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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
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Dated the 26th 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 Sahyadri Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra 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 Sahyadri Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra at the cost of **Rs. 521.952 Lakhs (Rupees Five hundred Twenty One Lakhs Ninety Five thousand Two hundred only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 262.64 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 60% Central Assistance by the Government of India and 40% assistance by the State Government of Maharashtra.

2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President to the payment and release of an amount of **Rs. 229.53 lakhs (Rupees Two hundred Twenty Nine Lakhs Fifty Three thousand only)** to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Maharashtra 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 **Sahyadri 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 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 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 **Sahyadri 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 **Sahyadri Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report alongwith Utilisation Certificate in prescribed format on or before 31.3.2018.
 - (x) **Sahyadri 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 2017-18 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by **Government of Maharashtra** to the **Govt. of India**.
 - (xiii) Government of Maharashtra in respect of **Sahyadri 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 **Sahyadri 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 (Sahyadri 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 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.



- (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 C&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.

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 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. 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.



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), 3601.06.101-Central Assistance / Share (Minor Head), 3601.06.101.02-Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats (Sub-Head), 02.01-Project Tiger (Detailed Head), 3601.06.101.02.01.31- 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. 90424/AS&FA dated 22.9.2017.

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 2017-18 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, Sahyadri Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra.
5. The Accountant General, Maharashtra.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
7. The IG/AIG, 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.


(Sanjay Kumar)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

ANNEXURE

**SAHYADRI TIGER RESERVE, MAHARASHTRA
ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE YEAR 2017-18**

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No.	Aste.	Item	Para of Approved Plan	Financial Target	Location	Physical Target	CSS Share	State Share	Total	GPS Coordinates
A										
NON-RECURRING (CORE)										
1)		Antipoaching Activities	2.1 A and 2.3 of Security Plan	9.6000	Chandoli N.P. & Koyana WLS					
		Tiger Protection Force (4 units each of 5 with local labourers) 6 Months			Chandoli and Koyana Sacntuary and STR Office Staff	LS	5.76	3.84	9.60	
2)		Project Allowances	13.4.1.2	12.309						
1		Field Director - 01				1X12X 0.02	0.144	0.096	0.24	
2		Deputy Director STR - 01				1x12x0.015	0.108	0.072	0.18	
3		Assistant C.F. - 03				3X12X 0.013	0.2808	0.1872	0.468	
4		Range Forest Officer - 06				6X12X 0.01	0.432	0.288	0.72	
5		Forester - 15				15X12X 0.009	0.972	0.648	1.62	
6		Forest Guard - 50				50X12X 0.007	2.52	1.68	4.20	
7		Driver - 02, Launch Tandel 01, Launch Driver 01 Total 04				4X12X 0.007	0.2016	0.1344	0.336	
8		Ministerial Staff Class - III - 15 (1- CA, 3- A/C, 9- Clerk, 1- Steno typist, 1 - Surveyer)				15x12x0.007	0.756	0.504	1.26	
10		Ministerial Staff Class - IV - 03 (3- Peon)				3x12x0.004	0.0864	0.0576	0.144	
11		Vanmajoor - 12			Chandoli and Koyana Sacntuary Guards and Foresters	12x12x0.004	0.3456	0.2304	0.576	
3)		Ration Allowance for Core Staff 2016-17		8.41						
i		a) Forester - 15				0.00860 x 15 x 12	0.9288	0.6192	1.548	
ii		b) Forest Guard - 50				0.00860 x 50x 12	3.096	2.064	5.16	
iii		c) Vanmjoor - 8				0.00860 x 8 x 12	0.495	0.33	0.825	
iv		Daily wages labour			Chandoli and Koyana Sacntuary	860x76x12	4.159	2.772	6.931	
5)		Construction of Gabbians of 2 No. each 38 Beat (Core)	7.2.3	114.0		1 No. each 38 Beat @ 0.50	11.4	7.6	19.00	E73.837 N.16.990
6)		Construction of Loose boulder structures(LBS) of 20000 Cum in 38 beats		52.00		20000 @ 0.26.3	31.56	21.04	52.60	
7)		Research Monitoring								
		Wildlife Population estimation -Implementation "Tiger Recovery Strategy & Monitoring & Scrutiny - 4 S" project to be implemented by WII Dehara Doon with a total project cost of 3 crores, for this year 75 lakh.	9.1	1.00		L.S.	18.00	12.00	30.00	
Total Non- Recurring Core									135.408	
B. NON-RECURRING (BUFFER)										
		Anti Poching Activities								
		Constructions of Staff Qtrs Type II or Forest Guard	170 of Ecotourism	0.0	Agashivnager	3 No. X 15.0 lacs	27.00	18.00	45.00	17.0723 E
		Constructions of Staff Qtrs Type I or Forest Guard	170 of Ecotourism	0.0	Agashivnager	2 No. X 10 lacs	12.00	8.00	20.00	
1)		Project Allowances	13.4.1.2	4.288	STR Unified Control After 19 Aug 2015					

