

No. 4-1(12)/2019-PT
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Project Tiger Division

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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 Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, Karnataka during 2019-20 –reg.**

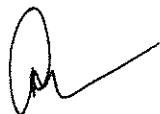
Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme 'Project Tiger' in Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, Karnataka at the cost of **Rs. 1252.37 Lakhs (Rupees One thousand Two hundred Fifty Two lakhs Thirty Seven thousand only)** as per details given in the table at Annexure. Of the total cost of the Scheme, **Rs. 991.26 Lakhs (Rupees Nine hundred Ninety One lakhs Twenty Six thousand only)** being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and **Government of Karnataka**. 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 Karnataka.

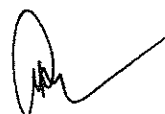
2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President to the payment and release of an amount of **Rs. 463.42 lakhs (Rupees Four hundred Sixty Three lakhs Forty Two thousand only)** as the 1st installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Karnataka during the current financial year 2019-20. 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 209(I) 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 **Nagarahole 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 Karnataka** 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 **Nagarahole 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, 1971 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, 1971 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 Karnataka in respect of **Nagarahole Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report on or before 31.3.2020.
 - (x) **Nagarahole 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 Karnataka** 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 2019-20 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by **Government of Karnataka** to the **Govt. of India**.
 - (xiii) Government of Karnataka in respect of **Nagarahole 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 **Nagarahole 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 (**Nagarahole Tiger Reserve**) and **Government of Karnataka**.
 - (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) Funds for POL / maintenance of vehicles would be admissible only for the vehicles purchased from CSS funds.



- (xxiv) Compensation for loss due to wildlife is to supplement the State Government fund as per the rules of State Government.
- (xxv) GFR is followed by implementing agency alongwith the economic instructions issued by Government of India from time to time.
- (xxvi) Satellite photo with date and latitude and longitude nodes after completion of work depicting the work carried out before and after the work.
- (xxvii) Evidence of deposit of TDS/Service Tax in case of contract payment and CST in case of leviabale goods are sent along with UC.
- (xxviii) In case of employment through contract, copy of PF & ESI contributions of employees shall be obtained wherever applicable.
- (xxix) 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.
- (xxx) 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.
- (xxxi) There should not be any overlapping of activities under the projects with the activities of ongoing schemes under CSS/CS/State Government Scheme.
- (xxxii) The sanction order must mention measurable physical parameters and all measurable parameters are to be adhered to.
- (xxxiii) The fixed asset created out of this grant shall not be disposed off without concurrence of this Ministry.
- (xxxiv) A separate bank account shall be opened for the purpose and the account shall be open for audit by Central Government or C&AG.
- (xxxv) All guidelines under the project is to be followed scrupulously.
- (xxxvi) 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.
- (xxxvii) 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.
- (xxxviii) All labour payments strictly by DBT.

4. As the annual budget of the Scheme is approved by the Central Government, the Government of Karnataka 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.



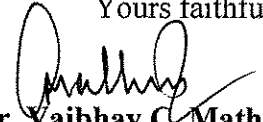
7. In accordance with the revised procedure, the Central Accounts Section, Reserve Bank of India, Nagpur, may kindly be advised to pass on credit to the books of the State Government of Karnataka under intimation to this Department.

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 2019-20 :

Scheme	Budget Head	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger	3601.06.101.02.01.31 (Gen)	428.67
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger	3601.06.796.02.01.31 (TSP)	34.75
Total		463.42

9. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 123808/AS&FA (PG) dated 05.07.2019.

Yours faithfully,

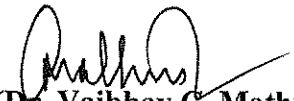


(Dr. Vaibhav C. Mathur)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Karnataka. A copy of the detailed sanction letter issued by the State Government in respect of this scheme for 2019-20 may kindly be furnished to this Ministry immediately.
2. The Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Karnataka.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Karnataka.
4. The Field Director, Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, Karnataka.
5. The Accountant General, Karnataka.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
7. IG/AIG, NTCA Regional Office, Bengaluru.
8. Forest Finance Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
9. Plan Finance Division (PF-II), Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
10. Guard file/Spare copies.



