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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 Nameri Tiger Reserve, Assam 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 Nameri Tiger Reserve, Assam at the cost of **Rs. 284.755 Lakhs (Rupees Two hundred Eighty Four Lakhs Seventy Five thousand Five hundred only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 42.90 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 90% Central Assistance by the Government of India and 10% assistance by the State Government of Assam.

2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President to the payment and release of an amount of **Rs. 136.628 lakhs (Rupees One hundred Thirty Six Lakhs Sixty Two thousand Eight hundred only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Assam 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 **Nameri 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 **Nameri 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 **Nameri Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2017.
- (x) **Nameri 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 2016-17 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by **Government of Assam** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Assam in respect of **Nameri 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 **Nameri 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 (Nameri 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 duly linked with Aadhar Number.**
- (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 be obtained and acceptance of UC may be ensured by PD.
- (xxi) Payments are made by bank transfer and no cash payment is to be made.





- (xxii) GFR is followed by implementing agency alongwith the economic instructions issued by Government of India from time to time.
- (xxiii) The UC with physical progress report and satellite photo with date and latitude-longitude coordinates before and after completion of work be obtained and uploaded on the website of the implementing agency as well as of the Ministry for public access.
- (xxiv) Evidence of deposit of TDS/Service Tax in case of contract payment and CST in case of leviable goods are obtained along with UC and compliance of DBT scheme has to be ensured.
- (xxv) In case of employment through contract, copy of PF & ESI of employees shall be furnished.
- (xxvi) UC is to be submitted as prescribed in GFR 19-A.
- (xxvii) If the implementing agency does not use the fund for the purpose for which it was given, it has to refund the same with interest.
- (xxviii) There should not be any overlapping of activities under the projects with the activities of ongoing schemes under CSS/CS/State Government Scheme.
- (xxix) The sanction order must mention measurable physical parameters and all measurable parameters are to be adhered to.
- (xxx) The fixed asset created out of this grant shall not be disposed off without concurrence of this Ministry.
- (xxxi) A separate bank account shall be opened for the purpose and the account shall be open for audit by Central Government or G&AG.
- (xxxii) All guidelines under the project is to be followed scrupulously.
- (xxxiii) 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 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 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 Assam 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 General 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. 385/AS & FA dated 26.7.2016.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Sanjay Kumar)

Deputy 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 2016-17 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, Nameri Tiger Reserve, Assam.
5. The IGF, NTCA Regional Office, Guwahati.
6. The Accountant General, Assam.
7. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
8. Forest Finance Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
9. Plan Finance Division (PF-II), Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
10. Guard file/Spare copies.

  
(Sanjay Kumar)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

**ANNEXURE****NAMERI TIGER RESERVE, ASSAM  
ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE YEAR 2016-17****(Rs. in lakhs)**

<b>Non Recurring - Core</b>								
Sl.No	Activity	Item	No. of Items	Unit Price	Para no. TCP	Amount	Specification	Justification
1	Anti-Poaching	Procurement of arms and ammunition	4	0.60	7.3.1	2.40	Ammunition for .315 rifles	Required for protection of wildlife and safeguarding life of field staff
2	Anti-Poaching	Procurement of vehicles ( boats ,motorbikes,mobility, Gypsy, Jeep, Truck, Tractor,)(patrolling vehicles against condemnation)	7	0.50	7.3.1	3.50	Wooden boats with sitting capacity of seven persons	For conducting river patrolling by the camp staff
3	Anti-Poaching	Procurement field gear, night vision device, field dress, boots, binoculars	LS	10.00	8.50	10.00	Uniform/ Hunting shoes/Boots Leech proof socks/ Binoculars/ Raincoat/ Woolen Jacket/ Caps.	Required by field staff to discharge their duties in an effective and efficient manner
4	Anti-Poaching	Providing support to tiger reserves for raising, arming and deploying Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF).	10	0.60	7.3.1	6.00	10 local youth and ladies will be engaged @ Rs. 5000 per month for patrolling in the Tiger Reserve along with forest staff	The creation of this local protection squad will help in better protection of the Tiger Reserve and also reduce the dependency of the local people on the forest resource by generating employment
5	Anti-Poaching	Establishing patrolling camps/chowkis/staff quarters etc.	4	14.00	7.3.1	56.00	Two storied antipoaching building as per the PWD Schedule.	To enhance the protection status of Nameri Tiger reserve and also the newly declared Sonai Rupai Satellite core of Nameri Tiger Reserve
6	Anti-Poaching	Procurement of vehicles- against Condemned Vehicle( 4WD SUV/Pickup)	1	7.00	7.3.1	7.00	Bolero camper against the three condemned vehicle	Required to carry the rafts to different parts of the reserve for river patrolling.
7	Strengthening	Construction of Garage / Shed.	1	3.00	7.3.1	3.00	A garage for trucks/jeeps at GPS location: 26.864401N 92.916814E.	To keep the departmental vehicles safely at newly declared sonai rupai satellite core of Nameri Tiger Reserve
8	Strengthening	Construction of Toilets	3	0.80	7.3.1	2.40	Three toilets	Basic hygiene and sanitation facilities for the camp staff
9	Strengthening	Construction of Range Office	1	13.00	7.3.1	13.00	One RCC Range Office with attached toilet and running water facility.	Range office for the newly notified Sonai Rupai satellite core of Nameri Tiger reserve
10	Strengthening	Construction of Gate/ Check-posts.	1	0.60	7.3.1	0.60	One iron bar gate with a small concrete shed and a post	For checking the vehicles and trespassers to the Tiger Reserve
11	Strengthening	Construction of (patrolling camp, culverts).	6	5.00	7.3.1	40.00	Culvert construction.	For providing road connectivity in the interior areas of the Tiger Reserve
12	Strengthening	Creation of fire watch tower, etc.	2	3.00	7.3.1	6.00	Permanent watch tower at the GPS locations 26.894121N 92.890633E and 26.911737N 92.488374E.	For protecting the river front of Bordikorai area of Nameri TR and Gelgeli area under Sonai Rupai satellite core of Nameri TR



