

**No. 4-1(10)/2018-PT**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
Project Tiger Division

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**Dated the 13<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 Melghat Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra during 2018-19 – Additional APO – 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 Melghat Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra from the cost of **Rs. 13296.43 (Rupees Thirteen thousand Two hundred Ninety Six lakhs Forty Three thousand only)** to **Rs. 13598.71 (Rupees Thirteen thousand Five hundred Ninety Eight lakhs Seventy One thousand only)** to Melghat Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra during the year 2018-19. The enhancement of amount of **Rs. 302.27924 Lakhs (Rupees Three hundred Two lakhs Twenty Seven thousand Nine hundred Twenty Four only)**, has been sanctioned as Additional APO for 2018-19 to the Melghat Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra as per details given in the annexure. The recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Maharashtra**. 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 Maharashtra. The balance amount of the Central Assistance will be released in due course after a review of the progress of expenditure/work is undertaken.

2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President to the payment and release of an amount of **Rs. 139.432 Lakhs (Rupees One hundred Thirty Nine lakhs Forty Three thousand Two hundred only)** to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Maharashtra 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 **Melghat 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 **Melghat 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 Maharashtra in respect of **Melghat Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report on or before 31.3.2019.
- (x) **Melghat 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 2018-19 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by **Government of Maharashtra** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Maharashtra in respect of **Melghat 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 **Melghat 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 (**Melghat 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) **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) The expenditure is incurred as per the allocation of funds.



- (xxi) Payments are made by bank transfer and no cash payment is to be made. All norms of DBT to be adhered to strictly.
- (xxii) GFR is followed by implementing agency alongwith the economic instructions issued by Government of India from time to time.
- (xxiii) Satellite photo with date and latitude and longitude nodes after completion of work depicting the work carried out before and after the work.
- (xxiv) Evidence of deposit of TDS/Service Tax in case of contract payment and CST in case of leviable goods are sent along with UC.
- (xxv) In case of employment through contract, copy of PF & ESI contributions of employees shall be obtained wherever applicable.
- (xxvi) 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.
- (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) All measurable physical 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 C&AG.
- (xxxii) All guidelines under the project is to be followed scrupulously.
- (xxxiii) 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.
- (xxxiv) 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.
- (xxxv) **All labour payments are strictly to be made by DBT.**

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 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 Maharashtra 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	3601.06.101.02.01.31 (Gen)	139.432
<b>Total</b>		<b>139.432</b>

9. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 109728/AS&FA (PG) dated 10.12.2018.

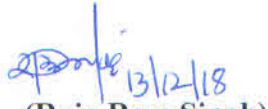
Yours faithfully,

  
(Raja Ram Singh)

Assistant 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 2018-19 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, Melghat Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra.
5. The Accountant General, Maharashtra.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
7. The 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.

  
(Raja Ram Singh)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (PT)



**ADDITIONAL ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION 2018-19**  
**Melghat Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra**

(Rs. in lakhs)

Buffer : Non Recurring

Sr. No.	Activity	Item	Para No. CSS PT Guidelines	Sub Item Type	Para No. TCP	Current Financial Year				Justification	
						Name of Sub Item	No. of Items (Physical Target)	Unit Price (Rs.)	Total (Financial Target)		GPS
1	Anti-Poaching	Buffer Area: Creation of wireless tower.	16.2.3	Other	7.27	Construction of 10 New wireless tower (Jamali, Ghatang, Dhulghat Rly, Khatkali, Khongada, Palaskund, Bhawai, Dhamangaon, Popatkhedha, Kanjoli) Buffer Division in Melghat Tiger Reserve.	10	262000	26.20	Jamali 21.335642 77.261319 Ghatang 21.451639 77.438481 Dhulghat Rly 21.257269 76.757867 Khatkali 21.266253 77.918183 Khongada 21.315031 77.187322 Palaskund 21.286881 76.716514 Bhawai 21.493597 77.382992 Dhamangaon 21.345875 77.446811 Popatkhedha 21.216322 77.077914 Kanjoli 21.316942 76.823694	Essential for round the year communication in the forest area as there is no mobile network in MTR Buffer Division. Wireless is the only means of communications.
2	Anti-Poaching	Buffer Area: Establishing of patrolling camps/chowkis/buildings	16.1.3	Other	7.27	Construction of 10 New Protection camp (C.No. 120, C.No.83, C.No.Masondi, C.No.21, C.No.32, C.No.952, C.No.1019, C.No.1216, C.No.1220, C.No.1146.) Buffer Division in Melghat Tiger Reserve	10	1500000	150.00	C.No 12021.533097 77.419839C. No. 8321.4851477 7.402739 Masondi21.45 065877.40565 6C. No. 2121.3370317 7.2272C.No.32 21.3620577.28 3756C. No. 95221.298661 77.189125C. No. 101921.23920 677.070161C. No.121621.30 216976.70168 1C.No. 122021.30182 276.658222C. No. 114621.32794 476.912656	Establishment of 10 new protection camps for ant poaching measures
3	Strengthening	Buffer Area: Construction of Gate/ Check-posts.	16.2.1	Other	7.24	Construction of 3 Gate/ Check-posts. (Pooatkhedha, Khongada, Dhamangaon.) Buffer Division in Melghat Tiger Reserve	3	1000000	30.00	Pooatkhedha 21.216322 77.077914 Khongada 21.266253 77.918183 Dhamangaon 21.345875 77.446811	Amount is required for running the Check Nakas in order to prevent or caught the unwanted activities



