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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 Amrabad Tiger Reserve, Telangana during 2016-17.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme 'Project Tiger' in Amrabad Tiger Reserve, Telangana at the cost of **Rs. 298.108 Lakhs (Rupees Two Hundred Ninety Eight Lakhs Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs 74.750 Lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Telangana**. The remaining cost of the scheme will be treated as 60% Central Assistance by the Government of India and 40% assistance by the State Government of **Telangana**.

2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President to the payment and release of an amount of **Rs. 105.447 (Rupees One Hundred Five Lakhs Forty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Telangana during the current financial year 2016-17. 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 **Amrabad 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 Telangana** 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 **Amrabad 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 Telangana in respect of **Amrabad Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2017.
- (x) **Amrabad 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 Telangana** 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 2016-17 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by **Government of Telangana** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Telangana in respect of **Amrabad 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 **Amrabad 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 (Amrabad Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Telangana**
- (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.
- (xx) Approval of the competent authority by obtained and acceptance of UC may be ensured by PD.
- (xxi) Payment are made by bank transfer and no cash payment is to be made.
- (xxii) GFR is followed by implementing agency alongwith the economic instruction issued by Government of India from time to time.
- (xxiii) Satellite photo with date and latitude and longitude nodes after completion of work depicting the work carried out before and after the work.



- (xxiv) The UCs with photographs and progress report are to be uploaded in the website of the State Government and Ministry for public viewing.
- (xxv) Evidence of deposit of TDS / Service Tax in case of contract payment and CST in case of leviable goods are sent along with UC.
- (xxvi) In case of employment through contract, copy of PF & ESI of employees shall be furnished.
- (xxvii) UC is to be submitted as prescribed in GFR.
- (xxviii) If the implementing agency does not use the fund of the purpose of which it was given, it has to refund the same with interest.
- (xxix) There should not be any overlapping of activities under the project with the activities of ongoing schemes under CSS/CS/State Government Scheme.
- (xxx) The sanction order must mention measurable physical parameters and all measurable parameters are to be adhered to..
- (xxxi) The fixed asset created out of this grant shall not be disposed of without concurrence of this Ministry.
- (xxxii) A separate bank account be opened for the purpose and the account shall be open for audit by Central Government of G & AG.
- (xxxiii) All guidelines under the project is to be followed scrupulously.
- (xxxiv) The measurable outcome under the project (quantified) in terms of number of tigers in tiger reserve, eco-tourism in tiger reserve, %age decrease in man-animal conflict etc., may also be submitted in the progress report.

4. As the annual budget of the Scheme is approved by the Central Government, the Government of Telangana 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 Telangana 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. 27, 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 2016-17 (Plan).

10. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 520/AS & FA dated 30.08.2016.

Yours faithfully,



(Sanjay Kumar)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Telangana. A copy of the detailed sanction letter issued by the State Government in respect of this scheme for 2016-17 may kindly be furnished to this Ministry immediately.
2. The Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Telangana.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Telangana.
4. The Field Director, Amrabad Tiger Reserve, Telangana.
5. The Accountant General, Telangana.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
7. Forest Finance Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
8. Plan Finance Division (PF-II), Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
9. Guard file/Spare copies.



(Sanjay Kumar)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

**AMRABAD TIGER RESERVE, TELANGANA
ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE YEAR 2016-17**

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Activity	Item	Para No. CSS PT Guidelines	Para No. TCP	APO 2016-17				GPS	Justification
				No. of Items (Physical Target)	Specification / Description	Unit Price	Total (Financial Target)		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
NON RECURRING (CORE)									
Anti-Poaching	Procurement of vehicles (boats, motorbikes, Gypsy, Jeep, Tractor,) (patrolling vehicles against condemnation)	16.1.19	11.1.8	3	1 boat = 25.00 Lakhs 1 Jeep 1 Tractor	18.334	42.000	-	River patrol + 1 tractor + 1 jeeps for anti poaching squad
Anti-Poaching	Procurement field gear, night vision device, field dress, boots, binoculars	16.1.21	9.2.3	2	Night vision cameras dress etc.	1.000	2.000	-	for strenthning protection specially in nights.
Strengthening	Creation of road network.	16.2.5	4.3.1	5	Adavibavi to Earlapenta & Adavibavi to Sangadigundal	1.600	8.000	16.094, 78.740	Need to be maintained for the movement of the staff to check illegal activities if any
Strengthening	Creation of anicuts.	16.2.14	7.6	5	Percolation Tanks	2.000	10.000	16.495,78.797	for ceration of water facilities for wild animals in lean periods
								16.477,78.801	
								16.425,78.959	
								16.147,78.441	
								16.272,78.575	
								16.224,78.478	
Strengthening	Maintenance of fire lines and firebreaks.	16.2.15	7.5.1	40	Maint., of fire lines	0.200	8.000	16.342,78.737	Monitor the occurrence of fire with the help of fire watchers round the clock through wireless network
Strengthening	Establishing Monitoring system for Tigers Intensive protection and Ecological Status (M-Stripes) monitoring.	16.2.27	9.2.4	2	Monitoring of M Stripes	3.000	6.000	-	Implementation of M-STRIPES will help in informed decision making for management and protection for the protected area managers providing Arch view
Strengthening	Procurement of Hardware	16.2.18	9.2.4	4	Purchase of Desktops & Laptops	LS	2.500	-	strengthening of monitoring mechanism



