

**No. 4-1(36)/2020-PT**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
Project Tiger Division

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**Dated the 06<sup>th</sup> July, 2020**

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 Achanakmar Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh during 2020-21 –reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme 'Project Tiger' in Achanakmar Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh at the cost of **Rs. 519.13 Lakhs (Rupees Five hundred Nineteen lakhs Thirteen thousand Only)** as per details given in the table at Annexure. Of the total cost of the Scheme, **Rs. 406.26 Lakhs (Rupees Four hundred Six 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 Chhattisgarh**. 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 Chhattisgarh.

2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President to the payment and release of an amount of **Rs. 130.34 lakhs (Rupees One hundred Thirty lakhs Thirty Four thousand Only)** as the 1<sup>st</sup> installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Chhattisgarh during the current financial year 2020-21. 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 **Achanakmar 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,

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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 Chhattisgarh** 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 **Achanakmar 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 Chhattisgarh in respect of **Achanakmar Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report on or before 31.3.2021.
- (x) **Achanakmar 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 Chhattisgarh** 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 2020-21 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by **Government of Chhattisgarh** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Chhattisgarh in respect of **Achanakmar 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 **Achanakmar 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 (**Achanakmar Tiger Reserve**) and **Government of Chhattisgarh**.
- (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.

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- (xxiv) Funds released under the scheme shall not be diverted for any activity other than specified herein.
- (xxv) **As the final TCP of Achanakmar Tiger Reserve has not been submitted yet, therefore funds to be spent only on items proposed in TCP. No subsequent funds shall be released without submission of final TCP.**
- (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.
- (xli) **All guidelines of Project Tiger Schemes are followed by concerned tiger reserve and Expenditure Evaluation Report on the expenditure incurred viz. proposed activities and result achieved may be furnished before release of 2<sup>nd</sup> installment.**

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

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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 Chhattisgarh 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 2020-21 :

Scheme	Budget Head	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger	3601.06.101.02.01.31 (Gen)	39.102
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger	3601.06.789.02.01.31 (SCSP)	26.068
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger	3601.06.796.02.01.31 (TSP)	65.17
<b>Total</b>		<b>130.034</b>

9. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 137480/AS&FA (PG) dated 30.06.2020.

Yours faithfully,

*Nishant Verma 6/7/2020*  
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Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Chhattisgarh. A copy of the detailed sanction letter issued by the State Government in respect of this scheme for 2020-21 may kindly be furnished to this Ministry immediately.
2. The Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Chhattisgarh.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Chhattisgarh.
4. The AIGF, NTCA RO, Nagpur.
5. The Field Director, Achanakmar Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh.
6. The Accountant General, Chhattisgarh.
7. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
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)



**ACHANAKMAR TIGER RESERVE, CHHATTISGARH**  
**ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION 2020-21**

Annexure  
(Rs. in lakhs)

**Achanakmar, Chhattisgarh, Annual Plan Of Operation for the year 2020-21**  
**Non-Recurring (Core + Buffer)**

Activity	Item	Para No. CSS PT Guidelines	Para No. TCP	Amount released PFY 2019-20	Current Financial Year		GPS	Justification
					No. of Items (Physical Target)	Total (Financial Target)		
Eco-Development	Buffer Area: Basic health care/ Health Camps for Staffs.	16.16	Chapter 8	3.500	5	4.00	&	For Better eco development Buffer area. In achanakmar tiger reserve
						4.00	&	
Anti-Poaching	Buffer Area: Creation of wireless tower.	16.2.3	324	2.000	30	4.00		For Better communication and Covering Buffer area for better communication we are proposing 20 wireless handset and fixed
						4.00		
Strengthening	Buffer Area: Creation of fire lines and firebreaks.	16.2.6		6.620		7.200		for fire protection in Buffer Area
						7.200		
Strengthening	Core Area: Creation of fire lines and fire breaks.	16.2.6	16.2.6	10.650	1	21.00		Core Fire Protection in core area
						21.00		

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Staff welfare	Core Area: Supply of field kit	16.16	3.520	320	1500	4.00	For Wild life Management
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					1000		Facilitating staff so that they can perform better protection for wildlife
					2000	4.00	For Wildlife Protection
Staff welfare	Core Area: Supply of torch/ batteries	16.16	0.800	160	1000	1.60	For better Wildlife health and management cattle list core. Buffer and adjoining area per animal @50
Fostering Tourism	Core Area: Activities for reducing human tiger interface conflict	16.17	1.000	1	200000	2.00	Research constitutes a very important aspect of effective management of wildlife and their habitat as it helps in identifying the major issues and to draw plans accordingly. Research based on wildlife management is crucial for the success of any tiger reserve
Research and field equipment	Research and field equipment	16.7	2.000	5	75000	3.75	for patrolling and wildlife protection.
Anti-Poaching	Core Area: Organizing vehicular patrolling by constituting squads (Tiger Protection Force) comprising of field staff, laborers and police or SAF or ex-army personnel or home guards with wireless handset and paraphernalia for apprehending offenders, apart from prescribing a patrolling calendar for the squad.	16.14		2	3	6.00	
Addressing man animal conflict	Core Area: Procurement of traps to catch problematic animals.	16.4.1.3		2		2.50	aid in conflict areas.

