

**No. 4-1(16)/2022-PT**  
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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
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**Dated: August 03, 2022**

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 2022-23 –1<sup>st</sup> installment – 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. 503.54 (Rupees Five Hundred Three Lakhs Fifty Four thousand Only)** as per details given in the table at Annexure. Of the total cost of the Scheme, **Rs. 280.65 Lakhs (Rupees Two Hundred Eighty 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.

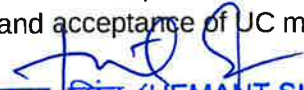
2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President to the payment and release of an amount of **Rs. 17.26 lakhs (Rupees Seventeen lakhs Twenty Six thousand only)** as the 1<sup>st</sup> installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Jharkhand during the current financial year 2022-23. 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 31.3.2022.
- 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 2022-23 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 wages 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.

  
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- 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.
- xxxviii. 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.
- xxxix. All labour payments strictly by Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).
- xl. The guidelines of Project Tiger Schemes are followed by **Palamau** Tiger Reserve and Expenditure Evaluation Report on the expenditure incurred vis-à-vis proposed activities and result achieved may be furnished.

3. 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 23.06.1965.

4. The 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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5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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 2022-23:

Scheme	Budget Head	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger	3601.06.101.02.01.31 (Grant-in-Aid General)	5.1787
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger	3601.06.789.02.01.31 (Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes)	3.4525
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger	3601.06.796.02.01.31 (Tribal Area Sub Plan/STC)	8.6313
	<b>Total</b>	<b>17.2625</b>

8. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Unique No. 56/IFD/2022 dated 02.08.2022. **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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Copy to:-

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi.
2. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Jharkhand. A copy of the detailed sanction letter issued by the State Government in respect of this scheme for 2022-23 may kindly be furnished to this Ministry immediately.
3. The Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Jharkhand.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Jharkhand.
5. The Field Director, Palamau Tiger Reserve, Jharkhand.
6. The Accountant General, Jharkhand.
7. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
8. The IGF, NTCA Regional Office, Guwahati.
9. Forest Finance Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
10. Plan Finance Division (PF-II), Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
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S. No	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance	State Share
1	Non Recurring (60%)	288.83	173.30	115.53
2	Recurring (50%)	214.71	107.35	107.36
	<b>Total</b>	<b>503.54</b>	<b>280.65</b>	<b>222.89</b>

(Rs. In lakhs)


Cost of APO including State's share	A	<b>503.5400</b>
Central share in APO	B	<b>280.6500</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> release @ 25% of Central share	C=0.25*B	<b>70.1625</b>
Less: Unspent balance FY 20-21	D	<b>52.9000</b>
Adjusted 1 <sup>st</sup> release	E=C-D	<b>17.2625</b>
Balance of center share to be released	F=0.75*B	<b>210.4875</b>

**Note: 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.**

**ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION OF PALAMAU TIGER RESERVE FOR THE F.Y.-2022-23  
FOR SEEKING CENTRAL ASSISTANCE UNDER CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME-PROJECT TIGER**