Strengthening	Procurement of satellite imageries, printing for management planning/ Tiger Conservation Plan	16.2.24	9.4	1	TCP implementation	0.500	0.500	-	update of data base
Strengthening	Construction of (staff quarters, family hostels, office improvement, house keeping buildings, museum).	16.2.1.3	12.1.3	2	Const., of FRO quarters & AD Quarter	16.000	32.000	16.370, 78.756	3 fros Amrabad, Achampet and Nsagar and one AD
								16.394, 78.861	
Addressing man animal	Procurement cages to catch problematic animals.	16.4.4	7.9.2	4	Mannanur, Achampet, N.Sagar & Devarakonda	1.000	4.000	-	to be used for rescue missions
Addressing man animal	Procurement of tranquilizing equipments, darts, rescue vehicles, drugs. (all items will be in a drop down)	16.4.5	-	1	Rescue vehicles	10.000	10.000	-	to be used for rescue missions in cases of emergency
Research and field equipment	Day to day monitoring of wild animals Camera traps	16.7.1	9.2.4	2	Research Asst. 2 Nos @ 30000/- PM & Equipments	3.000	6.000	-	engaging research assistants and procurement of equipments
Staff Development	Providing project allowance and special incentives.	16.8.2	12.1.3	18	Field Staff	0.160	2.880		for the ATR staff
Staff Development	Study tours for appraisal of good practices in other reserves.	16.8.5	8.4	2	Tour programmes	1.000	2.000		for exposure to the field staff to best management practices around the country.
Staff Development	Dissemination workshops.	16.8.6	8.4	2	Workshops	0.500	1.000		
Staff welfare	provision of project allowance to staff	16.15	12.1.3	120	PT allowance to staff	0.135	16.175		for 2016-17 only
Staff welfare	Provision for ration allowance to field staff	16.16.1	13.3.2	52	Ration allowance 2016-17	0.153	7.970	-	-
Staff welfare	Supply of medicine	16.16.3	12.1.3	1	Providing to Medicines to Interior villages	1.000	1.000	-	required for the staff welfare
Staff welfare	Supply of field kit	16.16.4	12.1.3	100	Field kit	0.020	2.000		
Fostering Tourism	Wildlife Conservation Awareness	16.17.3	8.4	9	Wildlife Conservation Awareness	LS	1.500	-	to create awareness in public on wild life conservation and its importance.
Total (Non-Recurring Core):							165.525		
NON RECURRING (BUFFER)									
Anti-Poaching	Establishing of wireless network.	16.1.7	4.3.2	14		0.250	3.500	-	required to strengthen wild life protection
Strengthening	hardware, software, manpower, training, gps. Separate them all	16.2.28	11.2	1	-	1.000	1.000		for efficient administration and planning activities.

Strengthening	Creation of fire watch tower.	16.2.9	12.1.2	1	Watch towers	7.000	7.000	16.084, 78.510	The terrain of the Tiger Reserve is highly undulating with lot of vantage points from where the vast expanse of the Tiger Reserve can be viewed.
								16.199, 78.572	
Strengthening	Creation of dams.	16.2.11	7.2.2.2	2	Checkdams	4.500	9.000	16.142,78.468	for conservation of water resouces and recharge for improving the habitat of the reserve
								16.210,78.473	
Mainstreaming wildlife concerns	Redressing man-animal conflict.	16.10.1	3.4.1	1	Man animal conflict	2.000	2.000	-	
Staff welfare	Provision for ration allowance to field staff	16.16.1	13.3.2	43	Ration allowance 2016-17	0.070	3.023	-	
Staff welfare	Supply of mosquito net	16.16.5	16.3	100	-	0.005	0.500	-	in interior areas infested with the mosquitos , the nets will be given for staff
Rehabilitation package	Basic health care	16.6.3	12.1.3	1	-	2.000	2.000	-	first aide kits to staff
	Total (Non-Recurring Buffer):							28.023	
	Total (Non-Recurring):							193.548	
RECURRING (CORE)									
Anti-Poaching	Maintenance of wireless network.	16.1.8	4.3.2	1	-	3.000	3.000	16.265,78.717	to strenthen communication for better cordination with the staff
Anti-Poaching	Maintenance of vehicles (boats, motorbikes, mobility)	16.1.20	10.3.5	8	Maint., of boats	1.000	8.000		for upkeep of vehicles in order to maintain better mobility
Anti-Poaching	Organizing surprise raids jointly with the local police(in railway stations, local trains, bus-stops, buses, catchers and cafeteria.)	16.1.9	10.5	1	-	1.000	1.000	-	to meet immidiate expenses in the raids
Anti-Poaching	Rewards to informers.	16.1.17	10.5	50	-	0.010	0.500	-	to develop a efficient network of informers.
Anti-Poaching	Maintenance of office equipment.	16.1.23	9.4	1	Office support	1.500	1.500		
Strengthening	Map digitization facility for management planning.	16.2.26	9.7	100	Printing of Maps	0.005	0.500	-	required for management planning.
Strengthening	Creation of fire lines and fire breaks.	16.2.15	7.5	50	Creation of Fire lines	0.160	8.000		to create a foolproof fire fighting strategy in summers.
Strengthening	Creation of earthen ponds.	16.2.16	7.6	34	Creation of Earthen ponds	0.250	8.500		in order to harvest water during rains , which can be useful for the animals in peak summers.