16.4.1.3









Anti-Poaching	Core Area: Maintenance of vehicles, boats	16.1.14	16.1.20	5.000	1	1,000 1,000 POL and Repair For - 1, FD - 01 Four Wheeler 2, DD - 01 Four Wheeler 3, AD - 02 Four Wheeler 4, RO - 07 Four Wheeler 5, STPF - 02 Four Wheeler 6, Field Staff - 26 Motor Cycles * 1000000.00	800000	8.00	For better Patrolling and Protection
Anti-Poaching	Core Area: Maintenance of office equipment.	16.2.1	16.2.1	1,000	2	1,000 1,000 1, Computer 20 NO. @ 1000 = 20000 2. Printer, 20 No. @ 500 = 10000 3. Photocopier 03 NO. @ 10000 = 30000 Total -50000 1,000 Office and field stationary and other logistics for monitoring of wild animals and Monitoring of habitat * 100000.000 = 1 * 100000.000 =	60000	1.60	For Better Office Work Purpose Stationary For Office use
Anti-Poaching	Core Area: Providing 100% support to tiger reserves for raising, arming and deploying Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF).	16.1.1	16.1.1	2,600	144	24,000 24,000 Operation of 2 units each comprising of one ex-Army man/jawan/gunman supervisor Employment per unit Rs 15000 per month * 15000.000 = 360000.000 + 15000.000 = 360000.000	15000	5.73	To prevent poaching activities, for other preventive Measures including sudden raids and searches and checking of water bodies, bus stop, railway station, villages and traffic as well as long distance walking trails
Anti-Poaching	Core Area: Rewards to informers.	16.1.12	16.1.12	0.750	1	120,000 120,000 10daily wages STPF Employment per unit Rs 8860 per month * 8860.000 = 212640.000	8860		To prevent poaching activities, for other preventive Measures including sudden raids and searches and checking of water bodies, bus stop, railway station, villages and traffic as well as long distance walking trails
Anti-Poaching	Core Area: Maintenance of witness tower.	16.2.3				1,000 Reward To Informer * 1000000.000 = 1000000.000 * 1000000.000 = 1000000.000 * 1000000.000 = 1000000.000	75000	0.750	For Better Management of Tiger Reserve
Anti-Poaching	Core Area: Organizing surprise raids jointly with the local police( in railway stations, local trains, bus-stops, buses, catchers and cafetera.)	16.1.6				Maintenance of batteries in fixed stations		1.50	For Better communication and Covering Core and Buffer area for protection
Anti-Poaching	Core Area: Organizing surprise raids jointly with the local police( in railway stations, local trains, bus-stops, buses, catchers and cafetera.)	16.1.6				facilitating movement of staff during joint operations, etc		1.00	

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Strengthening	Core Area: Maintenance of Forest Guard Quarters.	16.2.1					2.50	1) N 22.30265 E 82.00796 2) N 22.35728 E 81.92688 3) N 22.27333 E 81.70472 4) N 22.276416 E 81.70553 N 22.397 E 81.8046944444444	For Better Management of Tiger Reserve
Strengthening	Core Area: Maintenance of Toilets	16.2.1			minor repair works in APC, Quarters.		1.00		for cleanliness
Strengthening	Buffer Area: Maintenance of a roads	16.2.2	Page No 322	100 Km	Buffer Area: Maintenance of road network. Core area forest: road repair	10337	10.34	East N 22.4924961 E 81.928535666 West N 22.4535964 E 81.5239272222 North N 22.6472692 E 81.68752888 South N 22.2978556 E 81.78726333 East N 22.4633183 E 81.91099472 West N 22.4832844 E 81.60377027 North N 22.5980657 E 81.73619166 South N 22.3083303 E 81.8431888888	For Better Management of Tiger Reserve
Strengthening	Core Area: Maintenance of road network.	16.2.2	Page No 466	200 Km	Core Area: Maintenance of road network. Core area forest: road repair	10337	20.67		For Better Management of Tiger Reserve
Strengthening	Core Area: Maintenance of E-surveillance	16.2.15		2	Core Area: Maintenance of E-surveillance - Purchase of Drone Camera 02 nos per nos 50000.00	50000	1.000		Core Area: Maintenance of E-surveillance -
Total (Recurring):						199.534			
Total (Recurring+ None Recurring):						268.214	519.13		

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring (60%)	112.87	67.72
2.	Recurring (50%)	406.26	203.13
	<b>Total</b>	<b>519.13</b>	<b>270.85</b>

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share	A	519.13
Center's share in APO	B	270.85
1 <sup>st</sup> release @ 50% of Center's share	C=0.5*B	135.42
Less: Unspent balance FY 19-20	D	5.08
Adjusted 1 <sup>st</sup> release	E=C-D	130.34
2 <sup>nd</sup> release @ 50% of Center's share	F=0.5*B	135.43

\* 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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