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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
Project Tiger Division

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**Dated the 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2018**

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 Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar during 2018-19 – enhancement of scheme.**

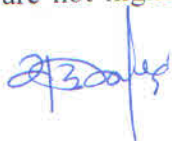
Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme 'Project Tiger' in Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar from the cost of **Rs. 976.96 Lakhs (Rupees Nine hundred Seventy Six lakhs Ninety Six thousand only)** to **Rs. 1151.56 (Rupees One thousand One hundred Fifty One lakhs Fifty Six thousand only)** to Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar during the year 2018-19. The enhancement of amount of **Rs. 174.60 Lakhs (Rupees One hundred Seventy Four lakhs Sixty thousand only)**, has been sanctioned to Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar, as per details given in the table at **Annexure**, in full compliance with the relevant provisions of para 16.9 of the operational guidelines of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger on deciding inviolate space for wildlife and relocation of villagers from core or critical tiger habitats in tiger reserves and settlement of their rights. The above cost of the scheme will be treated as 60% Central Assistance by the Government of India and 40% assistance by the State Government of Bihar.

2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President to the payment and release of an amount of **Rs. 69.84 Lakhs (Rupees Sixty Nine lakhs Eighty Four thousand only)** to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Bihar during the current financial year 2018-19.

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 **Valmiki 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 Bihar** 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 **Valmiki 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 Utilization Certificate against the earlier funds released under Grants-in-aid have been received and accepted by the competent authority.
- (ix) Government of Bihar in respect of **Valmiki Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report on or before 31.3.2019.
- (x) **Valmiki 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 Bihar** 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 2018-19 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by **Government of Bihar** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Bihar in respect of **Valmiki 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 **Valmiki Tiger Reserve** strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, acting through the National Tiger Conservation Authority, Field Director (**Valmiki Tiger Reserve**) and **Government of Bihar**.
- (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) **Funds for POL / maintenance of vehicles would be admissible only for the vehicles purchased from CSS funds.**
- (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) **All labour payments strictly by DBT.**

4. As the annual budget of the Scheme is approved by the Central Government, the Government of Bihar 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 of National Tiger Conservation Authority should 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 Bihar under intimation to this Department.



8. The expenditure incurred is adjustable to the Demand No. 27 (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change) under the following heads during the Financial Year 2018-19:

Scheme	Budget Head	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger (General)	3601.06.101.02.01.31	69.84
<b>Total</b>		<b>69.84</b>

9. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 114557/AS&FA (PG) dated 17.12.2018.

Yours faithfully,



(Raja Ram Singh)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Bihar. A copy of the detailed sanction letter issued by the State Government in respect of this scheme for 2018-19 may kindly be furnished to this Ministry immediately.
2. The Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Bihar.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Bihar.
4. The Field Director, Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar.
5. The Accountant General, Bihar.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
7. Forest Finance Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
8. Plan Finance Division (PF-II), Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
9. Guard file/Spare copies.



(Raja Ram Singh)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (PT)

**VALMIKI TIGER RESERVE, BIHAR**  
**ADDITIONAL ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION 2018-19**

## Recurring (Core + Buffer)

Activity	Item	Para No. of CSSPT Guidelines	Para No. TCP	Total Amount Required (Rs.)	Sanctioned Amount by NTCA 2018-19 (Rs.)	Balance Amount Required as Additional APO [5-6] (Rs.)	Justification
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Anti-poaching	Deployment of 8 Units of Home Guards (10 jawans in each unit), total 80 jawans for 12 months @ Rs 12500/- per man-month.	16.1.8	10.3.1	$8 \times 10 \times 12500 \times 12 = 1,20,00,000.00$	79,31,250.00 (For 25 armed and 25 un-armed ex-army personnel Rs. 4556250+3375000)	40,68,750.00	There is no Tiger Protection Force in VTR. At present 8 units of Home Guards have been employed in the Reserve.
Anti-poaching	APC wages for 37 centers having 5 persons at each center, Total $37 \times 5 = 185$ personnel @ Rs. 9562/- per man-month (including EPF)	16.1.2	10.3.2	$37 \times 5 \times 12 \times 9562 = 2,12,27,640.00$	Rs. 1,19,88,000.00 (For 37 centers @ 3 persons per center @ 9000/- p.m. $37 \times 3 \times 12 \times 9000 = 11988000.00$ )	92,39,640.00	1. In the sanctioned APO, the team size has been reduced from 5 to 3 personnel per APC. However as per the Tiger Conservation Plan, 5 personnel in each team have already been deployed in each APCs. 2. For each APC staff, NTCA has sanctioned Rs. 9000.00 per man-month. In compliance to the EPF guidelines, VTR is now paying PF contribution to the contractual staffs also. Thus, Rs. 9562.00 (including EPF contribution) per Man-month has been proposed in the APO 2018-19. [Sparing APC staffs and Wireless Operators the NTCA has also sanctioned Rs. 9562.00 per Man-month for other casual staffs, as Tiger Trackers & Patrolling Parties.]
Anti-poaching	Wireless Operators for 17 stations @ 3 persons per center for an 8 hourly duty @ 9562/-	16.2.3	10.2.1	$17 \times 3 \times 9562 \times 12 = 58,51,944.00$	17,00,000.00 (17 stations @ 1 person only at each center @ 8333.33/- p.m. = $17 \times 1 \times 12 \times 8333.33$ )	41,51,944.00	1. For round the clock Wireless Operation, three Wireless operators have been demanded for deployment at each center in three shifts. However, NTCA has approved only one Wireless Operator at each center. 2. Monthly emolument of Rs. 8333.33 per man-month has been sanctioned by NTCA, which is less than the amount sanctioned for other casual staffs, as Tiger Trackers & Patrolling Parties which is Rs. 9562.00 per Man-month. Thus, Rs. 9562.00 (including EPF contribution) per Man-month has also been proposed for the Wireless Operators in the APO 2018-19.
				3,90,79,584.00	2,16,19,250.00	1,74,60,334.00	

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(Rs. In Lakhs)			
S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Recurring (50%)	174.60	87.30
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>174.60</b>	<b>87.30</b>

(Rs. In Lakhs)		
Cost of APO including State's share	A	174.60
Center's share in APO	B	87.30
1 <sup>st</sup> release @ 80% of Center's share	$C=0.8*B$	69.84
2 <sup>nd</sup> release @ 20% of Center's share	$D=0.2*B$	17.46

\* Eco development 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 Tiger Reserves and the local people.

