	Staff development and capacity building						
i.	Trainings, workshops, seminars for staff and villagers law, SWC, motivation, orientation weapons training etc.	4.8	Sipna, Gugamal, Akot	3 workshops	1.50	0.90	
ii.	Visits to other NP, Sanctuaries for staff and villagers	4.8	Sipna, Gugamal, Akot	NP & Sanctuary	1.00	1.00	
iii.	Reward to staff and secret service fund	4.10	Sipna, Gugamal, Akot & Directorate	LS	0.60	0.60	
6.	Project Allowance						
i.	Project allowance field staff and ministerial staff	4.8	Directorate, Gugamal, Sipna and Akot	706 posts	57.00	45.30	
	NON-RECURRING (BUFFER)						
1.	Ration allowance (Forester 14, Forest Guard 46, Characutter 2, Chowkidar 9, Mali 1 and Forest Labour 29 @ Rs. 860/- from 1.3.15 to 28.2.16 (92x12x860)	As per notification No. 12-7/2010-NTCA dated 6.6.2014	Sipna, Gugamal & Akot	92 posts	-	9.50	
2.	Office equipments						
i.	Tiger reserve component (budget) M-STriPES (GPS unit, field expenses, computer laptop, computer staff (annual recurring), M-STriPES booklet printing	GOI letter No. 15-17/2010-NTCA dated 3.12.2014	Sipna, Gugamal & Akot	Approximately	-	1.50	
3.	Strengthening of infrastructure, roads						
i.	Strengthening of infrastructure of check naka & protection camp (2 pro comp+2 check naka = 5 Nos. @ Rs. 5000/- each)	4.2	Gugamal-5	5 nos.	-	0.25	
4.	Research providing equipment, GPS, camera traps, computer software and estimation of tigers and other animals						
i.	Purchase of equipment camera traps, camera accessories and purchase of battery for wireless station	4.2	Sipna, Gugamal, Akot	LS	-	1.50	
ii.	Monitoring by camera traps phase-IV census and Annual census purchase of GPS instrument 100 nos., digital camera 100 nos., Duracell with memory card	4.2			-	1.50	
5.	Staff development and capacity building						
i.	Trainings, workshops, seminars for staff and villagers law, SWC, motivation, orientation weapons training etc.	4.8	Sipna, Gugamal & Akot	3 workshops	-	0.30	
ii.	Reward to staff and secret service fund	4.10	Sipna, Gugamal &		-	0.20	

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			Akot				
6.	Project allowance						
i.	Project allowance field staff and ministerial staff	4.8				11.30	
	TOTAL (NON-RECURRING)					168.82	
II.	RECURRING (CORE)						
1.	Maintenance of protection camps						
i.	Wages 81 camps 42000 x 286	4.2	Sipna-37, Gugamal-21 Akot-23	81 camps	195.75	120.12	
ii.	Material supply for the 41 camps, such first aid, mosquito nets, blankets, torches, kerosene, cooking utensils, water storage facility, patrolling gear @ Rs. 6000/- per camp	4.8	Sipna-37, Gugamal-21 Akot-23	41 camps	3.00	2.46	
iii.	Royalty and license fee of wireless network and new equipments	4.2	Sipna, Gugamal, Akot	License fee	-	1.50	
iv.	Legal support, diet charges for offenders and witnesses transportation etc.	4.1	Sipna, Gugamal, Akot	LS	0.50	0.50	
2.	Maintenance wireless operation						
i.	Wages for 42 wireless station x 2 x labour x 205 days x 286	4.2	Sipna-16 Gugamal-12 Akot-14	42 wireless station	76.02	68.47	
ii.	Refurbishing wireless network, stations, purchase of batteries, repairs of wireless sets (@ 15000/- per station)	4.2	Sipna-16 Gugamal-12 Akot-14	42 wireless maintenance, purchase of batteries	2.00	1.60	
3.	Maintenance of check nakas						
i.	Wages for 39 check nakas x 1 labours x 312 days x 286 Rs.	4.1	Akot-12 Gugamal-10 Sipna-17	39 check naka	70.58	34.80	
4.	Maintenance of elephant for protection 4 elephant						
i.	Wages for elephant helper 1 labours x 360 days @ 286 (1 elephant = 1 labour)	4.1	Sipna-2 Gugamal-1 Akot-1	4 elephant	6.96	4.12	
ii.	Ration for the elephant 4 x Rs. 10000x12 months	4.1	Sipna, Gugamal, Akot	4 elephant	4.80	4.80	
iii.	Medicines, equipment etc. 4 x Rs. 2000 x 12 months	4.1	Sipna, Gugamal, Akot	4 elephant	1.00	0.96	
5.	Maintenance of infrastructure						
	Maintenance of buildings including RRT						
i.	Office	4.20	Directorate, Gugamal, Sipna, Akot Divisions	LS	4.00	2.00	
ii.	Residential	4.2	Directorate, Gugamal, Sipna, Akot Divisions	Approximately	5.00	3.20	
iii.	Office expenses, photocopies, stationery, maintenance of computers, accessories, purchase of	4.2	Directorate, Gugamal, Sipna, Akot Divisions	Approximately	3.00	3.00	