i		Range Forest Officer - 01				1x12x0.01	0.072	0.048	0.12	
ii		Forester - 03				03x12x0.009	0.1944	0.1296	0.324	
iii		Forest Guard - 21				21x12x0.007	1.0584	0.7056	1.764	
v		Ministerial Staff Class - III - 02 Actt.				2x12x0.007	0.1008	0.0672	0.168	
vi		Van Major - 11				11x12x0.004	0.3168	0.2112	0.528	
2)		Strengthening wireless infrastructure	Chapter 4 of Security Plan	3.0	STR	Wilson Point	5.40	3.60	9.00	
3)		Monitoring of Wildlife	9.2 of Core Plan							
4)		Development Activities for Co-existence in Buffer Zone	8.3 of Buffer Plan							
1)		Organising workshops for sensitizing local villages in buffer area		1.0	Buffer area	12 Workshops	1.20	0.80	2.00	
5)		Purchase of camera traps, batteries and memory card for monitoring of the tigers	9.1 of Core Plan	3.75	Core Area	50 @ 0.16	5.40	3.60	9.00	
7)		Habitat Management in Buffer	7.2.1.7 of Buffer Plan							
8)		Eco tourism interpretation and nature education		3.0		Agashivnagar Panery Jungti	18.00	12.00	30.00	N17.0723 E74.11.15 N1715°054" E07348°43.8
9)		Research Monitoring	Koyana WLS Chandoli NP							
		i) Ecological Studies on grasslands of S.T.R. With special reference to wildlife management.		0.0	Koyana WLS Chandoli NP	L S	1.80	1.20	3.00	
		iii) Herpetofauna diversity studies in S.T.R.		0.0		L S	1.80	1.20	3.00	
Non - Recurring (Buffer)										123.904
Non - Recurring (Core + Buffer)										259.312
B	RECURRING (CORE)									
1		Wireless communication network Royalty to Govt. of India	Chandoli NP Koyana WLS	3.0	Koyana WLS Chandoli NP	1 Network	1.80	1.20	3.00	
2		Wages for wireless operator 5 Stations 3 person each @ 0.080/- per month		6.0		7 x 3 x 6 = 126 @ 0.0805	5.0715	5.0715	10.143	
3		Maintenance and repair to wireless sets Annual Maintenance		1.0		LS	0.60	0.40	1.00	
4		Wages for labourers engaged in protection huts 2 person on each 38 camp = 76 person (2 X 12x38 x 0.08/-)		72.96	Koyana WLS Chandoli NP	38 beat x 2 person x 12 months x 0.0805	36.708	36.708	73.416	
5		Wages for check Naka labours	Chandoli NP Koyana WLS	11.52		4 check naka x 3 person x 12 month x 0.0805	5.796	5.796	11.592	
6		Maintenance of Protection Huts/ Check posts etc. Rs. 0.25 per PH/CP. 8 each year		2.0	STR	Rs. 0.71 per PH/CP. 28 each year	2.50	2.50	5.00	*
7		Maintenance / repair of vehicles and boats								
		a) Petrol Vehicle - 1		4.70	STR	Petrol - 1	1.00	1.00	2.00	
		Diesel Vehicles - 8 15	Chandoli NP Koyana WLS			Diesel - 10	1.50	1.50	3.00	
		Motor Boat - 7				Motor boat - 7	1.00	1.00	2.00	
		b) Motorcycles 0								
8		Fire lines cutting and burring								
		A' Class (45 Km)		1.08	STR	120 Km x 8 md x 308.5 per day	1.4805	1.4805	2.961	E73.817
		B' Class (110 km)		6.00		200 Km x 4.42 md x 300 per day	2.468	2.468	4.936	E73.892 N17.127

