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पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
राष्ट्रीय व्याघ्र संरक्षण प्राधिकरण
National Tiger Conservation Authority

F. No. 4-1 (42)/2020-PT

New Delhi, the October 08, 2020

To,

The Pay & Accounts Officer,
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,
New Delhi

Sub: No cost deviation proposal of Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu sanctioned under CSS – Project Tiger APO for the year 2020-21 - reg.

Sir,

In continuation of this Ministry's sanction order of even number dated 17th July, 2020, I am directed to convey the concurrence of the Competent Authority towards the no-cost deviation for an amount of Rs. 112.63 lakhs (Rupees One Hundred Twelve Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand only), against the approved items of work as approved for the year 2020-21 with respect to the Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu, as per Annexure.

2. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry with the concurrence of the Integrated Finance Division of the Ministry vide their Dy. No. 137108 dated 05.10.2020.

Yours faithfully,



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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 2020-21 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 IGF, NTCA, RO, Bengaluru.
5. The Field Director, Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu.
6. The Accountant General, Tamil Nadu.
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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Assistant Inspector General (NTCA)

Deviation Proposal under CSS - Project Tiger for the year 2020-21
Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve, Erode.

Sl. No	Details of items	CSS- PT No. / TCP No	Amount	Justification
1	2	3	4	5
From : Sanctioned Items - Non Recurring				
1	Construction of jeep shed in newly constructed Field Director's residence	A-1/ 16.2.1.3	5.00	As allotment of land is not still received, this work may be withdrawn.
2	Construction of Field Director's residence	A-4/16.2.1.3	8.00	As allotment of land is not still received, this work may be withdrawn.
3	Purchase of trapping gages, rescue nets, etc. for capture and relocation of problematic animals	A-31/ 12.2.4.4	2.00	These equipments are essential for conflict emergencies in and around the protected areas.
4	Conducting stake holder meeting and workshops (4 Nos)	A-51/ 7.2.1.6	2.00	NGOs and local institutions will be engaged to make liaison with the public residing in and around the Tiger Reserve on various issues like conflict management, consultative meetings and sensitization camps.
5	Conducting of study tour to the frontline from field and office staff for exposure to the practices in other Tiger Reserves	A-52/ 8.4	1.50	It is essential to expose staff to the best practices in other Tiger Reserves for improvement in the overall working system and gaining of Tiger habitat management inputs.
6	Engaging trained youth from local & tribal villages as eco-guides/driver for week end and holidays eco-tourism activities at the rate of 1 member per Range at Rs. 4000/- month during week ends and holidays.	A-61/ 11.1.2	3.84	This will provide employment opportunities to local youth from tribal and other communities in and around the Tiger Reserve & Is an initial support to that tiger reserve for beginning of eco-tourism
7	Conducting awareness programme to schools, colleges and other institutions. (5 Nos)	A-62/ 10.4.3	1.00	It is essential to create awareness among school, college students and other institutions regarding the importance of wildlife and its conservation, hence, it is proposed.
8	Maintenance of existing 2 campher vehicles for eco-tourism activities	A-64/ 11.1.2	6.00	This will provide employment opportunities to local youth from tribal and other communities in and around the Tiger Reserve & Is an initial support to that tiger reserve for beginning of eco-tourism
9	Erection of awareness steel boards in roads, bus stands, tourist places and all important places (22 Nos)	A-66/ 11.4.1	3.30	It is proposed to create permanent awareness creation among the publics.
10	Construction of check dams. (2 Nos)	A-68/ 7.2.1.1	5.00	It is very much essential for storage of water inside the forest for dry season, to provide drinking water facilities to wildlife. Many of this small streams inside the forest runs into nearby Moyar river or paalar river and hence there is a shortage of water for wildlife during dry season. And as a result wildlife will stray into human habitaiton and will results in conflicts. Hence it is proposed.
11	Resurfacing of patrol roads in existing NTFP and coupe roads for strengthening of protection and approach to floating camp locations.	A-74/ 10.3.2	2.23	Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve is prime wildlife habitat with highly undulating landscape and approaching vulnerable locations, which has to be improved with respect to approach, establishment of permanent camps and regular patrolling. Hence, the existing NTFP, coupe roads and paths have to be improved for the same.
12	Payment of compensation for crop depredation, human death, cattle lifting, human injury and property damage.	B-19/16.4.1	5.00	Payment for Human-Animal conflict is time bound and immediate relief for human death and cattle lifting issues are to be paid at once. Crop raids occur in routine basis and claims are to be settled in stipulated period. Hence amount required is essential.
13	Formation of elephant proof trech in germalam and jheerahalli ranges	B-17 /16.4.4	5.00	Ration allowance is proposed as per NTCA Ref. No. 12-7/2010 dated 31.07.2014 & Ref. No. 15-31/2012 dated 06.06.2014. This ration allowance is applicable to Field Staff involved in routine patrolling activities. Due to the fluctuating market prices and increasing cost for groceries, Rs. 1200/- per person per month is necessary for providing them healthy nutritious diet for better patrolling. Hence, this is proposed.
14	Construction of percolation ponds at Veesakombai, Kadambur east beat	B-32/ 7.2.1.1	5.00	There is severe water crisis and erosion of soil due to very less focus on SMC structures. Hence, proposed



