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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 for 2nd All India Tiger Estimation using the refined methodology (Monitoring of tiger, co-predators, prey and habitats) during 2009-10.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority for carrying out the 2nd All India estimation of Tiger, large carnivores, ungulate along with habitat status evaluation (2009-10) in the State **West Bengal** at the total cost of **Rs. 0.235 lakhs** (Rupees Twenty Three thousand and Five hundred only). The 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 competent authority to the release of an amount of **Rs. 0.235 lakhs** (Rupees Twenty Three thousand and Five hundred only) to Government of **West Bengal**.

3. 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.

4. 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 Chief Wildlife warden and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests of the State Government are required to ensure that the estimation of tiger, wild animals and habitat evaluation works are in accordance with the directives issued by the National Tiger Conservation Authority /Project Tiger Division of the Ministry of Environment & Forests.

5. 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 West Bengal** under intimation to this Department.

6. 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).

7. This issues with the concurrence of the Forest Finance Division of the Department vide their Dy. No. 886/Dir(IFD) dated 16.2.2010 under the powers delegated to the Ministries/Departments.

Yours faithfully,

(S.P. Yadav)

Deputy Inspector General (PT)

Copy forwarded to:

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of West Bengal, Kolkata.
2. The Secretary (Finance), Government of West Bengal, Kolkata.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/ Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata.
4. The Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun
5. The Accountant General, Tamil West Bengal, Kolkata.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Deptt. AGCR Building, New Delhi.
7. Forest Finance Division, M/O E&F, New Delhi.
8. Plan Finance Division (PF-II), Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
9. Dy. Advisor (Forestry), S&T Division, Planning Commission, Yojna Bhawan, New Delhi.
10. Guard file/Spare copies.

(S.P. Yadav)

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