

No. 4-1(8)/2021-PT
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Project Tiger Division

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Dated the 23rd December, 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 Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh during 2021-22 (1st Installment)-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme 'Project Tiger' in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh at the cost of **Rs. 722.61 Lakhs (Rupees Seven hundred Twenty Two lakhs Sixty One thousand Only)** as per details given in the table at Annexure. Of the total cost of the Scheme, **Rs. 551.43 Lakhs (Rupees Five hundred Fifty One lakhs Forty Three thousand only)** being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India and Government of Madhya Pradesh**. 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 Madhya Pradesh.

2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President to the payment and release of an amount of **Rs. 255.98 lakhs (Rupees Two hundred Fifty Five Lakhs Ninety Eight thousand Only)** as the 1st instalment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Madhya Pradesh 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.



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- (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 **Bandhavgarh 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 Madhya Pradesh** 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 **Bandhavgarh 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 Madhya Pradesh in respect of **Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report on or before 31.3.2022.
- (x) **Bandhavgarh 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 Madhya Pradesh** 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 Madhya Pradesh** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiii) Government of Madhya Pradesh in respect of **Bandhavgarh 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 **Bandhavgarh 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 (**Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve**) and **Government of Madhya Pradesh**.
- (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


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- 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) All guidelines under the project is to be followed scrupulously.
- (xxxvii) 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.



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(xxxviii) The measurable outcome under the project (quantified) in terms of number of tigers in tiger reserve, eco-tourism in tiger reserve, percentage decrease in man-animal conflict etc., may also be submitted in the progress report.

(xxxix) All labour payments strictly by Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

(xl) **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.**

4. As the annual budget of the Scheme is approved by the Central Government, the Government of Madhya Pradesh 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:

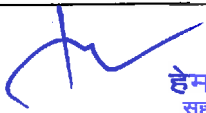
- (a) The grant is in accordance with the pattern of financial assistance approved by the Ministry of Finance.
- (b) The grant sanctioned is subject to the adjustment on the basis of the terms and conditions approving the scheme.

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 Madhya Pradesh 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 2021-22:

Scheme	Budget Head	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger	3601.06.101.02.01.31 (Gen)	76.79
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger	3601.06.789.02.01.31 (SCSP)	51.20
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger	3601.06.796.02.01.31 (TSP)	127.99
Total		255.98


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9. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 159632/JS&FA (SP) dated 23.12.2021. **Compliance of all the guidelines/instructions regarding release of funds under Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and monitoring utilization of funds released, Issued by Dept. of Expenditure (Ministry of Finance) vide OM No 1(13)PFMS/FCD/2020 dated 23.03.2021 must be ensured.**

Yours faithfully,



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1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Madhya Pradesh. 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 Madhya Pradesh.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh.
4. The Field Director, Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh.
5. The Accountant General, Madhya Pradesh.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
7. The AIGF, NTCA Regional Office, Nagpur.
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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Annual Plan of Operation Of Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve for the year 2021-22 under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger