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	Tiger Bearing Areas			
15	Improvement of Kuccha Roads	C-17	7.50	Forest of Erode Division is contiguous with the Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve landscape which also connects proposed MM Hills Tiger Reserve (Karnataka). The item is essential to facilitate easy movement of APWs and staffs for patrolling purpose, fire protection & reducing response time during man-animal conflict. Hence the following stretches are proposed in the Tiger bearing ranges
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To : Proposed Deviation - Non Recurring				
1	Construction of toilet facilities in field director's office	A-2/16.2.1.3	5.00	2019-20 revalidation works for implementing during 2020-21
2	Improvement of Field Director's office	A-5/16.2.1.3	8.00	2019-20 revalidation works for implementing during 2020-21 . From the actual sanction of Rs. 6.00 lakhs during 2019-20, additional works like extra column for staircase, cost for connecting this new building with decade old Office building has occurred. Hence this additional fund is requested.
3	Construction of Forest Guard cum Forest Watcher Combined Quarter in Sathyamangalam Forest divisions.	A-14/8.5.4.1	7.95	2019-20 revalidation works for implementing during 2020-21 (Sanctioned as A-10 in Project Tiger 2019-20 Scheme)
4	Construction of Anti-poaching camp building for functional antipoaching camp at Hasanur Division	A-11/6.4	2.76	2019-20 revalidation works for implementing during 2020-21 (Sanctioned as A-27 in Project Tiger 2019-20 Scheme)
5	Construction of Store Room/Record room in DD office, Hasanur Division	A-12/7.2.1.4	5.00	The existing store room is very small and it has insufficient space to store the division records, files, newly purchased camera traps, field gear and other items. It is essential to construct the store room for storing the files and equipment's in Hasanur Division. Hence, the component is proposed.
6	Construction of Forest Guard cum Forest Watcher Combined Quarter in Hasanur Forest divisions.	A-15/13.4.1.1	3.66	2019-20 revalidation works for implementing during 2020-21 (Sanctioned as A-32 in Project Tiger 2019-20 Scheme)
7	Construction of Newly formed Forest Range Office for Jeerahalli Range in Hasanur Forest Division.	A-16/13.4.1.1	5.17	2019-20 revalidation works for implementing during 2020-21 (Sanctioned as A-35 in Project Tiger 2019-20 Scheme)
8	Erection of awareness steel boards in roads, bus stands, tourist places and all important places in Sathyamangalam division (7 Nos)	A-46/11.4.1	1.05	It is proposed to create permanent awareness creation among the publics.
9	Construction of Forest Guard cum Forest Watcher Combined Quarter at Bannari in Bhavanisagar Range, Sathyamangalam Division	B-3/8.5.4.1	9.01	2019-20 revalidation works for implementing during 2020-21 (Sanctioned as B-3 in Project Tiger 2019-20 Scheme)
10	Payment of compensation for crop depredation, human death, cattle lifting, human injury and property damage.	B-7/16.4.1	5.78	Payment for Human-Animal conflict is time bound and immediate relief for human death and cattle lifting issues are to be paid at once. Crop raids occur in routine basis and claims are to be settled in stipulated period. Hence amount required is essential.
11	Construction of store room at Range offices of TN Palayam of Sathyamangalam division.	B-20/7.2.1.4	1.50	2019-20 revalidation works for implementing during 2020-21 (Sanctioned as B-7 in Project Tiger 2019-20 Scheme)
	Tiger Bearing Areas			
12	Improvement of Kuccha Roads	C-4	2.43	Forest of Erode Division is contiguous with the Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve landscape which also connects proposed MM Hills Tiger Reserve (Karnataka). The item is essential to facilitate easy movement of APWs and staffs for patrolling purpose, fire protection & reducing response time during man-animal conflict. Hence the following stretches are proposed in the Tiger bearing ranges
13	Formation of Fire watch tower	C-5	5.07	2019-20 works completed works. Payment pending.
			62.37	
From : Sanctioned Items - Recurring				
1	Engaging night watcher and cook for Forest Guest houses	D-8/10.3	1.59	The night watcher and cook are engaged in rest houses. Existing watcher post are vacant hence this provide. Night watchers are engaging in hasanur forest campass.
2	Maintenance & Repair of existing older check dams and percolation ponds	D-33/7.2.1.1	4.00	The existing Check dams and percolation ponds are completely silted and damaged with apren and side walls. Such older check dams and PPs should be maintained regularly for storage of water and prevention of erosion.
3	Maintenance of natural water holes and percolation ponds by desilting and bund maintenance.	D-36/7.2.1.1	3.60	The existing natural water holes have be desilted and bund has to be maintained for water storage to wild animals especially during pinch period. Hence, essential.
4	Maintenance of existing search lights, Torches and batteries	D-59/10.3	1.50	As batteries are to be regularly maintained for proper functioning and usage.
5	Formation/scrapping of new patrol paths	D-51/10.3.7	3.00	Easy movement for APWs and staffs for fire protection, patrolling purpose & decreasing response time during man-animal conflict

