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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
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Dated the 14th September, 2016

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 Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh 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 Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh at the cost of **Rs. 512.244 Lakhs (Rupees Five hundred Twelve Lakhs Twenty Four thousand Four hundred only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 263.81 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Chhattisgarh**. 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 Chhattisgarh.

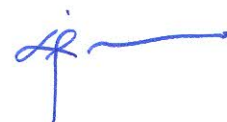
2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President to the payment and release of an amount of **Rs. 207.11 lakhs (Rupees Two hundred Seven Lakhs Eleven thousand only)** including of 10% flexi-fund to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Chhattisgarh during the current 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 **Udanti-Sitanadi 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 Chhattisgarh** 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 **Udanti-Sitanadi 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 Chhattisgarh in respect of **Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2017.
 - (x) **Udanti-Sitanadi 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 Chhattisgarh** 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 Chhattisgarh** to the **Govt. of India**.
 - (xiii) Government of Chhattisgarh in respect of **Udanti-Sitanadi 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 **Udanti-Sitanadi 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 (Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Chhattisgarh** .
 - (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 Chhattisgarh 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 Chhattisgarh 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. 551/AS & FA dated 1.9.2016.

Yours faithfully,


(Sanjay Kumar)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Chhattisgarh. 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 Chhattisgarh.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Chhattisgarh.
4. The Field Director, Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh.
5. The IGF, NTCA Regional Office, Nagpur.
6. The Accountant General, Chhattisgarh.
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)

**UDANTI-SITANADI TIGER RESERVE, CHHATTISGARH
ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE YEAR 2016-17**

(Rs. in lakhs)

Non-Recurring										
Activity	Item	Para No. CSS PT Guidelines	Para No. TCP	Amount released PFY	Current Financial Year				GPS	Justification
					No. of Items (Physical Target)	Specification / Description	Unit Price (Rs.)	Total (Financial Target)		
Strengthening	Creation of dams.	16.2.11	7.2.2	0	5	Water source development	10.00	50.00		As per the NTCA norms 01 Water hole in 05 Sqkm. Is required but at present in the Tiger Reserve Area is lacking availability of water for wild animal. No adequate budgets are available for this purpose from any other heads. Therefore creation of dam is proposed
Addressing man animal conflict	Deployment traps, cages to catch problematic animals.	16.4.4	7.2.1	0	2	Automatic Cage	1.00	2.00		There are frequent incidences of wild animals moving to villages occurred, so these trap cages required to handle such problems. Automatic cage for trapping of carnivore animals.
Addressing man animal conflict	Payment of compensation for cattle lifting, death of human beings and crop predation* due to wild animals.	16.4.1	2.3, 2.4	0	1	Compensation	8.00	8.00		Compensation to the villagers. In year 2015-16 following compensations paid to the victims Human Loss- 2 Cases Amount-8 Lakh, Crop Loss- 83 cases Amount-0.98 Lakh, Cattle Loss-70 Amount-2.69 Lakh., Human Injury -14 case Amount- 1.84 Lakh Total Compensation paid Rs. 13.51 Lakhs.
Staff welfare	Provision for ration allowance to field staff	16.16.1	11.4	0	50	All the Field staff	LS	5.16		To Motivate and facilitate the staff for effective patrolling.
Staff welfare	Supply of mosquito net/ field kit	16.16.5	11.4	0	50	mosquito net in to protect from disease like malarial, filaria	0.01	0.25		mosquito net is necessary to protect from disease like malarial, filaria to the field staff.
Anti-Poaching	Procurement field gear, night vision device, field dress, boots, binoculars	16.1.21	16.1.21	0	20	For Field staff	0.15	3.00		These equipments are essential for field staff to implement accurate and effective monitoring. At present field gear stock is not sufficient to fulfill all field staff of USTR.



