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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 Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra during 2009-10.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme 'Project Tiger' in Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra at the cost of **Rs. 158.31 Lakhs (Rupees One Hundred Fifty Eight Lakhs and Thirty One Thousand only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 114.900 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **government of India** and the **Government of Maharashtra**. 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. 74.78 lakhs (Rupees Seventy Four Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand only)** as the 1st installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Maharashtra during the current financial year 2009-10. 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 Pench 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 Maharashtra 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 Pench 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 Maharashtra in respect of Pench Tiger Reserve may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report on or before 31.3.2010.
- (x) Noted at Serial No. 2 in the Register of Grants.
- (xi) Pench 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 Maharashtra 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 2009-10 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by Government of Maharashtra to the Govt. of India.
- (xiv) Government of Maharashtra in respect of Pench 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 Pench Tiger Reserve strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between National Tiger Conservation Authority and Government of Maharashtra.

4. As the annual budget of the Scheme is approved by the Central Government, the Government of Maharashtra 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 Maharashtra 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 2009-10 (Plan).

9. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 824/DS(IFD)/09 dated 04.08.2009

Yours faithfully,

(S.P. Yadav)
Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Maharashtra, Nagpur. A copy of the detailed sanctioned letter issued by the State Government in respect of this scheme for 2009-10 may kindly be furnished to this Department immediately.
2. The Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
4. The Field Director, Pench Tiger Reserve, Nagpur, Maharashtra.
5. The Accountant General, Maharashtra, Nagpur.
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.

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ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION (2009-10)
Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Item of works	Qty.	Location	Amount recommended by MS (NTCA) for 2009-10
A	Non Recurring			
	Strengthening of infrastructure within Tiger Reserve			
1.	Borewells with Head pumps Dhavlapur CN. 661, Rohdeo CN 662, Ghat kukda CN 694, Ghoti matha CN 690	4	WP	2.00
2.	Construction of Semi Circular Tank near borewells Ghotimatha comptt. No. 690, Ghatkukda CN 694, Rohdeo CN 662	3	WP	0.45
3.	Culvert and Causeways on road construction WP i) Rohideo-Ghatpendhari Road-1 No. ii) Dhobighota-Chipad Road-2	2	EP/WP	2.50
	Soil and Moisture conservation			
4.	Construction of series of Bandharas (inverted Bandhara /small Boulder structure /gabian / vegetbandhs/earthen bandhs to treat habitat area on watershed development patern. EP 1. Ambakhori nallah 536, 2. Feprikund nallah 572, 573)	2	EP/WP	2.00
5.	Tiger Protection Force One Unit	01	EP/WP	25.71
	Research and Field equipments			
6.	Tiger tracking studies 4 times x 2 persons=8@ Rs. 30000/- year	4	EP/WP	1.20
7.	Conducting wild life census by transect method	1	EP/WP	1.50
	Provision of Project allowances to staff (all categories) of project tiger			
8.	Field Director @ 1000 p.m. x12	1		0.12
9.	ACF @ Rs. 650 p.m. x12	2		0.16
10.	RFO@ Rs. 500 p.m. x12	3		0.18
11.	Forester @ Rs. 450 p.m. x12	8		0.432
12.	Forest Guard @ Rs. 350 p.m.	50		2.10
13.	Driver @ Rs. 350 p.m. x12	3		0.126
14.	Ministerial staff –Rs. 350 x13 (1-Chief Accountant, 3-Accountant, 6-clerk, 1-steno typist, 1 –Mast lasker, 1-Draft man)	13		0.546
15.	Class IV -2 Peon, 1-Helper @ 200 p.m. x12	6		0.144
16.	Purchase of material for camping staff like torches, cell, kerosene, water bottles, Haversacks, utensils etc @ Rs. 10000 per camp/year	15		1.00
17.	Purchase of Deepfreeze	1		1.50
18.	Purchase of Generator	1		1.75
	Total Non-recurring			43.418

