

F. No. 4-1(10)/2021-PT
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Project Tiger Division

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Dated the 17th September, 2021

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 Melghat Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra during 2021-22–reg.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme ‘Project Tiger’ in Melghat Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra at the cost of **Rs. 1426.25 Lakhs (Rupees One Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Six Lakhs Twenty Five thousand Only)** as per details given in the table at Annexure. Of the total cost of the Scheme, **Rs. 328.12 Lakhs (Rupees Three Hundred Twenty Eight Eight lakhs Twelve Thousand Only)** being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and **Government of Maharashtra**. 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 Maharashtra.

2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President to the payment and release of an amount of **Rs. 395.06 lakhs (Rupees Three Hundred Ninety Five lakhs Six thousand only)** as the 1st installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Maharashtra during the current financial year 2021-22. 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 **Melghat 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 Maharashtra** 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 **Melghat 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 Maharashtra in respect of **Melghat Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report on or before 31.3.2022.
 - (x) **Melghat 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 Maharashtra** 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 2021-22 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by **Government of Maharashtra** to the **Govt. of India**.
 - (xiii) Government of Maharashtra in respect of **Melghat 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 **Melghat 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 (**Melghat Tiger Reserve**) and **Government of Maharashtra**.
 - (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) **Funds will not be diverted for any item other than specified herein.**
- (xxv) **Funds to be spent only on items approved in Tiger Conservation Plan (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 Direct Benefit Transfer (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 2nd installment.**
- (xlii) **The gate -money collected is made fully available to Tiger Foundation of the Tiger Reserve/ Protected Area/ National Park/Sanctuary by State Government as per rule and past years dues are paid by 30th September.**

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

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 Maharashtra 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 2021-22:

Scheme	Budget Head	Amount (Rs. In lakhs)
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger	3601.06.101.02.01.31 (Gen)	316.06
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger	3601.06.789.02.01.31 (SCSP)	40.00
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger	3601.06.796.02.01.31 (TSP)	39.00
Total		395.06

9. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 159630/SS&FA (PG) dated 31.08.2021.

Yours faithfully,



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Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Maharashtra. A copy of the detailed sanction letter issued by the State Government in respect of this scheme for 2021-22 may kindly be furnished to this Ministry at the earliest.
2. The Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Maharashtra.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Maharashtra.
4. The AIGF, NTCA RO, Nagpur.
5. The Field Director, Melghat Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra.
6. The Accountant General, Maharashtra.
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.



Annual Plan Of Operation Melghat Tiger Reserve under Centrally Sponsored Scheme-Project Tiger for 2021-22

Sr.No.	Item	Para No. CSS PT Guidelines	Para No. TCP	Previous Year Details				Current Year Proposal				Justification	
				Location/GPS coordinates	Physical		Financial		Location/GPS coordinates	Physical Target	Unit cost		Financial Target
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Non-Recurring (Core)												
1	Core Area: Providing support to tiger reserves for raising, arming and deploying Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF).Sipna-STPF Staff salary ACF-1 12 Month Sal 13.934 lakh RFO-3 12 Month Sal 27.795 Lac, Forest Guard -81 12 Month 415.345 Lakh, Watcher -27 12 Month 168.484 Lakh	16.1.1	7.24	--	112	112	602.18	479.49	Not required	112	as per column 2	624.91	Required for raising, arming and deploying Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF) for effective protection of the reserve. This is a committed expenditure. This includes salary of 1 ACF, 3 RFOs, 81 Forest Guards & 27 Forest Watchers.The increase from last year is due to revision of pay under 7th pay commission. Details sheet Enclose Separately.
2	Core Area: 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 al categories. See from guide lines (Project Allowance to field staff and Ministerial staffs in Akot Wildlife Division)	16.15	4.06	--	810	0	65.96	0.00	Not required	810	0.060	54.18	Essential for encouraging people to work and stay in remote areas. Details sheet Enclose Separately
3	Core Area: Provision for ration allowance to field staff-Assistant Commandant (Ration Allowance (Forester-28 Forest Guard-88 Forest Labour-29 Total 145 Post @ Rs.860/- From 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2021 (145 x 12 x 860))	16.16.2.1	4.06	--	667	0	68.83	0.00	Not required	616	0.100	63.57	Essential for encouraging the stay of the field staff to work in remote areas. Details sheet Enclose Separately
	Total Non - Recurring (Core)						736.97	479.49				742.66	



