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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Project Tiger Division

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Dated the 20th August, 2019

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 Palamau Tiger Reserve, Jharkhand 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 Palamau Tiger Reserve, Jharkhand at the cost of **Rs. 627.72 Lakhs (Rupees Six hundred Twenty Seven lakhs Seventy Two thousand only)** as per details given in the table at Annexure. Of the total cost of the Scheme, **Rs. 423.65 Lakhs (Rupees Four hundred Twenty Three lakhs Sixty Five thousand only)** being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India and Government of Jharkhand**. 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 Jharkhand.

2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President to the payment and release of an amount of **Rs. 172.07 lakhs (Rupees One hundred Seventy Two lakhs Seven thousand only)** as the 1st installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Jharkhand 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.

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- (iii) Terms and conditions of the service of the employees employed in the **Palamau 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 Jharkhand** 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 **Palamau 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 Jharkhand in respect of **Palamau Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report on or before 31.3.2020.
- (x) **Palamau 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 Jharkhand** 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 Jharkhand** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Jharkhand in respect of **Palamau 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 **Palamau 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 (**Palamau Tiger Reserve**) and **Government of Jharkhand**.
- (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.

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- (xxii) Payments are made by bank transfer and no cash payment is to be made.
- (xxiii) Funds will not be diverted for any item other than specified herein.
- (xxiv) Funds to be spent only on items approved in TCP.
- (xxv) Funds for POL / maintenance of vehicles would be admissible only for the vehicles purchased from CSS funds.
- (xxvi) Compensation for loss due to wildlife is to supplement the State Government fund as per the rules of State Government.
- (xxvii) GFR is followed by implementing agency alongwith the economic instructions issued by Government of India from time to time.
- (xxviii) Satellite photo with date and latitude and longitude nodes after completion of work depicting the work carried out before and after the work.
- (xxix) Evidence of deposit of TDS/Service Tax in case of contract payment and CST in case of leviable goods are sent along with UC.
- (xxx) In case of employment through contract, copy of PF & ESI contributions of employees shall be obtained wherever applicable.
- (xxxi) 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.
- (xxxii) 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.
- (xxxiii) There should not be any overlapping of activities under the projects with the activities of ongoing schemes under CSS/CS/State Government Scheme.
- (xxxiv) The sanction order must mention measurable physical parameters and all measurable parameters are to be adhered to.
- (xxxv) The fixed asset created out of this grant shall not be disposed off without concurrence of this Ministry.
- (xxxvi) A separate bank account shall be opened for the purpose and the account shall be open for audit by Central Government or C&AG.
- (xxxvii) All guidelines under the project is to be followed scrupulously.
- (xxxviii) 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.
- (xxxix) 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.
- (xl) All labour payments strictly by DBT.

4. As the annual budget of the Scheme is approved by the Central Government, the Government of Jharkhand 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 Jharkhand under intimation to this Department.

8. The expenditure incurred is adjustable to the Demand No. 25 (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)	68.84
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger	3601.06.789.02.01.31 (SCSP)	34.41
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger	3601.06.796.02.01.31 (TSP)	68.82
Total		172.07

9. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 125433/AS&FA (PG) dated 14.8.2019.

Yours faithfully,

Nishant Verma 20/8/19
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Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Jharkhand. 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 Jharkhand.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Jharkhand.
4. The Field Director, Palamau Tiger Reserve, Jharkhand.
5. The Accountant General, Jharkhand.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
7. IG, NTCA Regional Office, Guwahati.
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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Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

PALAMAU TIGER RESERVE, JHARKHAND
ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION 2019-20