5	Anti-Poaching	Maintenance of office equipment.	LS	0.10	7.2.4	0.10	Equipments like computer, printer, generator etc require regular maintenance	To increase the efficiency of the office and to maintain all the office equipments.
6	Anti-Poaching	Rewards to informers.	LS	1.00	10.5	1.00	Intelligence gathering	For gathering information on movement of poachers and illegal timber smugglers and other illegal activities from different sources
7	Anti-Poaching	Legal support for defending court cases.	LS	0.10	10.5	0.10	Expenditure is incurred on the follow up of the wildlife cases and getting legal advice	In order to keep track of the case till the final verdict is obtained since many of the wildlife cases go to higher court of law
8	Strengthening	Maintenance of kuccha roads	30	0.10	10.3	3.00	Cutting and removing the vegetation and levelling the patrolling paths	For maintenance of the patrolling paths in order to conduct daily foot patrolling
9	Strengthening	Maintenance of Foresters Quarters	LS	0.50	7.3.1	0.50	Repairing includes patch work, roof repair, woodwork, electrical repair and painting.	Quarters have not been repaired since long and require immediate repair to fix leaking roofs, broken window and doors
10	Strengthening	Maintenance of road network.	80	0.20	10.3	16.00	Maintaining the vehicular patrolling roads by cutting down the vegetation, cleaning, levelling, gravelling and compacting the road with drainage facility on both the sides	For maintenance of the vehicular road for effective patrolling and communication between the camps.
11	Habitat Improvement	Weed eradication	10	0.10	7.2.3	1.00	Labour charge for cutting, uprooting, transporting, cleaning and burning of the weeds away from the habitat	To arrest ecological succession by uprooting Lantana, 'Owelota' etc
12	Habitat Improvement	Grass land improvement, wetland improvement	100	0.10	7.2.3	10.00	Labour charge for cutting, uprooting, Girdling, transporting, cleaning and burning of the weeds/ invasive species away from the habitat.	To arrest ecological succession and conversion of grasslands to woodlands
<b>Total Recurring (Core)</b>						<b>40.70</b>		

**Recurring - Buffer**

1	Anti-Poaching	Maintenance of arms and ammunition.	LS	0.50	7.2.4	0.50	For repairing of the .315 rifles including the butts and painting etc	To keep the firearms in usable condition
2	Anti-Poaching	Maintenance of wireless network.	LS	0.30	10.3	0.30	For repairing of the towers and the wires including solar batteries and solar plates	to keep the wireless in working conditions
3	Strengthening	Maintenance of (staff quarters, family hostels, office improvement, house keeping buildings, museum).	5	0.06	7.3.1	0.30	Repairing includes patch work, roof repair, woodwork, electrical repair and painting.	Quarters have not been repaired since long and require immediate repair to fix leaking roofs, broken window and doors
4	Strengthening	Maintenance of DD/DFO Quarters.	LS	0.50	7.3.1	0.50	Repairing includes patch work, roof repair, woodwork, electrical repair and painting.	Leaking roofs and croken walls need immediate repair and intervention

5	Strengthening	Maintenance of Beat Office	1	0.10	7.3.1	0.10	Repair of floor, wall and painting including electrical works	The repairs have not been done since long and the broken walls and floors need immediate repair
6	Strengthening	Maintenance of DD/DFO Office	1	0.50	7.3.1	0.50	Repair of store room, walls, doors and windows	The office store room needs immediate repair due to frequent termite attack
<b>Total Recurring (Buffer)</b>						<b>2.20</b>		
<b>Total Non Recurring (Core+Buffer)</b>						<b>213.38</b>		
<b>Total Recurring (Core+Buffer)</b>						<b>42.90</b>		
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>						<b>256.28</b>		

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring (90%)	213.38	192.042
2.	Eco development (90%)	--	--
3.	Recurring (90%)	42.90	38.61
4.	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>256.28</b>	<b>230.652</b>
5.	10% Flexi-fund (x/9)	28.475	25.628
6.	<b>Total (X)</b>	<b>284.755</b>	<b>256.28</b>
7.	Adjustment of balance of previous year 2015-16 including amount to be adjusted due to revised funding pattern (68.396+ Nil)	68.396	68.396
8.	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>216.359</b>	<b>187.884</b>

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share (including Flexi Fund)	A	284.755
Centre's share in APO (without Flexi Fund)	B	230.652
FF on Centre's share	C=B/9	25.628
Centre's share including FF	D=B+C	256.28
1 <sup>st</sup> release @ 80% of Centre's share	E=0.8*D	205.024
Less: Unspent balance FY 15-16 including amount to be adjusted due to revised funding pattern	F	68.396
Adjusted 1 <sup>st</sup> release including FF	G=E-F	136.628
2 <sup>nd</sup> release @ 20% of Centre's share	I=0.2*D	51.256
Total release towards APO in FY 16-17	J=(9/10)*(G+I)	169.096
Total release towards FF in FY 16-17	K=(1/10)*(G+I)	18.788
Grand total release in FY 16-17	L=G+I	187.884
Total effective release including USB	L+F	256.28
Effective release for APO activities	J+0.9*F	230.652
Effective release for FFs	K+0.1*F	25.628

\* 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.