Amount in Lakhs


Sl.No.	Item	Para no. of CSS-PT Guidelines	Para no of TCP	Previous year details					Current year proposal					Justification
				Physical		Financial		Location	Rate	Physical Target	Financial Target (in Lacs)			
				Location	Target	Achievement	Target					Achievement		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
<b>NON-RECURRING (NR)</b>														
<b>CORE ZONE</b>														
<b>A ANTI-POACHING INITIATIVES</b>														
1	Wage payment of Strike Force (Deployment of Ex-Army/Personnels)	4.1	10.5	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	12	12	24.00	24.00	Beta-6 Garu-6	0.32640x1 Ex- ASI 0.27776x2 Ex- Head Constable 0.22304x10 Ex- Constable	12	30.00	For protection of wildlife & its habitat, control of illegal activity in Palamau Tiger Reserve	
3	Wages of Tiger Protection Force (TPF) (Skilled)	4.1	10.5	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	90	90	70.155	70.155	Beta, Chhipadohar East, Chhipadohar West, Kutku, Garu East, Garu West, Baresanr, Mahuadarr	0.1173612 Per Month @451.39 per day	90	126.75	A Tiger Protection Force comprising local youth and experienced forest dwelling locals was constituted for protection of Tiger and its prey base and habitat.	
<b>B RESEARCH AND FIELD EQUIPMENT</b>														
1	Wildlife Research and Monitoring of Data and Wages of GIS Expart and Data Entry Operator	4.7	8.1	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve			1.00	1.00	Palamau Tiger Reserve	Wages of GIS Expart-0.40000/- Per Month, Wages of Data Entry Operator-1 @0.18952/- Per Month, Data Entry Operator-3 @0.13741.92/- Per Month Maintenance of Surveillance System installed at Beta @2.00 Lacs	0	2.00	For collection, compilation and analysis of field data and Maintenance of Surveillance System installed at Beta. An arrear of 4.80 Lakh for payment of wages to GIS expert is also included.	
<b>C PROVISION OF PROJECT ALLOWANCE TO STAFF</b>														
1	Providing Project Allowance	4.15	15.5	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	Working Strength	0	14.44	0.00	Palamau Tiger Reserve	F.D-0.02000/- Per Month D.D-0.01500/- Per Month A.C.F-0.01000/- Per Month R.F-0.01000/- Per Month Forester-0.09200/- Per Month F.G-0.00700/- Per Month Class III-0.00700/- Per Month Class IV-0.00400/- Per Month 1.20500 per annum	Sanctioned Strength	Working Strength	14.44	Project Allowance for FY 2022-23
<b>D STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING</b>														
1	Workshop for Park Staff and Officials regarding park management, Habitat Management, Wildlife Management, Wildlife Crime Control	4.8	8.5	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	0	0	0.00	0.00	Beta, Chhipadohar East, Chhipadohar West, Kutku, Garu East, Garu West, Baresanr, Mahuadarr	1.0 per workshop	3	2.00	To develop managerial skills, legal understanding of various acts, mock drills and curts etc to update field staff for handling crimes with changing time scenarios, online illegal wildlife trades etc, involving the resource persons from WII, Dehradun and legal experts.	
				<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>94.155</b>				<b>175.19</b>		
<b>BUFFER ZONE</b>														
<b>A ANTI-POACHING INITIATIVES</b>														
1	Strengthening of watch towers (As per recommendations of Expert Committee of NTCA, GoI)	4.1	4.3.1.1						Beta, Chhipadohar East, Chhipadohar West, Kutku, Garu East, Garu West, Baresanr, Mahuadarr	1.0 lakhs/tower (a) Installing solar power plant with inverter = 1 Lakh (b) Construction of toilet and provisioning of water = 1.5 Lakhs (c) Providing accessories such as beds, Almirah, walkie talkies = 50000/-	12	30.00	The Expert committee constituted by NTCA, GoI recommended for upgradation of existing watch towers as patrolling camps by strengthening and providing basic minimum facilities.	
<b>B STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING</b>														
2	Provision for ration allowance to field staff	4.1	8.5	Buffer area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	0	0	0.00	0.00	Palamau Tiger Reserve	0.0086	200	20.64	For providing dry rations to field staff for coming in Watch Towers.	
<b>C ECO-DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES</b>														
1	Veterinary Care including Vaccination, Treatment etc.	4.17	11.5	Buffer area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	20	20	1.50	1.50	Beta, Chhipadohar East, Chhipadohar West, Kutku, Garu East, Garu West, Baresanr, Mahuadarr	0.25	8	2.00	Prevention against disease from domestic cattle	
2	Basic health care/ Health Camps	4.17	15.5	Buffer area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	16	16	1.65	1.65	Beta, Chhipadohar East, Chhipadohar West, Kutku, Garu East, Garu West, Baresanr, Mahuadarr	0.25	8	1.00	Better co-ordination with villagers	
<b>D MAINSTREAMING WILDLIFE CONCERNS/ AUGMENTING PREY BASE</b>														
1	Establishment of soil release centre at Teno, Baresanr Range, South Division for augmentation of prey base (spotted Deer)	4.1	7.2.1		0	0	0	0	N 23 36 32.74 07.42 E 84 08			30.00	In compliance of recommendation Expert Committee, NTCA, GoI, in light of order of Hon'ble Jharkhand High Court	

  
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2	Establishment of soft release centre at Lukaiya Khar, Chhipadohar West, North Division for augmentation of prey base (spotted Deer)	4.1	7.2.1		0	0	0	0	N 23.46 49.46 03.40	E 84 13	LS		40.00	10.00	In compliance of recommendation Expert Committee, NTCA, Govt. in light of order of Honble Jharkhand High Court	
<b>Grand Total</b>					0.000	0.000	3.150	2103.150							113.64	
								<b>NON-RECURRING CORE ZONE TOTAL</b>							175.19	
								<b>NON-RECURRING BUFFER ZONE TOTAL</b>							113.64	
								<b>ALL NON-RECURRING (60:40) TOTAL</b>							288.83	

