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Dated the 22nd September, 2017

To,
The 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 Indravati Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh during 2017-18.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme 'Project Tiger' in Indravati Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh at the cost of **Rs. 301.40 Lakhs (Rupees Three hundred One Lakhs Forty thousand only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 203.32 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. 111.77 lakhs (Rupees One hundred Eleven Lakhs Seventy Seven thousand only)** to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Chhattisgarh during the current financial year 2017-18. 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 2017, 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 230 (1) 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 **Indravati 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.

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the relaxation of Ministry of Finance have been obtained for such discrepancies as required under GFR 230 (12) (I).

- (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 **Indravati 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 **Indravati Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2018.
- (x) **Indravati 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 2017-18 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by **Government of Chhattisgarh** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Chhattisgarh in respect of **Indravati Tiger Reserve** will maintain a separate account and will present their annual accounts in the standard format as required under GFR 230 (5).
- (xiv) Grants-in-aid shall be utilized for **Indravati 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 (Indravati 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) The expenditure is incurred as per the allocation of funds.
- (xxii) Payments are made by bank transfer and no cash payment is to be made.

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- (xxiii) GFR is followed by implementing agency alongwith the economic instructions issued by Government of India from time to time.
- (xxiv) Satellite photo with date and latitude and longitude nodes after completion of work depicting the work carried out before and after the work.
- (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 contributions of employees shall be obtained wherever applicable.
- (xxvii) All measurable outcome of this grant must be mentioned in the sanction order and UC is to be submitted as prescribed in GFR 2017 – Form GFR 12-C.
- (xxviii) 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.
- (xxix) There should not be any overlapping of activities under the projects 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 off without concurrence of this Ministry.
- (xxxii) A separate bank account shall be opened for the purpose and the account shall be open for audit by Central Government or G&AG.
- (xxxiii) All guidelines under the project is to be followed scrupulously.
- (xxxiv) The UC with physical progress report and satellite photo with physical deliverable with date and latitude – longitude coordinates before and after completion of work be obtained of each tiger reserve and uploaded on the website of the implementing agency as well as the Ministry for public access.
- (xxxv) 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.
- (xxxvi) The UC shall be countersigned by the Admn. Secretary of the Forest Deptt. / Finance Secretary in terms of GFRs 2017 (Rule 239).

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 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.

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7. 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.

8. 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, 3601.06 – Centrally Sponsored Schemes (Sub Major Head), 3601.06.796-Tribal Area Sub Plan (Minor Head), 3601.06.796.02-Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats (Sub-Head), 3601.06.796.02.01-Project Tiger (Detailed Head), 3601.06.796.02.01.31- Grants-in-aid General for the year 2017-18 (Plan).

9. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 91812/AS&FA dated 20.09.2017.

Yours faithfully,

Nishant Verma 22/9/17
(Nishant Verma)
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 2017-18 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, Indravati Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh.
5. The Accountant General, Chhattisgarh.
6. IGF/AIGF, NTCA Regional Office, Nagpur.
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.

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ANNEXURE

**Annual Plan of Operation 2017-18
Indravati Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh**

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Activity	Item	Para No. CSS PT Guideline	Amount sanctioned PFY	Para No. TCP	Current Financial Year				GPS
						No. of Items (Phy. Target)	Specification / Description	Unit Price	Total (Financial Target)	
Non-Recurring (Core Zone)										
1	Ration allowance to field staff	Provision for ration allowance to field staff	16.16.31	04.02		50	Ration allowance	860x12 months	05.16	--
2	Staff Development	Dissemination workshops	16.8.6	0	8.5	2	workshops.	50000	01.00	--
3	Staff Development	Study tours for appraisal of good practices in other reserves	16.8.5	01.50	8.5	3	Study tours	50000	1.50	--
4	Project Allowance	Provision of Project Allowance to staff (all categories) of Project Tiger (providing project allowance to Ministerial staff is a new component) (non recurring). Separate for all categories. See from guide lines	16.15	21.60	10.3.12	150	Project allowance	0	13.13	
5	Staff welfare	Supply of field kit	16.16.4	01.05	10.4	127	Supply of field kit-Boots/Shoes	2000	2.54	--
Total:-(Non Recurring-Core Zone)									23.33	
Recurring (Core Zone)										
6	Anti-Poaching	Deployment of local work force for patrolling, surveillance of water holes, manning barriers.	16.1.12	29.48	11.1	708	Patrolling Labour	8300	58.76	--
8	Anti-Poaching	Maintenance of vehicles(boats, motorbikes, mobility)	16.1.20	07.00	10.4.IX	4	Vehicles	100000	04.00	--
9	Anti-Poaching	Rewards to informers.	16.1.17	00.50	10.4.VII	25	Rewards	1000	00.25	--
10	Strengthening	Maintenance of fire lines and firebreaks.	16.2.15	15.00	10.4.II.1		Maintenance of existing fire lines		18.36	--
						472	Fire watchers	8300	39.18	--
11	Strengthening	Map digitization facility for management planning	16.2.26	01.00	10.3.7	1	Map of Digitization	100000	01.00	--
12	Staff Development	Capacity Building and training.	16.8.1	01.00	8.4	1	Capacity building and training. (5 Trainings for 100 Persons)	100000	01.00	--
13	Eco-Development	To carry out prophylactic immunization of cattle in and around Indravati Tiger Reserve.	4.5.1	01.50	7.2.2.6	7	Immunization Programme	15000	01.05	--
14	Habitat Improvement	Grass improvement	16.3.4	0	7.2.2.1	50 ha	Grassland development	32400	16.20	(1) Kutru Core-Vayanar- P 1325N19'14'636" E80'41'864" (2) Kutru Core-Majjimbendi- 1318N19'16'132" E80'41'673" (3) Marwada (South)- 1085N19'01'50 9" E80'27'45 5"(4) Pillur-Neelmadgu (North)- 1122N'18'58'355" E80'29'115"(5) Pillur-Annapur (South) 1110N19'03'84.0" E80'26'41 84 6"
Total:-(Recurring- Core Zone)									139.80	
G.Total Core Zone:- (Non Recurring + Recurring)									163.13	

