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Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests
National Tiger Conservation Authority

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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 Satkosia Tiger Reserve, Orissa 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 **Satkosia Tiger Reserve, Orissa** at the cost of Rs. 239.47 lakhs (Rupees Two hundred thirty nine lakhs and forty seven thousand only) as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 122.77 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the government of India and the **Government of Orissa**. 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. 75.00 lakhs (Rupees Seventy five lakhs only) as the 1st installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to **Government of Orissa** 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 **Satkosia 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 Orissa** 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 **Satkosia 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 Orissa** in respect of **Satkosia 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) **Satkosia 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 Orissa** 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 Orissa** to the Govt. of India.
- (xiv) **Government of Orissa** in respect of **Satkosia 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 **Satkosia Tiger Reserve** strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between National Tiger Conservation Authority and **Government of Orissa**.

4. As the annual budget of the Scheme is approved by the Central Government, the **Government of Orissa** 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 Orissa** 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. 1230/JS & (FA) /F/08 dated 29.07.2008.

Yours faithfully,

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

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Orissa, 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 Orissa.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Orissa,
4. The Field Director, Satkosia Tiger Reserve, Orissa.
5. The Accountant General, Orissa,
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**SATKOSIA TIGER RESERVE, ORISSA**

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. NO.	ITEM OF WORKS	LOCATION	QUANTITY	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED BY MS (NTCA)
(A)	NON RECURRING			
1.	Tiger Protection Force Deployment			
i	Tiger Protection Force (Antismuggling squad)	Tulka, Purunakote and Badamul	3	21.35
ii	Arms & ammunition-Cartridges and Arms training	At all ranges and office	2 Rifles, 2 guns, 2 Revolvers	2.60
iii	Wireless network (Establishing VHF repeater, Fixed station, Walkie talkie)	Labangi, Baghamunda and 7 other places	1 No. 3 Nos with 120 feet mast 5 Nos.	6.50
2.	Strengthening of Infrastructure within Tiger Reserve			
2.1	Civil Works			
i	Construction of 6 anti-smugglings and anti-poaching surveillance watch towers.	Hadibasa bar, Kuadoli and 4 other places	3 Places	17.00
ii	Forest Guard Quarters	Dusingha, Durgaprasa	2	4.00
iii	Drivers qrs.	Nayagarh	1	3.00
iv	Construction of 20 temporary watch tower/machans	Vulnerable places of the sanctuary	20 places	4.00
2.2	Procurement of Vehicle			
I	Purchase of Motor Cycles	Purunakote, Jillinda, Raigoda, Tikarpada (8 Nos) Chhamundia, Kusanga (2 Nos)	10	5.00
2.3	Procurement of compass Range finder, GPS, Camera Trap			
i	Differential GPS	Purunakote	1 no.	1.25
ii	Camera trap	Dirrerent places of STR	3	2.00
2.4	Procurement of satellite imageries for Management Planning			
I	Vegetation mps from ORSAC/NRSA	Entire area of STR	25	2.00
2.5	Map digitization facility for Management Planning			
i	Cost for preparing and printing of digitized maps	Entire area of STR	25	3.00

3.	Addressing Man-Animal Conflict			
i	Compassionate Amount	All villages		2.00
ii	Crop protection structures (Power fencing arrangement around villages)	Pampassar, Jocub, Badakheta, Karadapada Hatibari, Majhipada, Ramimunda, Goindi Cluster Villages	21.5 Kms.	21.50
iii	Crop protection structures (Solar street light system, Solar lanterns)	Raigoda, Bhurkundi, Tilka, Baghamunda, Damaghati, Turungi	11 Nos	5.50
4.	Co-Existence agenda in Buffer/Fringe Area			
4.1	Livelihood options to local stakeholders			
i	Provision of alternative livelihood to the forest dependant community, Strengthening of livelihood and organization of SHGs	All villages inside STR	65	16.00
	Total Non-Recurring			116.70
B.	Recurring			
1	Anti poaching activities			
1.1	Anti poaching squad			
i	Operation Monsson (Functioning of Mahanadi river squad for river patrolling) including wages,	Squads at Tikarpada & Baliput, Marada and Badmul	4	10.00
ii	Deployment of Anti poaching squads, Establishment of patrolling camps (Anti poaching shed)	1) Kadalikhola watch tower, Tikarpada, Kandhaida watch tower, and 26 others	28 places	45.94
iii	Deployment of local work force as Trackers, wages, etc.	at 34 different places	34	9.26
iv	Elephant squad (Food and Medicines for two Departmental Elephants and wages of mahouts)	At Tikarpada	1	5.00
v	Wages towards patrolling camp labours/watchers			3.00
V	Legal support			0.50
1.2	Strengthening of infrastructure within tiger Reserve			
i	Maintenance of existing watch towers	4 Nos in Satkosia and 2 in Mahanadi	6	1.50
ii	Maintenance of VHF and other equipments			4.00
iii	Maintenance of Buildings			10.00
iv	Maintenance of the rescue centre for fresh water Reptiles		1	3.00
v	Maintenance of Motor Vehicle		LS	10.00
1.3	Tiger Protection Force			

	Deployment			
i	Legal support (Establishment of Crime cell and Prosecution unit)	At Angul	One unit	1.00
2.	Habitat Improvement Works			
I	Fire line tracing.	Compartment lines of the STR and along the footpaths	280 Kms	3.47
ii	Engagement fire watchers	Vulnerable places of the STR	20 places	0.36
iii	Fire fighting squads, Hiring of 4 vehicles for 4 months and provision of logistics	Rampasar, Purunakote, Raigoda, Jillinda, Tikarpada, chamundia, and 16 other places	22 Squads	12.24
iv	Deepening renovation of water bodies	Ranibandha, Sunakhania, Comp. 1,2,5 of Baisipalli RF	5	3.50
	Total Recurring			122.77
	Total Non- Recurring			116.70
	Grand Total			239.47

Detail of release during 2008-09

Sanction

'A' Non-recurring Rs. 116.70 lakhs
'B' Recurring Rs. 122.77 lakhs

TOTAL SANCTION Rs. 239.47 lakhs

Central Assistance

100% of A Rs. 116.70 lakhs
50% of B Rs. 61.385 lakhs

TOTAL CENTRAL ASSISTANCE Rs. 178.085 lakhs

Amount being released as Ist Installment Rs. 75.00 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**