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Government of India
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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 Udanti-Sitanadi 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 Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh at the cost of **Rs. 299.06 Lakhs (Rupees Two hundred Ninety Nine Lakhs Six thousand only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 166.46 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. 5.289 lakhs (Rupees Five Lakhs Twenty Eight thousand Nine hundred 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 **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 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 **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 31.3.2018.
- (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 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 **Udanti-Sitanadi 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 **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) 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.
- (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.



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. 92009/AS&FA dated 22.09.2017.

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 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, Udanti-Sitanadi 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.


(Sanjay Kumar)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

ANNEXURE

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

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Activity	Item	Para No. CSS PT Guidelines	Sub Item Type	Para No. TCP	Previous Financial Year 2016-17	Current Financial Year				GPS
						Name of Sub Item	No. of Items (Physical Target)	Unit Price (Rs.)	Total (Financial Target)	
NON RECURRING CORE										
Strengthening	Construction of (patrolling camp, culverts).	16.2.1.1	Culvert	7.2.2.2	43.00	Culvert	2 No.	1075000	21.50	South udanti, compartment no 82, N-200637.68 E-0821736.87 RISGAON Compartment no 244, GPS N-20.04433, E-82.01013
Strengthening	Creation of earthen ponds.	16.2.15	water retention	7.2.2	60.00	Earthen Pond	2 No.	800000	16.00	Sitanadi, compartment no 346, N-20.14176, E-81.53166 North udanthi compartment no 79, gps N-200754.0, E-0821442.2
Strengthening	Procurement of satellite imageries, printing for management planning/ Tiger Conservation Plan	16.2.24	TCP printing	9.4		TCP	1 No.	100000	1.00	Core Area USTR
Addressing man animal conflict	Procurement of cages to catch problematic animals.	16.4.4	Procurement	7.2.1	2.00	Trap Cages	2 No.	100000	2.00	Core Area USTR
Research and field equipment	Day to day monitoring of wild animals	16.7.1	Monitoring	9.1	5.00	Research Fellow	24	20000	4.80	Core Area USTR
Staff Development	Providing project allowance and special incentives.	16.8.2	Incentive	8.5	4.80	Trackers	192	9293	17.84	Core Area USTR
						Field staff	417		21.78	
Staff Development	Providing ration allowance	16.8.2	Incentive	8.5	5.16	Front line staff (Foresters, forest guard and van chowkidhars)	154	860	15.89	
Staff welfare	Supply of torch/ batteries	16.6.6	Night Patrolling	9.1		Torch/cell	LS	100000	1.00	Core Area USTR
Rehabilitation package	Deployment of denotified tribes in foot patrolling for protecting wildlife	16.6.1	Protection	10.2		Foot Patrolling	100	9293	9.29	Core Area USTR
Fostering Tourism	Wildlife Conservation Awareness	16.17.3	wild life conservation	8.5	2.00	wild life awarness camps	2 camps	25000	0.50	Core Area USTR
NON RECURRING BUFFER										
Strengthening	Creation of dams.	16.2.11	Water Retention	7.2.2	43.00	Stop Dam,	2 No.	1000000	20.00	Tourenge compartment no 1180, gps N-20002'51.12", E-082010'16.92"Ind agaon range, compartment no-1212, gps N-19.59.438 E-082.19.524

Eco-Development	To carry out prophylactic immunization of cattle in and around Tiger Reserve.	4.5.1	Immunization	11.5		Cattle Immunization	5000	20	1.00	Buffer Area USTR
TOTAL NON RECURRING (Core + BUFFER)									132.60	

