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To

The Sr. Pay & Accounts Officer,
Ministry of Environment & Forests,
New Delhi.

Sub: Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme 'Project Tiger' Administrative Approval for funds release to Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Karnataka during 2008-09.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme 'Project Tiger' in **Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Karnataka** at the cost of **Rs. 208.37 lakhs (Rupees Two hundred eight lakhs thirty seven thousand only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 177.37 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the government of India and the **Government of Karnataka**. The remaining cost of the scheme will be treated as 100% Central Assistance by the Government of India.

2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President to the payment and release of an amount of **Rs. 44.88 lakhs (Rupees Forty four lakhs eighty eight thousand only)** as the 1st installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to **Government of Karnataka** during the current financial year 2008-09. 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 2005, 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 **Bandipur 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 208(6)(iv)(a).

- (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 Karnataka** 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 **Bandipur 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, 1972 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, 1972 and internal audit party by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry whenever it is called upon.
- (viii) The Utilisation Certificate against the earlier funds released under Grants-in-aid have been received and accepted by the competent authority.
- (ix) **Government of Karnataka** in respect of **Bandipur Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report on or before 31.3.2009.
- (x) Noted at Serial No. 2 in the Register of Grants.
- (xi) **Bandipur 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.
- (xii) Grants-in-aid to **Government of Karnataka** is subject to the Economy Instructions issued from time to time by the Ministry of Finance or by the Competent Authority.
- (xiii) Grants-in-aid shall be utilized before the end of the current financial year 2008-09 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by **Government of Karnataka** to the Govt. of India.
- (xiv) **Government of Karnataka** in respect of **Bandipur Tiger Reserve** will maintain a separate account and will present their annual accounts in the standard format as required under GFR 209(xiii).
- (xv) Grants-in-aid shall be utilized for **Bandipur Tiger Reserve** strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between National Tiger Conservation Authority and **Government of Karnataka**.

4. As the annual budget of the Scheme is approved by the Central Government, the **Government of Karnataka** 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 provisional and 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 Planning Commission and 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 for implementation of National Tiger Conservation Authority shall 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 Management 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 Karnataka** under intimation to this Department.

8. The expenditure involved will be met from within the Sanctioned Budget Grants of Centrally Sponsored Project tiger Scheme under Demand No. 29, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Major Head 3601 – Grants-in-aid to the State Governments, 3601.04- Grants-in-aid for Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme, 3601.04.659-Environmental Forestry and Wildlife – Wildlife Preservation, 3601.04.659.03- Project tiger, 3601.04.659.03.00.31- Grants-in-aid for the year 2008-09 (Plan).

9. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 1891/JS&FA/F/08 dated 29.10.2008.

Yours faithfully,

(S.P. Yadav)
Joint Director (NTCA)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Karnataka, Bangalore. A copy of the detailed sanctioned letter issued by the State Government in respect of this scheme for 2008-09 may kindly be furnished to this Department immediately.
2. The Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Karnataka, Bangalore.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Karnataka, Bangalore.
4. The Field Director, Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Karnataka.
5. The Accountant General, Karnataka, Bangalore.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
7. Forest Finance Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
8. Plan Finance Division (PF-II), Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
9. Dy. Advisor (Forestry), S&T Division, Planning Commission, Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi.
10. Dy. Director, Wildlife Preservation, Southern Region/Northern Region/Eastern Region/Western Region.
11. Guard file/Spare copies.

(S.P. Yadav)
Joint Director (NTCA)

ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION 2008-09**Bandipur National Park, Karnataka**

Rs. in Lakhs

Sl. No.	Items of Works	Location	Qty.	Amount
(A)	NON RECURRING			
a	Spill Over Works			
2.	Pending payment towards Project Allowance to Field Staff			4.00
b	Other Activities			
4.	Project Allowance			10.00
5.	Replacement of old condemned vehicle by purchasing new vehicles		2 Nos.	12.00
	TOTAL OF NON RECURRING			26.00
(B)	ECO-DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES			
I	Reduction of man and animal conflict			
1.	Providing Solar fencing in agricultural lands adjacent to Reserve	Moyar Range Maddur Range		5.00
	TOTAL OF ECO-DEVELOPMENT			5.00
(C)	RECURRING			
a.	Protection			
3	Monsoon Patrolling		10 caps	10.00
b.	Reducing man and wild animal conflict			
1.	Compensation for loss of cattle and human deaths by Tigers and other wild animals		LS	2.00
2.	Vehicles		Nos.	
	Cost of repairs etc to existing protection vehicle. The following vehicles are maintained for protection and administrative works. 1. Mini Lorry 2. Jeeps 3. Tanker 4. Gypsy 5. Car 6. Tata Sumo 7. Bolero Jeep 8. Mini Bus		1 10 1 2 1 1 1 5	10.00
3.	Purchase of Tyres and tubes to protectin vehicles		22 Vehicles	3.00
4.	Purchase of batteries to protection vehicles and anti poaching camps		-do-	2.50
5.	Wages of daily wages	Bandipur Range		3.00