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6	Engaging mazdoors for crime control unit	D-70/ 10.5.1	2.40	A crime control unit in the camp office of the Field Director / Deputy Director is essential for receipt of confidential messages regarding movement of poachers, smugglers etc. to be passed on to the concerned rangers for immediate follow up action and also to inform the Field Director of any urgent messages when he is in camp.
7	Establishment of Wildlife Intelligence Crime Control Unit (WICCU)	D-72/ 13.2	2.16	A separate intelligence gathering unit is formed in Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve from November 2014 onwards. Still poaching is considered as major threat in STR. The information collected through WICCU is very much useful in Park Management. A retired ACF, FRO & Field staff are engaged in this WICCU unit on contract basis. Honorarium paid to the staff and secret intelligence gathering fund etc. are provided in this item.
8	Fuel and maintenance charges for WICCU vehicle	D-74/13.2	1.75	For fuel and maintenance of vehicle allotted to WICCU unit for field inspection, investigation etc.,
9	Equipping anti-poaching camps by providing ruck sacks, powerful torches, chargers, cots etc in Hasanur Division	E-4/13.2	0.75	Anti-poaching camps are to be well equipped with minimum requirements. Hence the provision is made annually as required.
10	Maintenance of existing old coupe roads / patrol roads and NTFP roads / approach roads etc., in Buffer area of Hasanur Division Jeerahalli Range - 12.5 Kms	E-10/7.2.1.4	1.38	Easy movement for APWs and staffs for fire protection, patrolling purpose & decreasing response time during man-animal conflict
Tiger Bearing Areas				
11	New Solar Power rechargeable torches for all Staff's and APW's	F-1	1.00	It is essential for safety of staff while working and staying in remote areas and during night patrolling. Hence the proposal.
12	Procurement of basic camping utilities to the AP camp sheds	F-3	5.00	Provision for essential camping utilities like Solar lighting, battery chargers, camp cot, basic furnitures, cooking utensils etc., to the AP camp sheds in this division.
13	Setting up of anti-depredation squads with essential utilities to drive back strayed wild animals back into the Forest areas	F-4	2.40	Formation of Anti-depredation squads are essential in the interest of curbing man-animal conflict in the interior and fringe villages. The squads are to be equipped with public address system (handheld amplifiers) and other essential utilities. Crop raiding by wild Elephants and wild boar are a persistant problem in Erode division.
14	Maintenance of existing trapping cages for carnivores and other menaceful wild animals	F-5	0.50	Not required for the year 2020-21
15	Conducting sensitization programmes to villagers in forest fringe villages	F-6	2.25	To conduct awareness sensitization programmes in vulnerable fringe villages in the form of street dramas, meetings and other activities to prevent Man-animal conflict and to ensure their support during conflict situations and fire incidents. The proposal also aims to encourage plays, Skits, role plays etc., from the local villagers to gain their support towards Tiger conservation. (20 programmes)
16	Awareness programme for Tiger conservation including educational / promotional visit	F-8	1.50	Erode Division being located in the human dominated landscape, creating awareness among the fringe villagers on conservation of wildlife and its habitat are essential. The proposal aims to encourage plays, Skits, role plays etc., from the local villagers / Resource Organisations to gain support towards Tiger conservation. (15 programmes)
17	Conducting training on identification of wild animals census methodology prosecution of wildlife offences, wildlife rescue	F-9	1.00	It is essential to conduct trainings and refresher courses periodically to the frontline staff to equip them for effective monitoring of wildlife, strengthening of protection and adaptation to latest protocols and modern techniques.
18	Engaging Fire Watchers (in mandays)	F-10	5.52	The Forest of Erode Forest Division are prone to fires due to long summer coupled with inadequate monsoon showers and anthropogenic interferences. Hence fire watchers are to be engaged for manning the fire watch towers and to ensure fire prevention, provide early detection of fire incidences and assistance during fire fighting operations. (860 mandays) (Rate proposed as per Forest Schedule of rates 2019-20)
19	Fire Line Clearing (3m width)	F-12	4.31	Fireline clearing is proposed in fire prone areas of the four Tiger bearing ranges in Erode Division. (Rate proposed as per Forest Schedule of rates 2019-20 - 40 kms)
20	Fuel and Maintenance charges fore the Tractor with trailer for providing water supply to water holes inside RF for wildlife and to assist the fire fighting operation	F-27	0.75	Since purchase of tractor is not sanctioned, this item is not required