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	CDs books and misc. expn.						
iv.	Maintenance of vehciels total vehicle 71 with motor cycle	4.2	Directorate, Gugamal, Sipna, Akot Divisions	71 vehicles	9.00	8.00	
v.	Fire protection (cutting and burning of firelines, fire protection camps, vehicle on hire with fuel, fire protection equipments) (20 mandays per km) 6 meter of with Approx. 500 km. 400 x 10 mandays = 4000 @286/-	4.2	Gugamal, Sipna, Akot Divisions	Approximately	29.00	11.44	
6.	Habitat improvement and water development						
i.	Meadow dev..	4.3	Gugamal, Sipna, Akot Divisions	Approx.	-	4.00	
ii.	Desilting 30 waterholes /year @ Rs. 10000 each	4.3	Gugamal, Sipna, Akot Divisions	-	6.00	3.00	
iii.	Provision of vehicle fuel, oil and repairs and hiring of vehicles for patrolling remote areas	4.2	Directorate, Gugamal, Sipna, Akot Divisions	Approx.	10.00	9.00	
7.	Antipoaching						
i.	Wages for 4 antipoaching squads each with vehicle (4 squads x 4 labours x 300 days @ 286/-)	4.1	Sipna-8 Gugamal-4 Akot-4	16 labours	12.96	13.73	
ii.	Wages for the labour 4 labour x 4 force x 300 days (avg.) x Rs. 286/-	4.1	Sipna-20 Gugamal-10 Akot-10	40 labours	34.80	13.73	
iii.	Maintenance of antipoaching vehicles including oil and fuel @ 20,000 per month	4.2	Sipna-2 Gugamal-1 Akot-1	4 squads	9.60	6.00	
8.	Office equipments						
	Fostering ecotourism						
i.	Publication and publicity material	4.1	Directorate, Gugamal, Sipna, Akot Divisions	Approx.	1.00	1.00	
ii.	Exhibition on important days like Wildlife Week foundation day etc.	4.2	Directorate, Gugamal, Sipna, Akot Divisions	Approx.	1.00	1.00	
9	Strengthening / maintenance of check naka & protection camp (80 protection camp + 22 check naka = 102 nos. @ Rs. 5000/- each	4.2	Sipna Gugamal Akot	102 Nos.	-	5.10	
	RECURRING (BUFFER)						
1.	Maintenance of protection camps						
i.	Material supply for the 3 camps, such as first aid, mosquito nets, blankets, torches, kerosene, cooking utensils, water storage facility, patrolling gear @ Rs. 6000/- per camp	4.8	Sipna-3	3 camps	-	0.18	
2.	Maintenance wireless operation						

i.	Wages for 5 wireless station x 1 laboursx 270 days x 286	4.2	Gugamal 5	5 stations	-	3.86	
ii.	Refurbishing wireless network stations, purchase of batteries, repairs of wireless sets @ Rs. 15000 per station	4.2	Gugamal-5	5 stations	-	0.40	
3.	Maintenance of check naka						
i.	Wages for 2 check nakas x 2 labours x 312 days x Rs. 286	4.1	Gugamal-2	5 check naka	-	3.56	
4.	Maintenance of infrastructure						
	Maintenance of buildings including RRT						
i.	Residential	4.2	Gugamal, Sipna & Akot Div.	Approx.	-	0.80	
ii.	Maintenance of vehicle total vehicle 15 with motor cycle	4.2	Gugamal, Sipna & Akot Div.	50 vehicle	-	1.60	
iii	Fire protection (cutting and burning of firelines, fire protection camps, vehicle on hire with fuel, fire protection equipments) (20 mandays per km) 6 meter of with Approx. 500 km. 210 x 10 mandays = 2100 @286/-	4.2	Gugamal, Sipna & Akot Div.	Approx.	3.10	6.01	
5.	Anti Poaching						
	Wages for 1 Anti Poaching squads each with vehicle (one squad x 4 labours x 300 x 286					3.44	
	TOTAL (RECURRING)					343.38	
C.	Eco development						
i.	Veterinary care for cattle vaccination and health care camps etc.	4.5	Sipna, Gugamal, Akot	LS	1.50	1.50	
	TOTAL (ECODEVELOPMENT)					1.50	
	GRAND TOTAL (NR+R+Ecodevelopment)					513.70	

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S.No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring	168.82	168.82
2.	Eco development	1.50	1.50
3.	Recurring	343.38	171.69
	Sub Total	513.70	342.01
4.	10% Flexi-fund (x/9)	57.07	38.00
	Total (X)	570.77	380.01
	Adjustment of balance of previous year 2014-15	14.8512	14.8512
	Grand Total	555.9188	365.1588

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(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share (including Flexi Fund)	A	570.77
Centre's share in APO (without Flexi Fund)	B	342.01
FF on Centre's share	$C=B/9$	38.00
Centre's share including FF	$D=B+C$	380.01
1 st release @ 80% of Centre's share	$E=0.8*D$	304.008
Less: Unspent balance FY 14-15	F	14.8512
Adjusted 1 st release including FF	$G=E-F$	289.1568
2 nd release @ 20% of Centre's share	$I=0.2*D$	76.002
Total release towards APO in FY 15-16	$J=(9/10)*(G+I)$	328.64292
Total release towards FF in FY 15-16	$K=(1/10)*(G+I)$	36.51588
Grand total release in FY 15-16	$L=G+I$	365.1588
Total effective release including USB	$L+F$	380.01
Effective release for APO activities	$J+0.9*F$	342.009
Effective release for FFs	$K+0.1*F$	38.001

* 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.