Strengthening	Construction of (patrolling camp, culverts).	16.2.1.1	7.2.2.2	0	4	Construction of culverts	10.83	43.00		For better Communication and patrolling.
Strengthening	Creation of earthen ponds.	16.2.15	7.2.2.2	0	5	Creation of earthen ponds.	12.00	60.00		At present 14 spots had been identified for scared water condition in summer season therefore to provide adequate water to wild animals 14 earthen ponds proposed.
Strengthening	Establishing Monitoring system for Tigers Intensive protection and Ecological Status (M-Stripes) monitoring.	16.2.27	11.1	0	1	Monitoring system for Tigers	8.00	8.00		At present there is no (M-Stripe) monitoring system for Tigers therefore it is required.
Research and field equipment	Day to day monitoring of wild animals	16.7.1	11.1	0	1	Employing two research fellow to assist staff for monitoring work	5.00	5.00		Employing two research fellow to assist staff for monitoring work
Staff Development	Dissemination workshops.	16.8.6	11.3	0	200		0.01	1.00		For awarness among the villagers to protect, conserve wildlife and there participation in wildlife management
Staff Development	Providing project allowance and special incentives.	16.8.2	11.4	0	480	To all Staff	0.01	4.80		As per the NTCA guidelines to promote and motivate field staff
Staff Development	Study tours for appraisal of good practices in other reserves.	16.8.5	11.3	0	40	To field staff	LS	1.50		To learn good practices of other well managed Tiger Reserve for field staff
Staff welfare	Supply of field kit	16.16.4	7.2.2	0	40		0.05	2.00		As per the NTCA guidelines to promote and facilitate field staff
Staff welfare	Supply of kerosene	16.16.2	7.2.2.3	0	50	Kerosene for the Non electrified areas	0.01	0.50		As per the NTCA guidelines to promote and facilitate field staff
Staff welfare	Supply of medicine	16.16.3	7.2.2	0	1	Sos Medicine Firstaid kits for Field staff	1.00	1.00		As per the NTCA guidelines to promote and facilitate field staff
Fostering Tourism	Wildlife Conservation Awareness	16.17.3	8.2	0	1	Awareness among the adjoining villagers	2.00	2.00		For awarness among the villagers to protect, conserve wildlife and there participation in wildlife management
Total (Non-Recurring):								197.21		
Recurring										
Anti-Poaching	Deployment of local work force for patrolling, surveillance of water holes, manning barriers.	16.1.12	13.1, 13.2	0	1200	4 Ranges x 25 labourer x 12 months = 1200 months	0.06	72.00		Daily Patrolling and survilance of water holes, barrier, patrolling path, area adjoining to the villages and other sensitive areas of the TR.
Anti-Poaching	Maintenance field gear, night vision device.	16.1.22	13.2	0	1	GPS, Trap Camera, Digital Camera, Range Finder, Binocular	1.00	1.00		To maintain and handle the instruments

Anti-Poaching	Operation Monsoon- Ensuring special site specific protection measures during monsoon considering the terrain and accessibility of Protected Areas.	16.1.10	13.1, 13.2	0	480	4 Ranges x 30 labourer x 4 months = 480 months	0.06	28.80		Monsoon Patrolling to ensure site specific protection specially in the terrain which is unaccessible during monsoon season. To ensure proper protection of wild animals.
Strengthening	Upgradation of road network.	16.2.6	16.2.4	0	14		2.00	28.00		Present road condition is badly damaged, whole road network was not repaired properly due to lack of budget, for effective patrolling it is necessary to upgrade the road.
Strengthening	Maintenance of (staff quarters, family hostels, office improvement, house keeping buildings, museum).	16.2.1.4	7.2.2.5	0	30		0.20	6.00		Maintenance of Buildings for the staff to ensure the hygenic and comfortable living. 30 Staff Quarter needs special repairing.
Strengthening	Maintenance of road network.	16.2.4	12.1	0	141		0.10	13.48		Present road condition is badly damaged, whole road network was not repaired properly due to lack of budget, for effective patrolling it is necessary to maintain roads.
Strengthening	Maintenance of vehicles (Gypsy, Jeep, Truck, Tractor, staff car etc.).	16.2.18	13.2	0	5		0.20	1.00		Maintenance of vehicles for effective patrolling and monitoring of Tiger Reserve. In Tiger Reserve 7 Four wheelers and 5 Two wheelers are continuously engaged in patrolling all these vehicles needs intensive maintenance.
Anti-Poaching	Legal support for defending court cases.	16.1.18	8.1	0	1	Hiring legal Adviser	1.00	1.00		For effective and fast disposal of court cases
Anti-Poaching	Maintenance of vehicles(boats, motorbikes, mobility)	16.1.20	10.6.6	0	9	04 bolero, 01 gypsy, 04 motor cycle	0.20	1.80		For maintenance of vehicle
Anti-Poaching	Maintenance of existing patrolling camps/chowkis.	16.1.4	7.2.2.2	0	15		0.25	3.75		Maintenance of patrolling camps for the staff and trackers.
Anti-Poaching	Maintenance of office equipment.	16.1.23	7.2.2.3	0	50	Computer, Photocopier, printer, inverter genset etc.	0.03	1.50		Maintenance of office equipment to run the office properly.
Anti-Poaching	Rewards to informers.	16.1.17	10.6.6.4	0	1	Rewards	0.50	0.50		Gathering of information from informer to control the offences.