4	Mainstreaming wildlife concerns	Buffer Area: Anti-poaching operations.	16.10.1.4	Other	7.24	Wages for the labours 20 Labours (4 Tiger Protection Force) (20 Lab x 130 day x @360/- Per day) in Melghat Tiger Reserve Buffer Division From 01/10/2018 to 28/02/2019	20	46800	9.36		Special Tiger Protection Force will patrol the border areas & remaining 4 Forces will work Buffer Division
5	Staff welfare	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	16.2	Other	4.06	Project Allowance to field staff and Ministerial staffs in Melghat Tiger Reserve Buffer Division Total Post-248 (From 01/10/2018 to 28/02/2019)	248	2988	7.41024	Project Allowance sheet is attached separately	Essential for encouraging people to work and stay in remote areas.
6	Staff welfare	Buffer Area: Provision for ration allowance to field staff	16.2	Other	4.06	Ration Allowance (Forester-26 Forest Guard-68, Chowkidar-4, Characutter-1 Malli-4, Forest Labour-84 Total Post-187 @ Rs. 860/- From 01/10/2018 to 28/02/2019 (187 x 5 x 860)	187	4300	8.041	Ration Allowance sheet is attached separately	Essential for encouraging the stay of the field staff to work in remote areas.
7	Staff welfare	Buffer Area: Supply of mosquito net/ field kit	16.2	Other	4.06	Camp Amenity to staff at anti poaching Camp 1. Utensils for camps 2. Medical kit having basic medicines for protection camps 3. Snake tongs, sticks, torches and other necessary equipments	50	1000	0.50		Provision of daily need equipments like utensils for camp, field patrolling etc is required.
<b>Total (Non-Recurring Buffer):</b>									<b>231.51124</b>		

(Rs. in lakhs)

## Buffer Recurring

Sr. No.	Activity	Item	Para No. CSS PT Guidelines	Sub Item Type	Para No. TCP	Current Financial Year			GPS	Justification	
						Name of Sub Item	No. of Items (Physical Target)	Unit Price (Rs.)			Total (Financial Target)
1	Anti-Poaching	Buffer Area: Maintenance of wireless network	16.2.3	Other	7.24	10 W. Station x 2 Labours x 130 days x @ Rs.360/- in Melghat Tiger Reserve Buffer Division (From 01/10/2018 to 28/02/2019)	20	46800	9.36	Jamali 21.335642 77.261319 Ghatang 21.451639 77.438481 Dhulghar Rly 21.257269 76.757867 Khatkali 21.266253 77.918183 Khongada 21.315031 77.187322 Palaskund 21.286881 76.716514 Bhawai 21.493597 77.382992 Dhamangaon 21.345875 77.446811 Popatkhedha 21.216322 77.077914 Kanjoli 21.316942 76.823694	Essential for round the year communication in the forest area as there is no mobile network in MTR. Wireless is the only means of communications. 10 Wireless Station in MTR
2	Anti-Poaching	Buffer Area: Deployment of ex-army personnel and home guards	16.1.8	Other	7.24	Payment of super wiser + Exmilitary 10 Nos x 15000/- Per months x 5 Months = 750000/- in Melghat Tiger Reserve Buffer Division (From 01/10/2018 to 28/02/2019)	10	75000	7.50	In Melghat Tiger Project protection by Ex-army personnel is essential as they are sincere and disciplined and armed. (10 Ex Serviceman for 2 Buffer Division)	

3	Anti-Poaching	Corridor Area Mainstreaming wildlife concerns in tiger bearing forests and fostering corridor conservation- Antipoaching operations	16.10.14	Other	7.24	27 camps x 3 labour x 130 day x @360 in Melghat Tiger Reserve Buffer Division (From 01/10/2018 to 28/02/2019)	81	46800	37,908	Essential for round the year patrolling in the Forest area and keeping the person round the clock in all 27 Pro. camps.
4	Strengthening	Buffer Area: Maintenance of kuccha roads	16.2.2	Other	7.25	maintenance of kuccha roads in Melghat Tiger Reserve Buffer Division	100	9000	9.00	It is essential as communication and movement is essential for protection. Most of the roads of MTR requires maintenance after monsoon.
5	Strengthening	Buffer Area: Maintenance of vehicles (Gypsy, Jeep, Truck, Tractor, staff car etc.)	16.2.8	Other	7.25	Maintenance of vehicles (Gypsy, Jeep, Truck, Tractor, staff car Buffer Division	10	50000	5.00	Maintenance of 10 Vehicles are essential for effective movement of the staff.
6	Strengthening	Buffer Area: Maintenance of Computers Accessories	16.2.10	Other	7.25	Maintenance of Hardware Computer in 2 Buffer Division in Melghat Tiger Reserve	1	200000	2.00	Essential for office work and communication.
		<b>Total (Recurring Buffer):</b>							<b>70,768</b>	

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non - Recurring (60%)	231.51124	138.91
2.	Recurring (50%)	170.768	35.38
	<b>Total</b>	<b>302.27924</b>	<b>174.29</b>

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share	A	<b>302.27924</b>
Center's share in APO	B	<b>174.29</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> release @ 80% of Center's share	C=0.8*B	<b>139.432</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> release @ 20% of Center's share	D=0.2*B	<b>34.858</b>

\* 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.