

**No. 4-1(69)/2023-PT&E**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
Project Tiger & Elephant Division

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**Dated: August 28, 2023**

To,

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

**Sub: Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Project Tiger & Elephant' Administrative Approval for funds release to Governmnet of Jharkhand, during 2023-24 –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 & Elephant' in Jharkhand at the cost of **Rs. 971.10 (Rupees Nine Hundred Seventy One Lakhs Ten Thousand Only)** as per details given in the table at Annexure.

2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President to the payment and release of an amount of **Rs.140.345 lakhs (Rupees One Hundred Forty Lakhs Thrity Four Thousand Five Hundred 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 2023-24. 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 under the **Project Tiger and Elephant 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.



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- 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 **Project Tiger and Elephant Scheme** 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 and Elephant 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 **Project Tiger and Elephant Scheme** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report on or before 31.03.2024.
- x. **Tiger/Elephant Reserves** will spend Grants-in-aid exclusively in pursuance of the objectives envisaged in rules/memorandum of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Project Tiger & Elephant' 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 **Project Tiger and Elephant Scheme** 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 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 Elephant** and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes such as 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)/CSS Guidelines.
- xxvi. Compensation for loss due to wildlife is to supplement the State Government fund as per the rules of State Government.

  
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- 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/elephants in reserves, eco-tourism in tiger/elephant reserves, %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 and Elephant Scheme are followed by **Tiger/Elephant Reserves** 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.

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.

  
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7. The expenditure incurred is adjustable to the Demand No. 28 (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change) under the following heads during the Financial Year 2023-24:

Scheme	Budget Head	Tiger	Elephant	Total Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger & Elephant	3601.06.101.02.05.31 (Grant-in-Aid General)	23.41	62.295	85.705
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger & Elephant	3601.06.789.02.05.31 (Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes)	15.61	0.000	15.610
Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger & Elephant	3601.06.796.02.05.31 (Tribal Area Sub Plan/STC)	39.03	0.000	39.030
	<b>Total</b>	<b>78.05</b>	<b>62.295</b>	<b>140.345</b>

8. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Unique Dy. No.104/IFD/2023dated 28.08.2023. **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 2023-24 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 (s), 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, PT&E, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
9. The IGF/AIGF, NTCA Regional Office, Guwahati.
10. Forest Finance Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
11. Plan Finance Division (PF-II), Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
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**(I) PROJECT TIGER**

(Rs. In Lakhs)

		Palamau		
S.No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance	State Share
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1	Non Recurring (60%)	348.96	209.38	139.58
2	Recurring (50%)	205.64	102.82	102.82
	<b>Total</b>	<b>554.60</b>	<b>312.20</b>	<b>242.40</b>

**(I) PROJECT TIGER & ELEPHANT**

(Rs in Lakh)

S.No.	Subject	Contents	Project Tiger (Palamau TR)	Project Elephant	Total
1.	Total cost of APO	A	554.60	416.500	<b>971.100</b>
2.	Central share in APO	B	312.20	249.900	<b>562.100</b>
3.	Amount to be released in first installment <b>(25% of center share)</b>	<b>C=25% of B</b>	78.05	62.475	<b>140.525</b>
4.	Less: Unspent balance of the previous year	D	0.00	0.180	<b>0.180</b>
5.	<b>Net 1<sup>st</sup> release</b>	<b>E=C-D</b>	<b>78.05</b>	<b>62.295</b>	<b>140.345</b>



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**ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION OF PALAMAU TIGER RESERVE FOR THE F.Y.-2023-24  
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					
				Location	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement						
<b>CORE ZONE NON-RECURRING (NR) (60 : 40)</b>														
<b>A</b>	<b>ANTI-POACHING INITIATIVES</b>													
1	Wage payment of Strike Force (Deployment of Ex-Army Personnel)	4.1	10.5	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	12	12	30,00,000	30,00,000	Bela - 6- Ganu- 6	Rate 0.32640X1 Ex- ASI 0.27776X2 Ex- Head Consable 0.22304X10 Ex- Consable	Physical Target 12	Financial Target (in Lacs) 34.67	For protection of wildlife & its habitat, control of illegal activity in Palamau Tiger Reserve	
4	Wages of Tiger Protection Force (TPF) (Skilled)	4.1	10.5	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	90	90	161.93448	161.93448	Bela, Chhipadhar East, Chhipadhar West, Kulu, Ganu East, Ganu West, Barsanar, Mahudarr	0.1173612 Per Month @451.39 per day	130	162.00	A Tiger Protection Force comprising local youth and experienced forest dwelling locals was constituted for protection of Tiger and its prey base and habitat.	
5	Procurement of Field Kit for frontline staff	4.1	10.2	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	207	207	5,000	5,000	Bela, Chhipadhar East, Chhipadhar West, Kulu, Ganu East, Ganu West, Barsanar, Mahudarr	0.03000 per unit	300	5.00	Field Kits are necessary for patrolling into thick forests in different seasons. These also boost their morale as they identify themselves with the govt. organisation. * Shoes : 1000 * Pant and Shirt : 1000. * Multipurpose jacket : 1000.	
<b>C</b>	<b>PROVISION OF PROJECT ALLOWANCE TO STAFF</b>													
1	Providing Project Allowance	4.15	15.5	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	Working Strength FD-1 DD-2 ACF-0 RFO-7 Forester-6 F/G-113 Class-III - 18 Class-IV - 28	0	14.44	14.44	Palamau Tiger Reserve	E/D-0.02000/- Per Month D/D-0.01500/- Per Month ACF-0.01000/- Per Month RFO-0.01000/- Per Month Forester-0.00900/- Per Month F-G-0.00700/- Per Month Class III- 0.00700/- Per Month Class IV- 0.00400/- Per Month 1.20500 per annua	Sanctioned Strength FD-1 DD-2 ACF-0 RFO-8 Forester-29 F-G-175 Class-III - 18 Class-IV - 37 Class-IV - 28	Working Strength FD-1 DD-2 ACF-0 RFO-7 Forester-6 F-G-113 Class-III - 18 Class-IV - 28	14.44	Project Allowance for FY 2023-24
<b>D</b>	<b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING</b>													
3	Wildlife Training of frontline staff			Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	0	0	0.0000	0.0000	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	LS	LS	2.00	To organise wildlife and crime control workshop for official and staff.	
<b>E</b>	<b>WATER DEVELOPMENT</b>													
2	Establishment of Solar water system in patrolling camps			Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	0	0	0.00	0.00	Core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve	2.5	5	2.00	For providing water facilities in patrolling camps	
<b>Non Recurring Core (GRAND TOTAL)</b>														
<b>BUFFER ZONE</b>														
<b>A</b>	<b>ANTI-POACHING INITIATIVES</b>													