Strengthening	Maintenance of earthen ponds.	16.2.16	7.2.2.2	0	24	Deepening of tank solar pump installation	2.00	48.00		For providing water for wild animals in summer season	
Strengthening	Maintenance of fire lines and firebreaks.	16.2.15	7.2.2.1	0	4502	4 Buffer Ranges	0.00	11.26		To protect Tiger Reserve from Fire Hazards to protect flora & fauna.	
Strengthening	Maintenance of fire watch tower.	16.2.9	10.4	0	5	Maintenance of fire watch tower.	0.25	1.25		For the effective control of fire incidences.	
Strengthening	Map digitization facility for management planning.	16.2.26	8.5	0	50	Map digitization	0.02	1.00		Maps are very old and digitization is required.	
Mainstreaming wildlife concerns	Monitoring of wild animals.	16.10.3	9.1, 9.2	0	1	Monitoring of wild animals.	2.00	2.00		Monitoring of wild animals.	
Staff Development	Capacity building and training.	16.8.1	8.4	0	96	Training	LS	1.00		Skill development of 96 field staff for better management of wildlife.	
Staff welfare	Maintenance of torch/ batteries	16.16.6	9.2	0	96	patrolling	0.015	1.44		To facilitate staff for effective patrolling	
Habitat Improvement	Grass land improvement, wetland improvement	16.3.4	7.2.2.2	0	100	Grass improvement	0.2374	23.74		Grassland improvement in Tiger Reserve to fulfill requirement of fodder for the wild animals.	
Habitat Improvement	Weed eradication	16.3.1	7.2.2.2	0	230	lantana eradication	0.066	15.29		To improve quality and coverage of fodder species.	
Total (Recurring):									263.81		
GRAND TOTAL (NON RECURRING+RECURRING)									461.02		

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non – Recurring (60:40)	197.21	118.326
2	Recurring – (50:50)	263.81	131.905
3	Eco-development (60:40)	0.00	0.00
4	Total (x)	461.02	250.231
5	10% Flexi-fund (x/9)	51.224	27.803
6	Total (x)	512.244	278.034
7	Adjustment of balance of previous year 2015-16 including amount to be adjusted due to revised funding pattern (Nil+ 15.317)	15.317	15.317
8	Grand Total	496.927	262.717

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(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share (including Flexi Fund)	A	512.244
Centre's share in APO (without Flexi Fund)	B	250.231
FF on Centre's share	$C=B/9$	27.803
Centre's share including FF	$D=B+C$	278.034
1 st release @ 80% of Centre's share	$E=0.8*D$	222.427
Less: Unspent balance FY 15-16 including amount to be adjusted due to revised funding pattern	F	15.317
Adjusted 1 st release including FF	$G=E-F$	207.11
2 nd release @ 20% of Centre's share	$I=0.2*D$	55.607
Total release towards APO in FY 16-17	$J=(9/10)*(G+I)$	236.445
Total release towards FF in FY 16-17	$K=(1/10)*(G+I)$	26.272
Grand total release in FY 16-17	$L=G+I$	262.717
Total effective release including USB	$L+F$	311.034
Effective release for APO activities	$J+0.9*F$	250.231
Effective release for FFs	$K+0.1*F$	27.803

* 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.

