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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
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Dated the 13th 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 Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu during 2018-19 – Additional APO – enhancement of scheme.

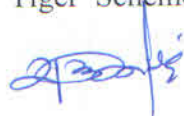
Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme 'Project Tiger' in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu from the cost of **Rs. 735.34 Lakhs (Rupees Seven hundred Thirty Five lakhs Thirty Four thousand only)** to **Rs. 765.34 lakhs (Rupees Seven hundred Sixty Five lakhs Thirty Four thousand only)** to Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu during the year 2018-19. The enhancement of amount of **Rs. 30.00 Lakhs (Rupees Thirty lakhs only)**, has been sanctioned as Additional APO for 2018-19 to the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu 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 Tamil Nadu**. 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 Tamil Nadu. 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. 12.00 Lakhs (Rupees Twelve lakhs only)** to the State Government towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Tamil Nadu 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 **Mudumalai 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 Tamil Nadu** 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 **Mudumalai 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 Tamil Nadu in respect of **Mudumalai Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report on or before 31.3.2019.
- (x) **Mudumalai 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 Tamil Nadu** 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 Tamil Nadu** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Tamil Nadu in respect of **Mudumalai 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 **Mudumalai 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 (**Mudumalai Tiger Reserve**) and **Government of Tamil Nadu**.
- (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 Tamil Nadu 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 Tamil Nadu 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)	12.00
Total		12.00

9. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 111454/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 Tamil Nadu. 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 Tamil Nadu.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Tamil Nadu.
4. The Field Director, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu.
5. The Accountant General, Tamil Nadu.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
7. The AIG, NTCA Regional Office, Bangalore.
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
Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Item of works	Current Year Proposal		Approved APO 2018-19 as per Govt. of India L. No. 4-1(31)/2018-PT dated 22.10.2018		Additional APO required for 2018-19		Remarks/Justification
		Physical Target	Financial Target	Physical Target	Financial Target	Physical Target	Financial Target	
RECURRING AREA								
I. Anti-Poaching								
1.	Engaging the Anti-poaching workers	65 Nos x 12 months x @ Rs. 10,000/-	78.00	40 Nos x 12 months x @ Rs. 10,000/-	48.00	25 Nos x 12 months x @ Rs. 10,000/-	30.00	<p>The total administrative area of the Buffer Division. Which includes Masinagudi Range belonging to the erstwhile core area works out to 450 Sq. Km. The Tiger density in this area as per the 2018 estimations is equivalent to the Tigers density in this area as per the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve during the same year. There has been several cases of elephant poaching and metallic tiger leg traps seizures Wildlife Offences recorded from these Forests in the past. As the newly formed Buffer Division of MTR is vulnerable and Anti-poaching camps here is of immense importance and would play a vital role in protecting the wildlife. Because of this, in APO proposal submitted to NTCA for the Financial year 2018-19, it was proposed to engage 65 Anti-poaching watchers in the 13 Anti-poaching camps in MTR, Masinagudi for protection of the buffer area. The Anticipating approval of the above the proposal 65 no. of Anti-poaching watchers were engaged from June 2018 to till date and the M-Stripes patrolling is being carried out in the Buffer area of the MTR and ensured the protection well.</p> <p>65 no of uniform and shoes to Anti-Poaching Watcher's has already been purchased (this item has been sanctioned in the APO now approved) and supplied through foundation providing them with the necessary GPS and Smart Phones were purchased to provide M-Stripe protection as per National Tiger Conservation Authority guidelines and the m-stripe patrolling is also being carried out presently by the said anti-poaching watchers. these protection works carried out in the buffer area of Mudumalai Tiger Reserve was inspected by Assistant Inspector</p>



							General National Tiger Conservation Authority on 01-08-2018, 02-08-2018 and Field Director also appreciated during his field visit may times.
							The Annual Plan of Operations sanctioned for engaging anti-poaching Watcher's has been reduced to 40 anti-poaching watchers against the proposed number of 65 anti-poaching watchers (Para No CSS-PT Guidelines 16.1.9 and the Para No. TCP 13.2). As a result the local tribal youth engaged in protection work will have to be discontinued and the ongoing ensuring m-stripe patrolling and protection will be effected.
							Hence, I humbly request that taking into consideration the importance of protection to be provided in this division necessary funds as proposed in the Annual Plan of Operations for 65 anti-poaching watcher's may kindly be sanctioned.
			78.00		48.00		30.00
Total							

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Recurring (50%)	30.00	15.00
	Total	30.00	15.00

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share	A	30.00
Center's share in APO	B	15.00
1 st release @ 80% of Center's share	C=0.8*B	12.00
2 nd release @ 20% of Center's share	D=0.2*B	3.00

* 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.