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Non-Recurring (Buffer)													
1	Buffer Area: 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 (Project Allowance to field staff and Ministerial staffs in Melghat wildlife division (203 staff) (list attached))	16.15	4.06	--	217	0	17.50	0.00	--	203	0.060	12.48	Essential for encouraging people to work and stay in remote areas.
2	Buffer Area:: Provision for ration allowance to field staff- Assistant Commandant (Ration Allowance (Forester-19 Forest Guard-56, Chowkidar-3 Malli-2, Forest Labour-67 Total 147 Post @ Rs.860/- From 01/04/2020 to 31/03/2021 (147 x 12 x 860))	16.16.2.1	4.06	--	158	0	16.31	0.00	--	114	0.130	14.86	Essential for encouraging the stay of the field staff to work in remote areas.
Total Non-Recurring (Buffer)							33.81	0.00				27.34	
Grand Total Non-Recurring (Core+Buffer)							770.78	479.49				770.00	
Recurring (Core)													
1	Core Area: Deployment of camp labourers for patrolling. (Akot Division-37 camps x 3 labour x 312 day x @436 in and (Rs 50.33 lakh) Wages for the labours 5 Labours (Tiger Protection Force) 1 Force (5 Lab x 312 day x @436/- Per day =6.86) in Akot Wildlife Division =157.76 lakh Sipna-29 camps x 3 labour x 312 day x @429 in Sipna Division= 116.45 lakh Gugamal-118 labour x 312 day x @429 in Melghat Tiger Reserve =157.94)	16.1.5	7.24	--	83	83	295.21	227.21	--	270	1.340	367.28	Essential for round the year patrolling in the Forest area and keeping the person round the clock in all 89 Pro. Camps. 90 camps x 3 labours x 312 day x Rs 436
2	Core Area: Maintenance of existing patrolling camps/chowkis./nakas (Akot-8 Check Naka 2 labour 312 days (8 x 2x 312 x436) Akot Dn.=21.76 lakh Sipna-1) 10 check post x 2 Labours x 312 days x @ Rs.429/- in Melghat Tiger Reserve with equipments 27.20 lakhs 2) Dailywages labour 2 Driver & 2 Data entry operator -Rs 5.44 lakhs 4 Labour x 312 x @429 total=45.61 Gugamal-07 Check Naka 2 labour 312 @429 days in Gugamal Dn. =18.74)	16.1.4	7.24	--	28	18	66.39	55.30	--	52	1.360	70.73	Amount is required for running the Chek Nakas in order to prevent or caught the unwanted activities



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3	Core Area: Maintenance of wireless network. (Akot- 19 Station x 2 laboures = 38 =50.86 lakh Sipna-19 W.Station x 2 Labours x 312 days x @ Rs.429 = 50.86 lakh, and 1 Gugamal-11 W.Station x 2 Labours x 312 days x @ Rs.429/- in Melghat Tiger Reserve =21.24lakh)	16.1.8	7.24	--	38	39	90.11	77.79	--	78	1.260	104.40	Essential for round the year communication in the forest area as there is no mobile network in MTR. Wireless is the only means of communications.
4	Purchase of Solar oprated Battery 13 Nos @7500/- Nos.=97500/-									7	0.750	5.25	
5	2) Digital plus Analog Walkie Talkie along with Charger 20 Nos-0.505 lakh =52.34									10	0.505	5.05	
24	Maintenance of elephants and there accessories. (Akot-For Medicines, equipment etc. 1 x Rs 5000 x 12 Months (to use Jenny Dog)=0.60 lakh Sipna-Wages for elephant Helper 8 nos. x 312x@429 = 1070784)	16.1.22	4.1	--	4	4	8.320	2.080	--	4	2.820	11.31	Helper for elephant of Sipna Division and procurement of grass and taking care.
Total Recurring (Core)							460.03	362.38				564.02	