Annexure

Sl. No.	Item	Para no. of CSS-PT Guidelines	Para no of TCP	Current year proposal			Location	Rate	Physical Target	Financial Target	Justification
				Target	Achievement	Financial					
1	Anti-poaching initiatives										
a.	Deployment of anti-poaching squads (Strike Force) Salary, Allowances & Patrolling	16.1.1	10.5	49.50	39.60	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	Rs. 2.5734 lakh per head/ per year	13 person	33.45	For protection of wildlife & its habitat, control of illegal activity in Palamau Tiger Reserve	
b.	Organising vehicular patrolling by constituting squads (Tiger Protection Force), comprising of field staff, Home Guards, labourers and police/ SAF/ ex-army personnel with wireless handset and paraphernalia for apprehending offenders, apart from prescribing a patrolling calendar for the squad.	16.1.6	10.5	116.65	87.41	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	Rs. 0.7795 lakh per head/ per year	90	70.16	For protection & Monitoring of wildlife & its habitat	
c.	Procurement of Field Gear & Field dress boots etc for Tiger Protection Force & Strike Force.	16.1.21	10.2	6.40	5.12	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	5000.00 per person	138	6.90	Incentive to staffs	
			TOTAL	172.55	132.13				114.21		
2	Strengthening of Infrastructure within Tiger Reserve										
a.	Procurement of Hardware (Lazer range finder, GPS, Biocular and Field Camera)	16.2.18	10.5	33.64	26.91	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	L S		35.00	For Tiger estimation based on MSTRIPES as per NTCA & WIll guidelines	
b.	Construction of Staff Toilet			12.67	0.00		80000	3	2.40		
			TOTAL	46.31	26.91				37.40		
3	Research and Field Equipment										
a.	Wildlife Research and Monitoring of Data	16.7.1	9.1	6.72	0.00	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	L S	-	5.00	for streamlining the instruction from NTCA & WIll with respect to tiger monitoring & its All India Tiger estimation protocol	
			TOTAL	6.72	0.00				5.00		
4	Staff Development & Capacity Building										
a.	Providing project allowance and special incentives	16.8.2	3.4.11 c	17.09	0.00	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve		FD-1 DD-21	34.46	Incentive to Officer & Staff 2018-19 and 2019-20	

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	b	Workshop for park staff and officials regarding park management, Habitat Management, Wildlife crime control	16.8.6	8.5	2.70	2.16	Core area of Palamanu Tiger Reserve	0.30	10	3.00	ACF-2 RFO-8 Forester-8 F-G-123 Class-III - 19 Class-IV - 30	For capacity building to Officer and Staff
				TOTAL	19.79	2.16				37.46		
	5	Water Development										
	a	Procurement of water tanker	16.22	2.4.8	9.00		Core area of Palamanu Tiger Reserve	15.00	1	10.00		
				TOTAL	9.00	0.00				10.00		
	6	Staff Welfare										
	a	Provision for ration allowances (Field staff)	16.8.6		10.84	0.00				0.00		
				TOTAL	10.84	0.00				0.00		
				Grand Total	265.21	161.20				204.07		
	NON-RECURRING-BUFFER ZONE (60:40)											
	1	Anti-poaching initiatives										
	a	Establishment of Wireless Network	16.1.7	3.2.1.2.8	1.50	1.20	Buffer area of Palamanu Tiger Reserve		3 Tower, 15 Head Sats	15.00		Establishment of new towers, purchase of walk-talki for Wireless Network
				TOTAL	1.50	1.20				15.00		
	2	Eco-development Activities										
	a.	Veterinary Care including Vaccination, Treatment etc.	4.5.1	11.5	2.00	1.60	Buffer area of Palamanu Tiger Reserve	-	25	3.00		Prevention against disease from domestic cattle
	b.	Basic health care/ Health Camps	16.6.3	15.5	5.00	4.00	Buffer area of Palamanu Tiger Reserve	25	0.20 per camp	5.00		Better co-ordination with villagers
				TOTAL	7.00	5.60				8.00		
	4	Habitat Improvement										
	a.	Soil & Moisture Conservation work- Contour trench - 50/ha (0.45x0.45x5m) & Gully Plugging Total 46 MD/ha. + 500 MS/ha.		15.5			Buffer area of Palamanu Tiger Reserve		300 Ha *0.75	35.98		As a Measure for Pasture Development
	b	Construction of Water Retention Structures-		7.2.1.1			Buffer area of Palamanu Tiger Reserve	8.00	4	32.00		Providing Water to the Wildlife
				Total						67.98		
				Grand Total	8.50	6.80				90.98		