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	Kallathalla Range near Nadhine to Mathimarkada			1 No.	1 No.	2.00	1.84	12,222,452, 76,062,312	1 No.	5.00	water flow, thus act as waterhole for wild animals during lean season and helps in reducing soil erosion.
	Sub-Total (4) :			5 Nos.	5 Nos.	14.00	13.55		5 Nos.	22.00	
5	Creation of anticults.	16.2,14	7.2,12.4								
	Construction of Checkdam										
	Meikuppige Range at Vasthhalia			1 No.	1 No.	4.00	3.62	12,138,41, 76,187,55	1 No.	4.00	Rain fall in Nagarahole TR ranges from 900 mm to 1500 mm. Soil moisture conservation works like Check dam/ Causeway cum Check dam will help in reducing the water flow thus act as waterhole for wild animals during lean season and helps in reducing soil erosion. The proposed civil work is very much essential as per the site condition.
	D.B.Kuppe Range at Kudreresattanahalla			1 No.	1 No.	4.00	3.72	12,02,20,6, 76,05, 21.2	1 No.	4.00	
	Sub-Total (5) :			2 Nos.	2 Nos.	8.00	7.34		2 Nos.	8.00	
7	Procurement of cages to catch problematic animals.										
	Procurement of rescue cages and squeeze cages to capture the problematic animal.			1 No.	1 No.	1.50	2.56		4 Nos.	5.00	
8	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	16.15	4.3,6.7								
	Project allowances (Working Strength) From April-2018 to March-2019			245 Nos.	178 Nos.	2.50	3.56		279 Nos.	24.52	Project allowance proposed to all the staff working in Tiger Reserve for the year 2019-20
	a) Conservator of Forests & Field Director										
	b) Asst. Conservator of Forests										
	c) Veterinary Surgeon					3.50	4.56				
	d) Range Forest Officer					4.50	5.56				
	e) Dy. Range Forest Officer					5.50	6.56				
	f) Forest Guard					6.50	7.56				
	g) Forest Watcher & Watchmen					7.50	8.56				
	h) Drivers					8.50	9.56				
	i) Care takers										
	j) Elephant Jamedhar, Mahuts & Kavadis										
	k) Lodge Cleaner										
	l) Vehicle Cleaner										
	m) I.B. Meit										

9	n) Chowkidar																		
	o) Ministerial staff (Class-II)																		
	p) Ministerial staff (Class-III)																		
	q) Ministerial staff (Class-IV)																		
	Provision for ration allowance to field staff	16,16.1	4,36.7	288 Nos.	169 Nos.	29.72	23.63	289 Nos.	29.83	As per the guidelines and orders of the NTCA proposed to provide ration allowance to field staff upto Dy Range Forest Officer Level @ Rs. 880.00/Month									
	Providing ration allowance to permanent field staff upto Range Forest Officer for the year 2018-19																		
	a) Dy. Range Forest Officer																		
	b) Forest Guard																		
	c) Forest Watcher																		
	d) Driver																		
e) Vehicle Cleaner																			
f) Elephant Jamedhar																			
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h) Elephant Kavadis																			
i) Wachtmen																			
j) Care Taker																			
k) Lodge Cleaner																			
l) I.B. Meli																			
m) Supernumerary																			
10	Phase-IV Tiger Monitoring of Tiger Source Population	16,10.3	4,5.4							Existing cameras are of 5 years old and during transition to Bhadravathi and Honnavara Territorial Divisions nearly 100 cameras are damaged and not in working condition. Hence new cameras are to be purchased.									
	Procurement of Cameras for conducting Phase_IV Tiger Monitoring During 2019					10.58	50 Nos.	10.00											
12	Procurement of weed cutter						10 Nos.	4.00	Nagarahole Tiger Reserve is highly infested with lantana while uprooting tribal people suffer minor injuries to unto facilitate the work smoothly and speedily the mechanized structure has been proposed										
13	Compensation for man-animal conflict in case of loss of human life /grievous injury and cost of treatment for minor injury																		
	Ex-gratia compensation for payment to the nest kith and kin of Late Dr. S. Manikandan,			1 No.	1 No.	2.00		2.00											

Hunsur Range	1350 Mandays	1350 Mandays	4.62	4.61		1365 Mandays	4.78	<p>In view of this the villagers living in adjacent villages of Nagarhole Tiger Reserve are extending their cooperation in fire protection works.</p> <p>Eradication of Lantana weed is essential to facilitate to growing of grass and other species and also clearing of viewlines in tourism zone and near the roads helps to avoid wild animals hit by moving vehicles and also to improve the visibility of wild animals to the visitors. Also it provides fodder to herbivores such as elephants, bison, sambar & spotted deer. Resulting in resting of these herbivores inside the park which ultimately minimize the Man-Animal Conflict.</p>
Anechowkur Range	2250 Mandays	1475 Mandays	7.69	7.69		2275 Mandays	7.96	
Kalliahalla Range	3600 Mandays	3600 Mandays	12.31	12.28		3640 Mandays	12.74	
Nagarahole Range	3600 Mandays	2360 Mandays	12.31	12.29		3640 Mandays	12.74	
Meikuppe Range	3600 Mandays	2360 Mandays	12.31	12.32		3640 Mandays	12.74	
Antharasathie Range	3600 Mandays	3600 Mandays	12.31	12.32		3640 Mandays	12.74	
D.B.Kuppe Range	5400 Mandays	5400 Mandays	18.48	18.48		5460 Mandays	19.11	
	27000 Mandays	14480 Mandays	92.34	92.30		27300 Mandays	95.55	
	31500 Mandays	17760 Mandays	107.73	102.85		33300 Mandays	116.55	
34	Weed eradication		16.31	4.2				
	Weed eradication - Removal of Lantana							
	Veeranahosahally Range	10 Ha	1.00	0.99	12.24208, 76.09103	5 Ha	1.00	
	Channamanakatte	10 Ha	1.00	0.98	12.24820, 76.06589	5 Ha	1.00	
	Mantalykere	10 Ha	1.00	0.98	12.22755, 76.10968	5 Ha	1.00	
	Hunsur Range	10 Ha	1.00	0.98				
	Mathimaradakada	10 Ha	1.00	0.98				
	Hunsekatte Pare	10 Ha	1.00	0.98	12.02 02.4, 76.07 38.4	5 Ha	1.00	
	Nagarahole Range	15 Ha	1.50	1.46	12.00 49.7, 76.06 36.0	5 Ha	1.00	
	Chikkapala Area	15 Ha	1.50	1.46	12.03 17.5, 76.05 02.4	5 Ha	1.00	
	Nadline Kanoor to Kurthur Chainigate	15 Ha	1.50	1.46				