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	Recurring (Buffer)												
28	Buffer Area:: Deployment of camp labourers for patrolling. (18 camps x 3 labour x 312 day x @447.46 in Melghat Tiger Reserve=75.388 lakh)	16.1.5	7.24	--	15	15	53.35	41.95	Khongda Lat 21°20'0" Long 77°11'50" Mozari Lat 21.381987 Long 77.313393 Malkapur Lat 21°13'11"N Long 77°4'13"E High Point Lat 21°18'10" Long 77°9'17" West Jitapur Lat 21°11'44"N Long 76°57'46"E Maler Lat 21.275616 Long 76.756855 Kua Aam Lat 21°20'4"N Long 76°54'36"E Niladhar Lat 21°25'3"N Long 76°59'25"E Ranigaon Lat 21°18'12"N Long 76°48'49"E Long Point Lat 21°24'28" Long 77°17'48" Aam Padvav Lat 21.536969 Long 77.404954 Taora Bangla Lat 21°30'34" Long 77°23'26"	45	1.390	62.82	Essential for round the year patrolling in the Forest area and keeping the person round the clock in all 18 Pro. camps.



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29	Buffer Area:: Maintenance of existing patrolling camps/chowkis. (3 Check Naka 2 labour 312 days in Melghat Wildlife Division (5 x 2x 312 x447.46)= 1.961 lakh)	16.1.4	7.24	--	3	3	7.11	4.45	Popatkhedha Lat 21°12'60"N long 77°4'40"E Akot Lat 21°06'42" Long 77°03'19" Golai Lat 21°18.758'N Long 76°52.5333'E Ranigaon Lat 21°19'8"N Long 76°47'44E Dhulghat Lat 21°17'35.42"N Long 76°45'19.17"E Baratanda Lat 21°20'35" Long 76°38'13" Niladhar Lat 21°25'3"N Long 76°59'25"E Kua Aam Lat 21°20'4"N Long 76°54'36"E Bhavai Lat 21°29'42" Long 77°22'56"	5	1.400	7.00	Essential for round the year communication in the forest area as there is no mobile network in MTR. Wireless is the only means of communications. 9 Wireless Station in Melghat Wildlife Division



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30	Buffer Area:: Maintenance of wireless network. (08 W.Station x 2 Labours x 312 days x @ Rs.447.46/- in Melghat Wildlife Division= 22.33 lakh)	16.1.8	7.24	--	8	8	18.97	11.82	Popatkhedha Lat 21°12'60"N long 77°4'40"E Akot Lat 21°06'42" Long 77°03'19" Golai Lat 21°18.758'N Long 76°52.5333'E Ranigaon Lat 21°19'8"N Long 76°47'44E Dhulghat Lat 21°17'35.42"N Long 76°45'19.17"E Baratanda Lat 21°20'35" Long 76°38'13" Niladhar Lat 21°25'3"N Long 76°59'25"E Kua Aam Lat 21°20'4"N Long 76°54'36"E Bhavai Lat 21°29'42" Long 77°22'56"	16	1,400	22.40	Essential for round the year communication in the forest area as there is no mobile network in MTR. Wireless is the only means of communications. 9 Wireless Station in Melghat Wildlife Division
Total Recurring (Buffer)							79.43	58.22				92.22	
Total Recurring (Core + Buffer)							539.46	420.60				656.24	
Grand Total (Core + Buffer) (R.NR)							1310.24	900.09				1426.25	



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1	Non Recurring (60%)	770.00	462.00
2	Recurring (50%)	656.24	328.12
	Total	1,426.25	790.12

(Rs in lakhs)

Cost of APO including State's share	A	1,426.25
Center's share in APO	B	790.12
1st release @50% of Center share	$C=0.5*B$	395.06
Less: Unspent balance FY 2020-21	D	0.00
Adjusted first release	$E=C-D$	395.06
Balance of Central Share to be released	F	395.06