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Grand Total:-	173,000	173,000	173,000	168.00
RECURRING CORE ZONE TOTAL :-				37.64
RECURRING BUFFER ZONE TOTAL				168.00
ALL RECURRING (50:50) TOTAL				205.64
RECURRING (50:50) AND NON-RECURRING (50:40) TOTAL				554.60



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**Item Proposed for release during 2023-24**

Items of Activities	(Rs. in lacs)
<b>Singhbhum Elephant Reserve</b>	
<b>Anti-depredation Measures</b>	
Village level anti-depredation teams material & wages 5 No @ Rs.1.00 lac each	5.00
<b>Habitat Improvement/Development</b>	
Construction of water harvesting structure 16 No @ Rs.10.00 lac each 22°17'29.54 85°15'05.95 22°09'22.28 85°05'58.21 22°22'03 85°15'28 22°30'29 85°19'42 22°45'29.60 85°29'14.43 22°23'02.00 85°40'26 22°18'16.00 85°46'56.80 22°05'46.69 85°33'03.73 22°31'05.10 86°23'15.6 22°41'33.59 86°32'4.25 22°17'52.4 86°51'21.4 22°46'12.6 85°50'36.1 22°59'25.393 85°51'35.348 22°52'18.01 86°14'01.46 22°50'27.78 86°19'31.98 22°53'22.41 86°09'52.63	160.00
Construction of ponds 13 No @ Rs.8.00 lac each 22°20'41.17 85°22'35.07 22°29'01 85°22'01 22°21'35 85°15'49 22°35'46.30 85°23'68.67 22°39'8 85°32'3 22°18'39.7 86°33'31.2 22°42'13.44 86°29'58.42 22°23'33.9 86°47'53.9 22°54'32.96 85°58'54.91 22°57'38.12 85°55'3.02 22°49'44 86°17'5 22°56'13 86°4'17 22°55'20 86°11'27	104.00
Construction of watch tower 2 No @ Rs.10.00 lac each 22°09'15.23 85°05'23.75 22°38'21.05 85°23'10.01	20.00
Salt licks	5.00
Gully plugging 3 No @ Rs.2.00 lac each 22°30'10.96 86°07'25.25 22°26'10.64 86°21'6.65 22°20'52.2 86°47'33.8 22°33'28.65 86°19'15.18	6.00
Awareness programmes for elephant conservation including educational promotional visits (in purpose of school students)	5.00
<b>Miscellaneous work</b>	
Post-mortem and burial of dead elephant	2.00
Reward to informers	2.00
Legal expenses and office support	1.50
<b>Outside Singhbhum Elephant Reserve</b>	
<b>Habitat Improvement/Development</b>	
Construction of water harvesting structures 8 No @ Rs.7.00 lac each 22°56'58.8 85°04'11.8 23°4'16 85°38'35 23°25'59 85°46'58 23°25'53 85°46'10 23°34'10 85°48'38 23°09'94.45 85°43'0.42 23°54'9.35 85°37'8.19 23°82'25.50 85°17'86.56 23°2'05 84°48'16 23°24'43 84°37'05 23°16'66 84°11'47 22°47'37 84°50'35	56.00
Construction of ponds 5 No @ Rs.8.00 lac each 23°4'16 85°45'13 23°12'57.5 85°37'53.06 23°26'8 84°51'43 23°34'05 84°34'03 23°01'35 84°11'52 23°09'16 84°21'03	40.00
Salt licks	3.00
Awareness programmes for elephant conservation including educational promotional visits (in purpose of school students)	2.00
<b>Miscellaneous Work</b>	
Legal expenses and office support	1.00
Post-mortem and burial of dead elephant	2.00
Reward to informers	2.00
<b>Grand Total (Central Share and State Share)</b>	<b>416.50</b>
<b>Central Share (60% of the total amount)</b>	<b>249.90</b>
<b>Release 1<sup>st</sup> instalment 25% of Central Share</b>	<b>62.475</b>
<b>Less unspent balance (2022-23)</b>	<b>0.18</b>
<b>Net release 1<sup>st</sup> instalment (after adjustment of unspent balance)</b>	<b>62.295</b>

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