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9		Habitat Management								
i		Removal of lantana, Parthenium and other invasive weeds from the infested area of core area part 75 ha. @ 0.10 lakhs per ha.	-	2.25	Chandoli NP	0.000	1.50	1.50	3.00	
ii		Removal of unwanted scrubs from meadow area	Chandoli NP Koyana WLS	6.00	Chandoli NP Koyana WLS	200 ha. @ 3 MD per ha.	3.00	3.00	6.00	N17.6693 E73.71509
iii		Cutting of alternate strips in grass land in 2 ha per beat (38 beat)		2.28		76 Ha. X 38 beats @ 10 MD per ha.	1.14	1.14	2.28	N17.718 E73.650
iv		strengthening of natural trails 230 km @ 0.02 per km		0.00		50 km @ 0.02 per km	0.50	0.50	1.00	N17.721 E73.658
10		Water Augmentation work								
		A) Maintenance of existing water holes	Chandoli NP Koyana WLS	2.00	Chandoli NP Koyana WLS	50 Water holes at rate 0.05 each	1.25	1.25	2.50	
		B) New Water Creations		12.0		15 No. @ 0.80	6.00	6.00	12.00	
11		Strengthening of VHF		3.0		L S	1.50	1.50	3.00	
		Maintenance of existing road			Maintenanc e of road Udagiri naka to Tambave 14.2 km, and C.D.Work No 2	Rs. 5 lac each km Rs. 3 lacs each per C D work	38.50	38.50	77.00	
		Total of RECURRING (CORE)							225.828	
C		RECURRING (Buffer)								
1		Wages for labourers engaged in protection huts 1 person on each 21 camp =21 person (1 X 12x21 x 0.08/-)	-	20.15	Buffer Area of STR	21 beat x 1 person x 12 months x 0.0802	10.105	10.105	20.21	
2		Wages for check Naka labours	-	1.24		4 check naka x 4 person x 8 month x 0.0802	2.565	2.565	5.13	
3		Maintenance / repair of vehicles and boats	-							
		a) Petrol Vehicle - 0		0.0		Petrol -0	0.75	0.75	1.50	
		Diesel Vehicles - 4		2.20		Diesel - 6	1.10	1.10	2.20	
		Motor Boat -0		0.0		Motor boat - 2	1.50	1.50	3.00	
		b) Motorcycles 0		0.0						
4		Fire lines cutting and burring	-							
		A' Class (40 Km)		0.96		50 Km x 8 md x 308 per day	0.616	0.616	1.232	
		B' Class (100 km)		2.65		130 Km x 2 x 4.42 md x 308 per day	1.7698	1.7698	3.54	
5		Habitat Management	-							
		Total of RECURRING (Buffer)							36.812	
		Recurring (Core + Buffer)							262.64	

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring (60%)	259.312	155.59
2.	Recurring (50%)	262.64	131.32
	Total	521.952	286.91

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(Rs. In Lakhs)		
Cost of APO including State's share	A	521.952
Center's share in APO	B	286.91
1 st release @ 80% of Center's share	$C=0.8*B$	229.53
Less: Unspent balance FY 16-17	D	-----
Adjusted 1 st release	$E=C-D$	229.53
2 nd release @ 20% of Center's share	$F=0.2*B$	57.38

* 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.