RECURRING - CORE ZONE															
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A	ANTI-POACHING INITIATIVES														
1	Wage payment of Trackers and Daily Wagers engaged for wildlife monitoring (Skilled)	4.1	7.2.2.5	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	9	9	8.6460	8.646	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	0.1173612 Per Month @451.39 per day		9	12.21		For Protection of Forests, Wildlife & Control of Illegal activities.
3	Establishing and maintenance of wireless networks & Recharge of Mobiles & 24 Persons for operation of 12 Wireless stations (Skilled)	4.1	10.5	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	0	0	0.00	0.00	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	0.1130896 Per Month @434.96 per day = 32.57 lacs for wages * Maintenance of Wireless Equipments = 3.48 lacs	12 Wireless Stations Director, HQ 1. Field 2. Betla 3. Chhipadohar 4. Mandal 5. Garu 6. Garu 7. Maromar 8. Baresanr 9. Kujrum 10. Rud 11. Rud 12. Netarhat		10.00		For effective communication for protection of wildlife & its habitat. Wireless equipments at Mundu, Chhipadohar, Betla, Maromar, Garu, Baresanr, Kujrum and Mahuadanr need regular maintenance.
4	Fuel for running of Patrolling Vehicles	4.1	7.2.2.6	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	0	0	1.00	1.00	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	Patrolling Campers - 10 Patrolling Motorcycles - 20 Trucks - 2 Fire Tanker - 1 Divisional Vehicles - 6			3.00		Running cost of vehicles
5	Rewards to informers	4.1	10.5	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	0	0	0.00	0.00	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	0		0	0.50		Honorarium to gather intelligence from informers fostering prevention of wildlife crime
7	Procurement of Field Kit for frontline staff	4.1	10.2	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	0	0	0.00	0.00	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	2500 per unit		100	2.00		Field Kits are necessary for patrolling into thick forests in different seasons. These also boosts their morale as they identify themselves with the govt. organisation. * Mosquito Net : 500/- Shoes : 1250, 250, * Multipurpose Jacket :2000, * Pant and Shirt :100, * Cap : 200
<b>Grand Total:</b>							9.65						27.71		

RECURRING															
BUFFER ZONE															
A	ANTI-POACHING INITIATIVES														
1	Wage payment of Trackers and Daily Wagers engaged for wildlife monitoring (Skilled)	4.1	7.2.2.5	Buffer area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	198	198	154.3412	154.3412	Buffer area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	0.1173612 Per Month @451.39 per day		198	173.00		For Protection of Forests, Wildlife & Control of Illegal activities.
4	Maintenance of Field Gear, Camera Traps and other equipment.	4.2	15.5	Buffer area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	0	0	0.0000	0.0000	Buffer area of Palamau Tiger Reserve				1.00		For Tiger Estimation & Monitoring based on MSTrIPES
<b>B STRENGTHENING OF INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN TIGER RESERVE</b>															
1	Procurement of Camera Traps and batteries	4.2	10.5	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	0	0	0.00	0.0000	Palamau Tiger Reserve	0.20000/- per unit for cuddeback and 0.60000 per unit for Reconyx and 8 lakhs for purchase of batteries	30 units Cuddeback + 10 units Reconyx + 4 Lakh for batteries and Memory cards		5.00		Old camera traps are out of order. There is a need of new camera traps for AITE-22.
2	Maintenance of Vehicle and purchase of patrolling motorcycles.	4.2	3.2.1.2 (d)	Buffer area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	0	0	2.03	2.03	Buffer area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	Patrolling Campers - 6 Patrolling Motorcycles - 10 Tanker - 1 Divisional Vehicles - 4. Medical Van - 1 Jeep - 1 Purchase of 10 Patrolling motorcycles @80000 each	41 vehicle repairs and purchase of 10 new motorcycles		8.00		All 4x4 patrolling campers are in dire need of repair of its gear boxes and general maintenance of other vehicles is required. Also 10 new patrolling motorcycles need to be purchased.
<b>Grand Total:</b>							156.3662						187.00		
								<b>RECURRING CORE ZONE TOTAL</b>							27.71
								<b>RECURRING BUFFER ZONE TOTAL</b>							187.00
								<b>ALL RECURRING (50:50) TOTAL</b>							214.71
								<b>RECURRING (50:50) AND NON-RECURRING (60:40) TOTAL</b>							503.54

  
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