		Moyar Range		
		Moolehole		
		A. M. Gudi Range		
		Gundre Range		
		Moliyur Range		
		Hediyala Range		
6.	Maintenance of Govt. Boat Gundre Range		1 No.	1.00
7.	Maintenance of protection Roads		330 Km	15.00
8.	Maintenance of Wireless Communications: (Maintenance of existing wireless)			2.00
9.	Wages of Anti-poaching Squad	Bandipur Range	1 Camps	48.37
		Moyar Range	2 Camps	
		Maddur Range	6 Camps	
		A. M. Gudi Range	5 Camps	
		Hediyala Range	3 Camps	
		N. Begur Range	3 Camps	
		Gundre Range	4 Camps	
		Moliyur Range	3 Camps	
		Moolehole Range	3 Camps	
		Omkara Range	3 Camps	
		H. G. Hills Range	2 Camps	
10.	Logistic support to existing Anti-poaching camps including providing food to the camps camping staff	Bandipur Range	2 Camps	10.00
		Moyar Range	2 Camps	
		Maddur Range	6 Camps	
		A. M. Gudi Range	5 Camps	
		Hediyala Range	3 Camps	
		N. Begur Range	3 Camps	
		Gundre Range	4 Camps	
		Moliyur Range	3 Camps	
		Moolehole Range	3 Camps	
		Omkara Range	3 Camps	
		H. G. Hills Range	1 Camps	

	Fire Protection			
11.	<p>a) Cutting & Clearing of jungle growth including grass to a width of 10 mtr. Which also includes burning for maintenance of road side lines/Dlines/Fire lines during 2008-09 fire lines:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bandipur Range 2. Moyar Range 3. Maddur Range 4. A. M. Gudi Range 5. Hediya Range 6. N. Begur Range 7. Gundre Range 8. Moliyur Range 9. Moolehole Range 10. Omkara Range 11. H. G. Hills Range 		1513 Kms	26.50
	<p>b) Totally 350 members are being engaged on daily wages from 1.1.2009 to 31.3.2009 as fire fighting squad out of which the following number of fire watchers are proposed under this scheme:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bandipur Range 2. Moyar Range 3. Maddur Range 4. A. M. Gudi Range 5. Hediya Range 6. N. Begur Range 7. Gundre Range 8. Moliyur Range 9. Moolehole Range 10. Omkara Range 11. H. G. Hills Range 		350 member	25.00
12.	<p>Development of water facilities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bandipur Range 2. Moyar Range 3. Maddur Range 4. A. M. Gudi Range 5. Hediya Range 6. N. Begur Range 7. Gundre Range 8. Moliyur Range 9. Moolehole Range 10. Omkara Range 11. H. G. Hills Range 	10 Nos		10.00
13.	Secret service fund and rewards to informants		LS	1.00
14.	<p>Repair and maintenance of existing Watch Towers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Campanamunti Tower 2. Seege betta Tower 3. Bidrabetta Tower 		8 No	2.00

	4. Ekkana betta Tower 5. Budana betta Tower 6. Beladakuppe Tower 7. Kandi betta Tower 8. Halbare betta Tower			
	Reduction of man and animal conflict			
1.	Rejuvenation of village tanks: 1. Bandipur Range 2. Moyar Range 3. Maddur Range 4. Hediya Range 5. N. Begur Range 6. Gundre Range 7. Moliyur Range 8. Omkara Range 9. H. G. Hills Range		27 Nos	5.00
2.	Vaccination Programme		LS	1.00
	TOTAL OF RECURRING			177.37
	TOTAL OF NON RECURRING			26.00
	TOTAL OF ECO-DEVELOPMENT			5.00
	GRAND TOTAL			208.37

Detail of release during 2008-09

Sanction

'A'	Non-recurring	Rs. 26.00 lakhs
'B'	Recurring	Rs. 177.37 lakhs
'C'	Ecodevelopment	Rs. 5.00 lakhs

TOTAL SANCTION **Rs. 208.37 lakhs**

Central Assistance

100% of A	Rs. 26.000 lakhs
50% of B	Rs. 88.685 lakhs
100% of C	Rs. 5.000 lakhs

TOTAL CENTRAL ASSISTANCE **Rs. 119.685 lakhs**

Adjustment of unspent balance of previous financial year 2007-08 Rs. 5.12 lakhs

Amount being released as Ist Installment
(Rs. 50.00 lakhs - Rs. 5.12 lakhs) Rs. 44.88 lakhs

*** Ecodevelopment initiatives should be based on normative guidelines of the National Tiger Conservation Authority, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India issued earlier based on village level, site specific, participatory micro plan with reciprocal commitment between the tiger reserve and the local people**