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Non-Recurring (Buffer Zone)										
14	Strengthening	Creation of fire watch tower.	16.2.9	10.00	12.1.III/A	1	Watch tower	1000000	10.00	(1) N18°48'29" E80°47'15" Bijapur Buffer
15	Strengthening	Creation of Earthen Ponds.	16.2.15	15.00	7.2.2.2	1	Earthen ponds.	1000000	10.00	(1) Aded 170 N18°52'45" E08°03'18" Range - Bijapur Buffer
16	Staff Development	Dissemination workshops.	16.8.6	01.00	8.5	1	workshops.	25000	00.25	-
	Purchase of vehicles	Purchase of animal rescue vehicle	16.1.19	11.50		1	Purchase of vehicle	2000000	20.00	
17	Project Allowance	Provision of Project Allowance to staff (all categories) of Project Tiger (providing project allowance to Ministerial staff is a new component) (non recurring). Separate for all categories. See from guide lines	16.15	21.60	10.3.12	48	Project allowance	0	04.50	
Total:-(Non Recurring-Buffer Zone)									44.75	
Recurring (Buffer Zone)										
18	Anti-Poaching	Deployment of local work force for patrolling, surveillance of water holes, manning barriers.	16.1.12	29.48	11.1	468	Patrolling Labour	8300	38.84	-
	Ration allowance to field staff	Provision for ration allowance to field staff	16.16.31	4.02		44	Ration allowance	860x 12 months	04.54	
19	Anti-Poaching	Maintenance of existing patrolling camps/chowkis.	16.1.4	02.00	10.3.4	5	Maintenance of existing patrolling camps/chowkis.	50000	02.50	Kutru Forest Colony- N19° 05'530" E80°47'369". Maded Buffer Range- Bhopalapatnam N 18°51'57.29" E80°23'00.8"
20	Strengthening	Maintenance of fire lines and firebreaks.	16.2.15	15.00	10.4.II.1		Maintenance of existing fire lines		04.69	-
						156	Fire watchers	8300	12.95	-
Total:-(Recurring-Buffer Zone)									63.52	
G.Total Buffer Zone:- (Non Recurring+Recurring)									108.27	
Total (Core Zone+Buffer Zone)									271.40	
Eco Development										
21	Awareness Creation	Interpretation centre cum open theatre for Wildlife awareness to the Tribal dominated area in the Buffer region	-	-	-	1	Interpretation centre cum open theatre	1500000	15.00	Kutru Core- Kutru forest Colony - N19°05'530" E80°47'369"
22	Solar Light Distribution	Solar Light Distribution to the Core & Buffer area	-	-	-	790 Family	Solar Light Distribution	1900	15.00	-
Total									30.00	
Grand Total									301.40	

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S.No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring (60%)	68.08	40.85
2.	Eco development (60%)	30.00	18.00
3.	Recurring (50%)	203.32	101.66
4.	Total	301.40	160.51

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(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share	A	301.40
Centre's share in APO	B	160.51
1 st release @ 80% of Centre's share	$C=0.8*B$	128.41
Less: Unspent balance FY 16 -17	D	16.64
Adjusted 1 st release	$E=C-D$	111.77
2 nd installment	$F=0.2*B$	32.10

* 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.

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