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21	Conducting Inter State co-ordination meetings with enforcement officials of Karnataka	F-33	0.50	Erode Forest Division falls part of the natural habitat corridor which connects Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve landscape and MM Hills Wildlife Sanctuary (proposed TR,Karnataka) and Co-ordination meetings, joint patrol, exchange of information are essential in strengthening protection of the landscape. Hence the proposal
22	Additional Fuel and maintenance charges for the departmental jeeps used in forest protection	F-37	1.00	It is essential for maintaining the departmental jeeps in good condition. Hence, the item is proposed for departmental jeeps used in protection activities.
23	Maintenance / Replacement of batteries to earmarked Camera traps	F-43	2.40	For ensuring continuous and foolproof monitoring using camera traps, hence the proposal.
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To : Proposed Deviation - Recurring				
1	Fuel charges for water supply vehicle to anti-poaching camps Talamalai Range and Hasanur Range	D-12/10.3.8	2.75	2019-20 revalidation works for implementing during 2020-21 (Sanctioned as C-3 in Project Tiger 2019-20 Scheme)
2	Maintenance Charges to watering and Antipoaching vehicles	D -13/10.3.8	0.42	2019-20 revalidation works for implementing during 2020-21 (Sanctioned as C-3 in Project Tiger 2019-20 Scheme)
3	Cost of office stationaries and other essential items in F.D , DD & Range offices in core area.	D-19 / 10.3.10	0.91	2019-20 revalidation works for implementing during 2020-21 (Sanctioned as C-5 in Project Tiger 2019-20 Scheme)
4	Procurement of wireless equipment's, spare parts & repair 7 license renewal fee of wireless frequency for STR, Erode	D-21/10.3.6	0.44	2019-20 revalidation works for implementing during 2020-21 (Sanctioned as C-6 in Project Tiger 2019-20 Scheme)
5	Maintenance & Repair of existing older check dams and percolation ponds	D-27/ 7.2.1.1	7.10	2019-20 revalidation works for implementing during 2020-21 (Sanctioned as C-12 in Project Tiger 2019-20 Scheme)
6	Maintenance of natural water holes and percolation ponds by desilting and bund maintenance.	D-30/ 7.2.1.1	4.50	2019-20 revalidation works for implementing during 2020-21 (Sanctioned as C-14 in Project Tiger 2019-20 Scheme)
7	Engaging data entry operators in Field Director & Deputy Directors offices	D-40/ 7.2.1.5	0.97	2019-20 revalidation works for implementing during 2020-21 (Sanctioned as C-23 in Project Tiger 2019-20 Scheme)
8	Improvement & repairs to Forest Guard & Watcher combined quarters in Buffer areas in Sathyamangalam Division	E-6/ 8.5.4.1	2.00	2019-20 revalidation works for implementing during 2020-21 (Sanctioned as D-5 in Project Tiger 2019-20 Scheme)
9	Engaging 15-20 local youths and village volunteers along with vehicles for addressing man animal conflict in fringes of Vilamundi, Bhavanisagar & Talawady, Jeerahalli high conflict zones from Oct to March @ 20days/month.	E-11/ 7.2.2	2.04	2019-20 revalidation works for implementing during 2020-21 (Sanctioned as D-10 in Project Tiger 2019-20 Scheme)
10	Maintenance of kitchen sheds at Jeerahalli	D-25 /8.5.4.1	1.00	2019-20 revalidation works for implementing during 2020-21
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21	Maintenance / Replacement of batteries to earmarked Camera traps	F-21	1.00	For ensuring continuous and foolproof monitoring using camera traps, hence the proposal.
22	Improvement and repair of existing water storage structures (2019-20 works)	F-22	3.00	Payment pending for the completed works
23	Improvement of Anti-Poaching Camp Sheds (2019-20 works)	F-23	1.50	Physical works 100% completed. Payment pending
24	Fire Line Clearing @ Rs.5700/km (2019-20 works)	F-24	2.00	Physical works 100% completed. Payment pending
25	Exposure visit to Front line staffs to the best managed Tiger Reserve (2019-20 works)	F-25	0.45	Physical works 100% completed. Payment pending
26	Engaging Fire Watchers (in mandays) 2019-20 works	F-26	3.12	Physical works 100% completed. Payment pending
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ABSTRACT				
		Non Recurring	Recurring	Total
	FROM	62.37	50.26	112.63
	TO	62.37	50.26	112.63