Strengthening	Maintenance of Hardware.	16.2.21	4.7	5	Maint., of Desktops	0.050	0.250		required to strenthen the office	
Mainstreaming wildlife concerns	Monitoring of wild animals.	16.10.3	9.2	100	Range finders	0.010	1.000			
Staff Development	Capacity building and training, Study tour	16.8.1	11.3.1	6	Trainings	LS	1.500		required to strenthen the knowledge base of the staff	
Staff welfare	Maintenance of torch/batteries	16.16.6	7.9.9.5	100	torch	0.010	1.000		for night patrolling	
Habitat Improvement	Weed eradication	16.3.1	7.2.1.1	50	Weed Removal at Kollampenta	0.160	8.000	16.299, 78.826	for habitat improvement	
Habitat Improvement	Removal of gregarious plant growth from grasslands	16.3.2	7.10.4	40	Removal of unwanted species (lantana&Haptis)	0.050	2.000		in order to develop vast tracks of grass lands	
Habitat Improvement	Water retention structures	16.3.3	7.2.1.1	62	Creation of new saucer pits / MPT	0.250	15.500	16.301,78.795	as mitigation measures for water holding in lean periods.	
								16.027,78.129		
								16.366,78.788		
								16.303,78.813		
	Total (Recurring Core):						60.250			
RECURRING (BUFFER)										
Strengthening	Procurement of compass, range finder, Global Positioning System (GPS), camera traps.	16.2.22	12.1	12	GPS, Camera traps	LS	2.000		for census works	
Strengthening	Maintenance of (staff quarters, family hostels, office improvement, house keeping buildings, museum).	16.2.1.4	16.3	1	FRO quarter	1.500	1.500	16.106, 78.328	required in order to upkeep the staff amenities in the reserve.	
Strengthening	Maintenance of vehicles (Gypsy, Jeep, Truck, Tractor, staff car etc.).	16.2.18	13.2	2	Maint., of vehicle	1.000	2.000		for efficient mobility of the staff	
Strengthening	Maintenance of Geographical Information System (GIS).	16.2.26	16.3	2	DPO = 1 & TA = 1 Nos	4.000	8.000		to strenthen the management skills and infrastructure for better planning and decision making .	
Addressing man animal	Maintenance of rescue vehicles.	16.4.6	5.4	1	-	1.000	1.000		procuring tranquilizer equipment to manage man animal conflicts and safety of both	
	Total (Recurring Buffer):						14.500			
	Total (Recurring):						74.750			
Total Non Recurring (Core+Buffer)								193.548		
GRAND TOTAL								268.298		

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S.No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring (60%)	193.548	116.129
2.	Eco development (60%)	--	--
3.	Recurring (50%)	74.750	37.375
4.	Sub Total	268.298	153.504
5.	10% Flexi-fund (x/9)	29.810	17.056
6.	Total (X)	298.108	170.56
7.	Adjustment of balance of previous year 2015-16 including amount to be adjusted due to revised funding pattern (19.224+ 11.777)	31.001	31.001
8.	Grand Total	267.107	139.559

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share (including Flexi Fund)	A	298.108
Centre's share in APO (without Flexi Fund)	B	153.504
FF on Centre's share	C=B/9	17.056
Centre's share including FF	D=B+C	170.56
1 st release @ 80% of Centre's share	E=0.8*D	136.448
Less: Unspent balance FY 15-16 including amount to be adjusted due to revised funding pattern	F	31.001
Adjusted 1 st release including FF	G=E-F	105.447
2 nd release @ 20% of Centre's share	I=0.2*D	34.112
Total release towards APO in FY 16-17	J=(9/10)*(G+I)	125.603
Total release towards FF in FY 16-17	K=(1/10)*(G+I)	13.956
Grand total release in FY 16-17	L=G+I	139.559
Total effective release including USB	L+F	170.56
Effective release for APO activities	J+0.9*F	153.504
Effective release for FFs	K+0.1*F	17.056

* 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.