Sr. No.	Item	Para No. CSS-PT	GPS						Previous Year Details 2020-2021				Proposal for 2021-22			Central	State	Justification												
			dd	mm	ss	dd	mm	ss	Location/Specification	Physical Target	Physical Target	Financial Target (Rs. in lakhs)		Location/Specification	Physical Target				Financial Target (Rs. in lakhs)											
										Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement																	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20											
NON-RECURRING WORKS (CORE)																														
1	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.	4.1							06 Core Ranges of BTR	45	45	56.75	33.01	06 Core Ranges of BTR	41	53.80	32.28	21.52	As per GOI guideline issued by letter No. 7-10/2007-NTCA dated 30-10-07 and Technical paper No.3-1/2003-PT of Feb. 2008, to strengthen protection of park, all ranges will be provided with deployment of local work force in addition to vehicles / POL, patrolling gears etc.. Bandhavgarh TR has typical problem of invasion of villagers from adjoining human habitations. Deployment of tiger protection force would help in checking biotic pressure and poaching in highly sensitive areas.											
11	Core & 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	4.15							BTR	Total Sanctioned Posts 338, Vacant post 86	Total Sanctioned Posts 338, Vacant post 86	30.19	19.90	BTR	Total Sanctioned Posts 338, Vacant post 86	30.59	18.35	12.24	The proposal has been made in accordance with the GOI guidelines for providing "Project Allowance" to following staff. 1 FD, 1 JD, 6 ACF, 01 Veterinary doctor, 14 ROs, 16 Dy Ranger, 44 Forester, 195 Fgd, 1 Store keeper, 3 Head Mahauts, 9 Mahauts, 12 Charcutters, 6 Driver, 17 ministerial staff, 10 Class IV. (@ of FD=Rs. 2000, DD= Rs.1500, ACF Rs.=1300, RO Rs.=1000, Dy RO Rs = 900, others Class III Rs.= 700, Class IV=400											
12	Core & Buffer Area: Provision for ration allowance to field staff- Constable	4.8							06 Core Ranges of BTR	No of employed & Labour 802	No of employed & Labour 802	82.97	65.76	06 Core Ranges of BTR	No of employed & Labour 841	86.79	52.07	34.72												
Total (Non-Recurring Core):																														
NON-RECURRING WORKS (Buffer)																														
13	Buffer Area: Legal support for defending court cases.	4.1							03 Buffer Ranges of BTR	L.S.	L.S.	0.50	0.00						To get additional legal support for defending court cases by engaging services of independent lawyers.											
Grand Total (Non-Recurring Core+Buffer):																														
RECURRING WORKS (CORE)																														
15	Core Area: Deployment of camp labourers for patrolling.	4.1							06 Core Ranges of BTR	436 No.	436 No.	434.26	356.48	06 Core Ranges of BTR	450 No.	486.00	243.00	243.00	In the wake of increasing threats from anti-social elements, poachers and thieves, the protection is to be done on top priority basis. Since the regular staff is very limited, engaging local labourers as patrolling camp watchers, wireless attendants, computer operators, barrier guards, drivers, mahauts, charcutters etc. on round the year basis is must for ensuring proper protection and smooth functioning throughout the area. Total required labourers - Patrolling Camp Labour- 316, Barrier- 18, Wireless 28, Driver-13, Rest house-11, Elephant Camp-46, Watch Tawar-06, Baherha Incloser-12 @ 9000/- per labour											


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16	Payment for engaging GIS operator, Assistant Programmers and computer operators	4.1							BTR	14 No.	14 No.	30.00	25.26	BTR	14 No.	45.43	22.72	22.72	The GIS operator, computer operators at FD office, DD office, AD offices and all Range Offices are engaged to gather, generate various information including M-Stripes reports monthly. Total No of Computer Operators : 19 Total annual requirement: 45.43 lakh
19	Core Area: Procurement/Maintenance of elephants squads	4.1							BTR	For 15 Adults and 2 sub-adult/ juvenile Elephant	For 15 Adults and 2 sub-adult/ juvenile Elephant	16.26	16.25	Maintenance of elephant squad	For 12 Adults and 2 sub-adult/ juvenile Elephant	20.00	10.00	10.00	To provide proper food, medicines/hauda and hygeinic conditions to the elephants which are used for protection and tourism.
Total (Recurring Core):												480.52	397.98			551.43	275.72	275.72	
RECURRING WORKS (Buffer)																			
34	Buffer Area: Maintenance of wireless network.	4.2							03 Buffer Ranges of BTR	Fixed set 05, Hand set 17, mobile set 05	Fixed set 05, Hand set 17, mobile set 05	1.50	1.48						For Ensuring regular and proper communication
Total (Recurring Buffer):												1.50	1.48			0.00	0.00	0.00	
Grand Total (Recurring)												482.02	399.47			551.43	275.72	275.72	
Grand Total												652.43	518.14			722.81	376.42	344.19	


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(Rs in lakhs)			
Sl. No	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non Recurring (60%)	171.18	102.708
2	Recurring (50%)	551.43	275.715
Total		722.61	378.42

(Rs in lakhs)		
Cost of APO including State's share	A	722.61
Center's share in APO	B	378.42
1st release @75% of Center share	C	283.81
Less: Unspent balance FY 2020-21	D	27.83
Adjusted first release	E=C-D	255.98
Balance of Center share to be released	F	94.61

*** 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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