B.	Recurring			
	Anti poaching activities			
	Wireless communication Network			
19.	Wireless communication Network Royalty to Govt. of India @ 1 lakh /year	1	EP/WP	1.00
20.	Wages (charges) of wireless operators at main sub station @ Rs. 30000/ year per labour	31	EP/WP nagpur	9.30
21.	Maintenance and repairs of wireless communication total 70 base sets and	70	EP/WP nagpur	2.10
22.	Wages of Anti-poaching /fishing squad at Totladoh reservoir and back water of lower Pench i) Ground patrolling squad 2 nos at Saddledam x 10 Labour, one squad at tower pench x 5 labour =15 ii) Patrolling by motor boats 2 squads x 4 Labour =8 Labour, Total =23 labours @ Rs. 30000/year (Rs. 2500 p.m.)	23	EP/WP	6.90
23.	Special squads for anti-poaching in sensitive area for electrocution (Oct 2006 to March 2007) East Pench -4 Labour, West Pench -4 labour. Total 8 labour for 6 month (Rs. 2500/- p.m.)	8	EP/WP	1.20
24.	Wages for establishing hot shot crew one at each round consisting of 15 labours each for 4 months 15 th Feb 10 to 15 June 2010. 4 Round @ 15 each = 60 MD for 4 months for fire fighting	60		6.00
25.	Wages for protection Squads (Patrolling): At 16 different sites to keep round the clock vigil, EP -9 squad x3 labour =27, WP 7 squads x3 labours =21 labours. Total 48 labour (Rs. 2500 p.m.) @ Rs. 30000 / year	48	EP/WP	14.40
26.	Wages for checking naka Chawkidars EP: Naka-21, Chawkidars (Paoni-1, Sillari-1, Kirangisara-1, Ghoti-1, Salama-1, Totladoh-1, Pivarthadi-1), WP: 4 Naka-12, Chawkidar (Ghatpendhri 1, Narhar-2, Ghotimatha-1), Total 33 Chawkidar @ Rs. 30000/year (Rs. 2500 p.m.)	33	EP/WP	9.90
27.	Maintenance of equipment, Telephone bills, electric bill, stationery, etc. @ Rs. 25000	12	Nagpur	3.00
	Wages of Driver, Cleaner of vehicle and machine			
	I) Drivers			
28.	For motor boats @ Rs. 30000/year	3	EP/WP	0.90
29.	For Jeeps/Cars @ 30000/year	6	EP/WP	1.80
	II) Clearers			
30.	For Motor Boats @ Rs. 30000/year	2	EP/WP	0.60
31.	iii) Machinery Operator @ Rs. 30000/ year	3	EP/WP	0.90
32.	Maintenance and repairs of vehicle motor boats with purchase of spare parts, tyres, tubes, batteries etc.			
33.	1) Motor boats	3		1.50
34.	Jeep /cars	8		2.40
35.	Tractor	1		0.50
36.	Motor cycles	12		1.20

	Provision of cost of petrol, Diesel & oil etc.		Nagpur EP/WP	
37.	1) For petrol /Diesel Motor Boats @ Rs. 1 lakhs /boat	3		3.00
38.	2) For tractor @ Rs. 1.20 lakh /tractor	1		1.20
39.	3) For petrol jeeps @ Rs. 8000/jeep	2		2.40
40.	4) For Diesel Jeeps @ Rs. 20000/Motor cycle	2		1.00
41.	5) For Motor cycle @ Rs. 20000/Motor cycle	12		2.40
42.	6) For Oil Engine @ Rs. 40000/engine	3		1.20
	Maintenance of Building Compound and wells			
43.	Type-III=4, Type-II=6, Type-I=48 (Units), Labour shed =33 Chowkidar-cum= 5 (Units), Wireless room=9, store rooms=5, Office Building =1, Boat House =2, Checking Naka=15, Nagpur HQ=1, Total =132 Building @ Rs. 5000/building average	132	East Pench/West Pench/Nagpur	6.60
44.	Diesel for generator at FD. Office Napur & other administrative officers in field	4		4.00
45.	Myuram Road 212 km @ Rs. 5000/- k.m.	212		10.60
	Maintenance of watch tower/protection /firehuts			
46.	i) Watch tower East Pench-7 nos. West Pench-4 Nos. @ Rs. 10000/- per tower	11	EP/WP	1.10
47.	Habitat improvement and water development			
48.	a) Repairing, cleaning and maintenance of water holes	110	EP/WP	2.20
49.	b) Anicuts+ cement plug Bandharas	8	EP/WP	1.20
	Maintenance of Meadow			
50.	Maintenance of Meadow developed during 2002-03 and 2003-04 by removal of regenerated growth f unwanted EP: 100ha, WP:80ha, 180 ha	180	EP/WP	2.70
51.	Removal of unwanted weeds i.e. Parthenium, Lantana, Casia tora, etc, EP: 25 ha, WP: 50 ha=100 ha @ Rs. 2000/ha along the road side	50		1.00
52.	Management of West lands in PTR areas			
53.	a) Uprooting & Removal of Ipomea weeds, along the Pench river after the Water recedes including, planting the exposed area with Suitable locally available grass species/fruits trees. EP: CN-538, 539, 546=40 ha, WP: CN-669, 670, 671=20 ha	60		1.80
54.	Payment of fee pleader appointed on behalf of PTR to deal with offence cases in court @ Rs. 10000 pm	12	Nagpur	1.00
	Cutting and burning of fire lines			
55.	I) Class 'A' (outer boundary) 13 mtr. Width 93 km	93	EP/WP	2.23
56.	II Class 'B' (Road sides): 4 m Width (both sides) 290 km	290	EP/WP	5.22
57.	III Class 'C' (Comptt): 3 mtr. Width 41 km	41	EP/WP	0.45

	Total Recurring			114.90
	Total Recurring + Non-recurring			158.318

Sl. No.	Item	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non-recurring	43.418	43.418
2	Recurring	114.900	57.450
	Total	158.318	100.868

Total sanction **Rs. 158.318 lakhs**

Central Assistance **Rs. 100.868 lakhs**

Ist release **Rs. 80.00 lakhs**

**Adjustment of utilized amount of
previous financial year 2008-09** **Rs. 5.22 lakhs**

Net release (Rs. 85.00-5.22= 79.78 lakhs) **Rs. 74.78 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**