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RECURRING - CORE ZONE (50:50)										
a.	Deployment of local work force for patrolling camps as trekkers & other dailyvagers.	16.1.4	4.3.1.1	144.42	74.04	Core area of Palamanu Tiger Reserve	0.7795 per head per year	110	85.745	For Protection of Forests, Wildlife & Control of illegal activities.
b.	Establishing and maintenance of wireless networks & Recharge of Mobiles & 16 Persons for operation of 8 Wireless stations	16.1.8	4.3.5	2.8	2.24	Core area of Palamanu Tiger Reserve	0.09 Per Unit	120 Mobiles	10.8	For effective communication for protection of wildlife & its habitat
c.	Maintenance of vehicles (Gypsy, Jeep, Truck, Motor Cycles) including running cost of fuel for patrolling etc.	16.1.20	4.3.3.	3.00	2.40	Core area of Palamanu Tiger Reserve	L.S.		4.00	For running & maintenance of Vehicle (Fuel & repair)
d.	Rewards to informers	16.1.7	10.5	1.50	1.20	Core area of Palamanu Tiger Reserve	L.S.		1.50	Honorarium to gather intelligence from informers fostering prevention of wildlife crime
e.	Organising surprising raids with local police (in railway station, local trains, bus stops, etc)	16.1.3	10.5	1.50	1.20	Core area of Palamanu Tiger Reserve	L.S.		2.00	Curbing illegal activities
f.	Procurement of field gear for anti-poaching forces	16.1.21	10.2			Core area of Palamanu Tiger Reserve	5000	77	3.85	Providing facilities for curbing wildlife crime
		Total:-		6.00	4.80				107.90	
2	Habitat improvement and water development	-	-	-	-					
a.	Weed eradication (1 st Year) @25 M.D Per Ha.		7.2.1.1	13.11		Core area of Palamanu Tiger Reserve	0.0874 Per Ha.	200 Ha	17.48	Habitat Improvement
b.	Creation of New Grassland (Advance + completion work)		4.2.1.1			Core area of Palamanu Tiger Reserve	0.707 Per Ha.	80 Ha	56.56	For Providing Fodder to the herbivores
		Total:-		13.11	0.00				74.04	
		Grand Total:-		19.11	4.80				181.94	
RECURRING-BUFFER ZONE (50:50)										
1	Anti-poaching initiatives									
a.	Deployment of local work force for patrolling, surveillance of water holes, and maintenance of patrolling camps	16.1.112	13.2	189.60	151.68	Buffer area of Palamanu Tiger Reserve	Rs. 0.7795 lakh per head/ per year	220	171.49	For Protection of Forests, Wildlife & Control of illegal activities.
b.	Arrear payment to deployed trekkers during 2018-19 for 3 Months	16.1.112	13.2			Buffer area of Palamanu Tiger Reserve	0.0617	193	35.74	Non-utilization of 2nd instalment released on 28th March 2019
c.	Special Patrolling in sensitive areas during monsoon, festivals and others occasions		10.5			Buffer area of Palamanu Tiger Reserve		90	6.98	To control poaching & other offences in forest (90 person for one Month)
d.	Maintenance of Field Gear, Camera Traps and other equipment. (Purchase of 100 Camera Traps)	16.1.22	15.5	2.84	2.27	Buffer area of Palamanu Tiger Reserve	0.16	75	12.00	For Tiger Estimation & Monitoring based on MSTIPES

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e	Legal support for court cases.	16.118	15.5			Buffer area of Palamanu Tiger Reserve		2.50	Providing support to court cases
f	Surveillance System, Camera Station, Control Rooms, Camera on Watch Towers								
			Total:-	192.44	153.95			228.71	
2	Strengthening of Infrastructure within Tiger Reserve	-	-						
a.	Maintenance of Vehicle	16.218	3.212 (d)	12.60	10.08	Buffer area of Palamanu Tiger Reserve	26	13.00	For better mobility in forest for protection and control of illegal activities
			Total:-	12.60	10.08			13.00	
			Grand Total:-	205.04	164.03			241.71	
			Grand Total (Recurring + Non-Recurring)	497.85	336.84			718.69	

(Rs. In lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non-Recurring (60%)	295.05	177.03
2	Recurring (50%)	423.65	211.82
	Total	627.72	388.85

(Rs. In lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share	A	627.72
Center's share in APO	B	388.85
1 st release @ 80% of Center's share	C=0.8*B	311.08
Less: Unspent balance FY 2017-18	D	139.01
Adjusted 1 st release	E=C-D	172.07
2 nd release @20% of Center's share	F=0.2*B	77.77

* 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.

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