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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 Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal 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 **Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal** at the cost of **Rs. 103.75 lakhs (Rupees One Hundred Three Lakhs and Seventy five thousand only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 56.50 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of West Bengal**. 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. 38.58 Lakhs (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs and Fifty Eight Thousand only)** as the 1st installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to **Government of West Bengal** 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 Buxa 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 West Bengal 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 **Buxa 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 West Bengal in respect of **Buxa 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) Buxa 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 West Bengal 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 West Bengal to the Govt. of India.**
- (xiv) Government of West Bengal in respect of Buxa 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 **Buxa Tiger Reserve** strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between National Tiger Conservation Authority, the Field Director, Buxa Tiger Reserve and Government of West Bengal.

4. As the annual budget of the Scheme is approved by the Central Government, the Government of West Bengal 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 West Bengal 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. 813/DS(IFD)/09 dated 31.07.2009

Yours faithfully,

(S.P. Yadav)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of West Bengal, Kolkata. 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 West Bengal, Kolkata.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of West Bengal, Kolkata.
4. The Field Director, Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal, Kolkata.
5. The Accountant General, Govt. of West Bengal, Kolkata.
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)

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ANNEXURE**ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION (2009-10)
Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal**

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No	Items of works	Qty	Location BTR (East)	BTR (West)	Amount Recommended by IGF & MS NTCA for 2009-10
A	Non-Recurring				
1	Project allowances	Staffs	Staffs	Staffs	25.00
2	Construction of Barrack for anti-poaching	2 Nos.	Maarakata, Tiamari	Bhutri, WRVK, Panbari	8.00
3	Creation of new water holes in core areas of BTR	4 Nos.	Jainty	SRVK	3.00
4	Solar light in anti poaching camps, Barracks	25 units	Mainabari, Tiamari, Chipra, Chengmari	Rangamati, Bhutri, Garam (E)	3.75
5	Procurement of GPS	20 nos.	All Ranges	All Ranges	2.00
6	Procurement of Arms & Ammunition	LS	All Ranges	All Ranges	2.00
7	Amennities for staff welfare provision of medicines, torches, raincoat, mosquito nets	LS	All Ranges	All Ranges	2.00
8	Capacity Building- Training on jurisprudence, tranquilization, etc	LS	All Ranges	All Ranges	1.00
9	Study Tour for appraisal of good practices in other Tiger Reserve	LS	All Ranges	All Ranges	0.50
	A-Total Central Share (Non-Recurring)				47.25
B	Recurring				
1	Payment of Compensation for death of human, crop depredation etc. due to wild animals	LS	All Ranges	All Ranges	3.00
2	Maintenance of				
	a) Roads	40km	Depnding on damage done in the ares in forth coming monsoon		5.00
	b) Departmental vehicles inculding hiring & POL	LS	Divisional HQ & Range Head Quarters		4.00

	c) Fire lines	40km	Rydak, Bholka, Kartick, Jainti	Poro, Checko, S. Rvk, N. Rvk, Damanpur, Nimati & Raimatang	2.00
	d) R.T. Sets, Walkie Talkie, Tower	LS	Different anti- poaching camps		1.50
	e) Patrolling Path	80 km	Rydak, Bholka, Kartick, Jainti	Poro, Checko, S. Rvk, N. Rvk, Damanpur, Nimati & Raimatang	4.00
	f) Artificial Water holes, Improv. Of Grassland, Water Retention struct etc.	LS	Jainty, Bhutanghat	E.Rvk & W. Rvk	5.00
	h) Pikhana	LS	Rydak, Ghoramara, Jainty	Checko, W. Rvk	1.00
	i) Watchtower/antipoaching camps/barracks	LS	Jainty, Kumargram, Buxaduar	23rd Mile Panabri (N)	5.00
	j) Energised fencing	LS	Rydak, Kumargram	Nimati, Pampubasti, Panijhora	3.00
3	Advertisement & Publicity	LS	Divn. HQ	Divin.HQ	0.50
4	Office Expenses				
	01-Electric	LS	Divn. HQ	Divin.HQ	0.50
	02- Telephones	LS	Divn. HQ	Divin.HQ	0.50
	04-Other office expenses	LS	Divn. HQ	Divin.HQ	5.00
	5. Wages for watchers, patrolling & camp labourers	LS	All Ranges	All Ranges	8.30
	6. Feed & Veterinary Care of Rescued animals	LS	All Ranges	All Ranges	1.00
	7. Feed and Veterinary Care for Department Elephants	9nos.	Chengmari, Mainabari, jainty, Rydak	Checko, W.Rvk	2.70
	8. Major Minor Works- Soil & Moisture Conservation Works	LS	Panbari (S), Rydak	Checko, W.Rvk, Panbari (N)	4.50
	B- Total Recurring:				56.50
	Grand Total (A + B)				103.75

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Item	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non-recurring	47.25	47.25
2	Recurring	56.50	28.25
	Total	103.75	75.50

Total sanction:	:Rs. 103.75 lakhs
Central Assistance:	:Rs. 75.50 lakhs
Ist release:	:Rs. 60.00 lakhs
Adjustment of unutilized amount of previous financial year 2008-09.	:Rs. 21.42 lakhs
Net release (Rs. 60.00-21.42)	:Rs. 38.58 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**