Kallahalla Range							12.00259, 76.24804	10 Ha	2.00	Maintenance of Swamps is essential to facilitate to growing of grass and other species. Eradication of lantern weed is essential to facilitate to growing of grass and other species and also clearing of viewlines in tourism zone and near the roads helps to avoid wild animals hit by moving vehicles and also to improve the visibility of wild animals to the visitors. Also it provides fodder to herbivores such as elephants, bison, sambar & spotted deer. Resulting in resting of these herbivores inside the park which ultimately minimize the Man-Animal Conflict.
Sulekalle Area							12.04463, 76.24968	40 Ha	8.00	
Vaddaramadu Area										
Meikupppe Range										
20th Line Area										
Antharasanthe Range										
Taraka Ring Road										
Near Madanakada APC										
D.B.Kuppe Range										
Baraballe										
Kakanakole										
Sub-Total (34) :								80 Ha	16.00	
35		16.34	7.223							
Grass land Improvement, wetland improvement										
Maintenance of Swamps (Hadlus) (Fodder Plots)										
Anechowkur Range										
Jalapura Hadlu								10.1 Ha	1.01	
Doddegadde Hadlu								6.2 Ha	0.62	
Anechowkur Hadlu								15.7 Ha	1.57	
Mathigodu Sideline Hadlu								26.0 Ha	2.60	
Eachur Hadlu										
Kallahalla Range								9.7 Ha	0.60	
Eramane Hadlu								6.9 Ha	0.69	
Musumbe Hadlu										
Dalimbe Hadlu								3.9 Ha	0.42	

Nagarahole Range							12.00820, 76.09498	14.4 Ha	1.44	
	Hulipatte Hadlu		14.0 Ha	14.0 Ha	1.40	1.40	12.02841, 76.10564	10.5 Ha	1.05	
	Sagamandala Hadlu		5.8 Ha	5.8 Ha	0.58	0.58				
	Doddahalla Hadlu		7.9 Ha	7.9 Ha	0.79	0.79				
	Nagasara Hadlu		12.3 Ha	12.3 Ha	1.23	1.19				
	Sub-Total (35) :		94.0 Ha	94.0 Ha	9.40	8.93		103.4 Ha	10.00	
36	Publicity & Awareness Programme							L/s	5.00	
37	Maintenance of office equipment.	16.1,23						L/s	5.00	
	Office Expenses (Purchase of stationary photocopying charges, purchase / maintenance of computers and furniture, telephone / electricity bill etc.) Director Office 1 No., ACF office - 3 Nos., & RFO Office - 8 Nos.				4.00	4.00				
Total Recurring [Core] :									788.33	
BUFFER										
38	Deployment of camp labourers for patrolling.	16.1,5	10.3,3					64 Nos.	111.12	
<p>Nagarahole Tiger Reserve is having in area of 643,392 Sq Kms. Hence, Maintenance of existing Anti-Poaching Camp by Engaging of local peoples and daily wages to existing Anti-Poaching Camps is essential to day and night patrolling works against poaching and smuggling activities. The Rate Sanctioned by the PCCF (HOF) Bangalore vide OM no B1/Bud/CR-32/2018-19 dated 3.4.2019 for the year 2019-20 was adopted for Payment of wages. The wage rate has been enhanced + 6.94% when compared with the previous year wage rate. In addition to the wages, statutorily Government of Karnataka has to pay the EPF, ESI, Service charges, and GST for engaging daily wagers which is stated as below. EPF- 13%,ESI 4.75%, Service charges 5% and</p>										

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring (60%)	261.11	156.66
2.	Recurring (50%)	991.26	495.63
	Total	1252.37	652.29

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share	A	1252.37
Center's share in APO	B	652.29
1 st release @ 80% of Center's share	C=0.8*B	521.83
Less: Unspent balance FY 2018-19	D	58.41
Adjusted 1 st release	E=C-D	463.42
2 nd release @ 20% of Center's share	F=0.2*B	130.46

* 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.

