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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 Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Karnataka 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 **Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Karnataka** at the cost of **Rs. 332.96 lakhs (Rupees Three hundred thirty two lakhs and ninety six thousand only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 303.71 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. 120.592 lakhs (Rupees One Hundred twenty lakhs fifty nine thousand and two hundred only)** as the 1st installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to **Government of Karnataka** 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 **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 31.3.2010.
- (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 2009-10 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 2009-10 (Plan).

9. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 1329/JS & FA/F/09 dated 11.08.2009.

Yours faithfully,

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

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 2009-10 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.

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Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION 2009-10**Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Karnataka**

Rs. in Lakhs

Sl. No.	Items of Works	Location	Qty.	Amount Recommended by IGF & MS (NTCA)
(A)	NON RECURRING WORKS			
a	Special Protection Strategies			
5.	Procurement of Boat	Moliyur		3.00
6.	Procurement of satellite Imageries for Management Plan			2.00
b	Addressing Man-Animal Conflict			
1.	Crop Compensation			3.00
2.	Life Compensation			2.00
3.	Organizing rescue vehicles, Tranquilizing equipments and Drugs.			2.00
4.	Conduction eye and health camps		10 no. @0.25 each	1.00
5.	Vaccination programme (immunization of local cattles)			1.00
6.	Percolation tanks		10no. @ 0.10 each	1.00
c.	Research and Field Equipments			
I	Wild animal census			
2.	Conducting census			2.00
II	Publicity, Nature awareness programmes			
1.	Conducting Nature camps to school children's		5 nos. @ .025/ camps	1.25
2.	Production of publicity materials life brochures, pamphlets, periodicals and books			1.00
III	Provision of Project Allowance			
1.	Spill over works Project Allowance CCF-1, DCF-1, ACF-2, RFO-12, FORESTER-20, MANAGER-1, SI[EROAMD]EMT-1, FDA-4, SDA-3, FG-31, DRIVERS-3, MALI-4, PEON-3, CARETAKER-8, JAMEDHAR-1, WATER COOLI-1, GARDENER-2, FW-21, ELEPHANT JAMEDHAR-1, S. WATCHER-58.			10.00
	TOTAL (NON-RECURRING)			29.25
(B)	RECURRING WORKS			
a	Staff Development and Capacity building			
1.	Engaging daily wages Laborers as drivers, wireless and Computer Operators, caretakers, Literate asst. etc.			20.00
b	Anti Poaching Activities and Anti Smuggling Activities			
1.	Maintenance of Existing Anti-poaching camps (payments of wages) Existing Anti-poaching Camps 387 Nos. (4 lab x Rs, 101.94 x 365 days)		38 nos. @1.50/camps	62.70
2.	Improvement to the existing AP Camps (Repair and light facilities) etc.		38 nos. @0.20/ APC	7.60

3.	Digging of Borewells /construction of open wells.		10 nos. @0.50/ no.	5.00
(i)	Repair and Maintenance of Protection Roads			
2.	Annual Maintenance of existing Roads.		300 Km @ 0.10/ Km	30.00
(ii)	Maintenance of Fire line/ Fire breaks			
1.	Maintenance of existing fire lines		2000 km @ Rs. 1854.54/ km	37.09
2.	Engaging Fire watchers from January 2010 to March 2010		350nos. @ 101.94 /day	35.32
3.	Purchase of Fire fighting equipments, Water cans, organizing fire awareness camps etc.			1.00
4.	Maintenance and repair of existing fire watch towers		10 nos.	3.00
(iii)	Maintenance of Earthen ponds and soil conservation measures			
1.	Deeping and de-silting of existing water holes.		25 nos. @ 0.50 each	12.50
(iv)	Building Maintenance			
1.	Maintenance and repair works to existing Staff Quarters		20 nos. @ 0.50 each	10.00
(v)	Maintenance of Vehicles			
1.	Maintenance and repairs of existing protection and tourism vehicles.		31 nos.	15.00
a.	Safari Buses- 6			
b.	Protection Lorry 1			
c.	Highway Protection Jeeps 2			
d.	Protection vehicles of Officers 17			
e.	Protection bikes 5			
2.	Purchase of tyres and tubes to protection vehicles		31 nos.	5.00
3.	Purchase of batteries to protection vehicles and anti-poaching camps		30 nos.	3.00
4.	Maintenance of Govt. boat		1 no.	0.50
5.	Maintenance of Existing Wireless Network (repairs and purchase of batteries etc.)			2.00
c	Habitat Improvement and Water development			
1.	Weed eradication/ Clearance of Lantana.		50 Ha @ 0.10/ Ha	5.00
d	Man-Animal Conflict			
2.	Repair and re-structuring of existing Elephant Proof Trenches by Providing structural Elephant barriers		25km @1.00 km	25.00
3.	Repair and Maintenance works to Solar Power fence		11 km	2.00
e	Special Protection Strategies			
1.	Monsoon Patrolling			15.00
2.	Vehicular Patrolling Squads	1-Hediyala 1-Bandipur		6.00
7.	Purchase of stationery, Books, Maps etc.			1.00
	TOTAL (RECURRING)			303.71
	GRAND TOTAL			332.96

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Item	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-recurring	29.25	29.25
2.	Recurring	303.71	151.855
	Total	332.96	181.105

- (i) Total sanction Rs. 332.96 lakhs
- (ii) Central assistance Rs. 181.105 lakhs
- (iii) Ist release Rs. 140.00 lakhs
- (iv) Adjustment of unutilized amount of previous Financial year Rs. 19.408 lakhs
- (v) **Net release after adjustment** **Rs. 120.592 lakhs**
(Rs. 140.00 – Rs. 19.408 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