RECURRING CORE										
Anti-Poaching	Deployment of camp labourers for patrolling.	16.1.5	Patrolling	9.1		Camp Labour	135	9293	12.55	Core Area USTR
Anti-Poaching	Maintenance of existing patrolling camps/chowkis.	16.1.4	maintenance	7.2.2	3.75	Patrolling Camps	5 no.	25000	1.25	compt., no 309, N-201425.0E-0815430.4 aadhiwashipara chowki N-20 14 45.8 E- 81 50 49.7compart no., 205 N-20.16567 E-82.00438, sankara chowki N-20.175169 E-81.59488 indagaon chowki N-200449.6 E-0822221.9
Anti-Poaching	Maintenance of vehicles(boats, motorbikes, mobility)	16.1.20	maintenance	10.3	1.80	Vehicle	6 no.	20000	1.20	Core Area USTR
Anti-Poaching	Maintenance of office equipment.	16.1.23	maintenance	7.2.2	1.50	office equipment	LS	LS	1.00	Core Area USTR
Anti-Poaching	Legal support for defending court cases.	16.1.18	Court Case	13.3	1.10	Legal Support	LS	LS	1.00	Core Area USTR
Strengthening	Maintenance of fire lines and firebreaks.	16.2.15	fire line	7.2.2	11.26	12 meter	819 km	300	2.46	Core Area USTR
				7.2.2		6 meter	166 km	200	0.33	Core Area USTR
Strengthening	Maintenance of fire lines and firebreaks.	16.2.15		7.2.2		3 meter	542 km	150	0.81	Core Area USTR
Strengthening	Maintenance of anicuts, , Stop Dam-cum-Bridge, Culvert, Irish Bridge.	16.2.13	maintenance	7.2.2		Stop Dam, Anicut	5 no.	250000	12.50	Sitanadi compt., no 353 N-20.13357 E-81.56305, Risgaon compt., no 154, N-20.07.142 E-82.01.851, Arsikanhar compt., no 169 N-20.0358.3 E-82.0131.6, South udanthi compt., no 82 N-20 06 37.68 E-082 17 36.87, North udanthi compt., no 81, N-20 06 39.2, E-082 17 37.9
Mainstreaming wildlife concerns	Monitoring of wild animals.	16.10.3	Monitoring	9.1	2.00	Wild animal	LS	LS	1.00	Core Area USTR
Staff welfare	Maintenance of torch/ batteries	16.16.6	maintenance	8.5	1.44	Torch/ batteries	LS	LS	1.00	Core Area USTR

Habitat Improvement	Weed eradication	16.3.1	Habitat Improvement	7.2.2	15.29	Weed eradication (Hac)	100 Hac	9293	9.29	Sitanadi compartment no 294, gps N-20.10.256 E-81.54048, Risgaon compt, no 276 N-20.08006 E-81.56237, ARSIKANHAR compt, no 172 N-20.10559 E-82.04057, North udanthi compt, no 13 N-20 07 38.9 E-082 21 18.6, South udanthi compt, no 36, N-20 05 44.33 E-082 18 11.93
Habitat Improvement	Grass land improvement, wetland improvement	16.3.4	Habitat Improvement	7.2.2	23.74	Grass Land Improvement (Hac.)	50	32705	16.35	Sitanadi compt, 327 N-20 12 44.2 E-081 49 53.2, Risgaon compt, no 258, N-20.04422 E-81.54211, ArsiKANhar, compt, no 172, N-20.11047, E-82.04479, North udanthi, compt, no 83, N-20 07 37.3 E-082 18 21.2 South udanthi compt, no 36, N-20 04 25.72 E-082 19 12.89
RECURRING BUFFER										
Anti-Poaching	Deployment of local work force for patrolling, surveillance of water holes, manning barriers.	16.1.12	Patrolling	13.1	72.00	Local Work Force (Months)	540	9293	50.18	Buffer Area USTR
Anti-Poaching	Operation Monsoon- Ensuring special site specific protection measures during monsoon considering the terrain and accessibility of Protected Areas.	16.1.10	Monsoon Patrolling	13.1	28.80	Local Work Force (Months)	256	9293	23.79	Buffer Area USTR
Strengthening	Procurement of compass, range finder, Global Positioning System (GPS), camera traps.	16.2.22	Procurement	12.1	1.00	Trap camera	80 no.	20000	16.00	Buffer Area USTR
Strengthening	Procurement of compass, range finder, Global Positioning System (GPS), camera traps.					GPS	50 no	10000	5.00	Buffer Area USTR
Strengthening	Procurement of compass, range finder, Global Positioning System (GPS), camera traps.					Range Finder	50 no	20000	1.00	Buffer Area USTR
Strengthening	Procurement of compass, range finder, Global Positioning System (GPS), camera traps.					Compass	150 no.	6500	9.75	Buffer Area USTR
TOTAL RECURRING (CORE + BUFFER)									166.46	

(Rs. In Lakhs)			
S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring (60%)	132.60	79.56
2.	Recurring (50%)	166.46	83.23
3.	Total	299.06	162.79

(Rs. In Lakhs)		
Cost of APO including State's share	A	299.06
Centre's share in APO	B	162.79
1 st release @ 80% of Centre's share	$C=0.8*B$	130.23
Less: Unspent balance FY 2016-17	D	0.0657
Adjusted 1 st release	$E=C-D$	130.16
2 nd release @ 20% of Centre's share	$F=0.2*B$	32.56

* 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.