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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 Melghat 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 Melghat Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra at the cost of **Rs.296.74 Lakhs (Rupees Two Hundred Ninety Six Lakhs and Seventy Four thousand only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 165.57 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. 155.185 Lakhs (Rupees One Hundred Fifty Five Lakhs and Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred 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 Melghat 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 Melghat 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 Melghat 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) Melghat 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 Melghat 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 Melghat 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. 946/DS(IFD)09 dated 19.08.2009

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, Melghat Tiger Reserve, Amravati, 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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ANNEXURE

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

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl No.	Item of works	Qty.	Location	Amount recommended by MS (NTCA) for 2009-10
A	Non Recurring			
	Anti Poaching			
1.	Anti poaching squads			
2.	a) Wages for 5 squads with vehicle x 4 labours x 320 days x Rs. 90	5	Akot, Sipna, Gugamal	5.76
3.	b) Patrolling gear Rs. 30000 per squad	5		1.50
4.	Wages for the labour 15 labourx 4 force x 320 days (avg) x Rs. 90	4	Sipna, Gugamal & Akot Dn.	17.28
5.	Patrolling gear for Ex army protection force Rs. 50000 per Squad	4	Sipna, Gugamal & Akot Dn.	2.00
6.	Salary of superwisers 4 x 10000 x 12	4	Sipna, Gugamal & Akot Dn.	4.80
7.	Salary of Ex army man 36x 7000x 12	36	Sipna, Gugamal & Akot Dn.	30.24
8.	Providing Mobile telephones to staff at strategic locations	60	Sipna, Gugamal & Akot Dn.	1.00
9.	Procurement of Equipments, solar lanterns, flashlights, mosquito nets, utensils, water storage, darries, blankets, battons, jail guards, Helmets, Barricades etc. for Protection camps and check nakas		Sipna, Gugamal & Akot Dn.	2.00
10.	Purchase of deep freeze for preserving Tiger carcasses for further investigation	1		2.00
11.	Purchase of generator for Deep freeze	1	Paratwada	2.00
12.	Ration for the Elephant 4 x Rs. 8000 x 12 months	4	Sipna, Gugamal & Akot Dn.	3.84
13.	Fire extinguishing		Sipna, Gugamal & Akot Dn.	1.00
	Strengthening of infrastructure			
14.	Construction of cheek Naka barriers		Akot WL Dn.	1.75
15.	Construction of watch tower		Akot WL Dn.	3.00
16.	Procurement of office automisation, hardware, software, GIS facility etc.		Sipna, Gugaml & Akot Dn.	1.50
	Fire protection			
17.	Cutting & burning of firelines, fire protection camps, vehicle on hire with fuel, for protection equipments		Sipna, Gugaml & Akot Dn.	4.00
18.	Habitat Improvement			

19.	Creation of hand pump and water storage tanks	2	Sipna, Gugaml & Akot Dn.	1.00
20.	Construction of cement plugs, artificial water holes	10	Sipna, Gugaml & Akot Dn.	2.00
21.	Grassland enrichment with introduction of legumes			1.00
22.	Grouting of anicuts	5	Suklibura, Patya, Masanam	2.50
23.	Addressing Man Animal conflict			
24.	Procurement of tranquilizing equipment, rescue vehicle, drugs, chemical, preservatives, analysis of histo pathological samples		Sipna Dn	1.00
	Research Providing equipment			
25.	Purchase of equipment Camaras traps, Binaoculars, Night vision, Range finders		Directorate, Gugamal, Sipna, Akot WL Dn	3.00
26.	Vegetation monitoring plots	60	Sipna, Gugamal,	1.00
	Staff Development & capacity			
27.	Training, workshops, Seminars for staff and villagers		Akot, Sipna, Gugamal	0.50
28.	Visits to other NP, Sanctuaries for staff and villagers		Akot, Sipna, Gugamal	0.50
29.	Specialized trainings in GIS, antipoaching, jurisprudence and forensic, park interpretation, management planning, human development		Akot, Sipna, Gugamal	0.50
30.	Organization of dissemination workshops		Akot, Sipna, Gugamal	1.00
	Safegurads /retrofitting measures			
31.	Sinage for speed check and patrolling along highways	10	Akot, Sipna, Gugamal	1.00
	Carrying out All India Tiger			
32.	Wages and material supply for estimation and monitoring		Akot, Sipna, Gugamal	1.50
33.	Project Allowance to staff for the year 2009-10	606 post		24.00
	Staff welfare activities			
34.	Supply of Field kit, Torches, Mosquito nets, medicines, raincoats, wind cheaters, sweaters, water bottles, sleeping bags		Akot, Sipna, Gugamal	2.00
	Foresting ecotourism			
35.	Nature Camps treks, trails talks		Akot, Sipna, Gugamal	1.00
	Total Non-recurring			127.17
B	Recurring			
36.	Maintenance of camps structure @ Rs. 10000 per camp	25	Akot, Sipna, Gugamal	2.50
	Maintenance wireless operation			
37.	Station maintenance and equipments, solar lightning @ Rs. 10000	18	Akot 6, Sipna 10, Gugamal 4	1.80
	Maintenance of Check nakas			
38.	Maintenance of Nakas, painting of sinage, solar lightning etc.		Akot 6, Sipna 11, Gugamal 8	1.25
	Maintenance of Elephant for protection of			

	4 Elephant			
39.	Engaging trackers for 20 trackers x 320 days x Rs. 90	20	Akot, Sipna, Gugamal	5.76
	Maintenance of buildings including RRT			
40.	Office	18	Directorate, Akot, Sipna, Gugamal	2.00
41.	Residential	200	Directorate, Akot, Sipna, Gugamal	2.32
42.	Maintenance of vehicles	58 vehicle	Directorate, Akot, Sipna, Gugamal	5.00
43.	Repairs of cement bunds and waterholes	25	Akot, Sipna, Gugamal	1.25
44.	Repairs and closing of anicuts	15	Akot, Sipna, Gugamal	1.50
45.	Maintenance of sloar equipment for drinking water supply to villages	3		1.50
	Anti Poaching			
46.	Providing incentive for secret information		Sipna, Gugamal, Akot	0.30
47.	Legal support & diet charges for offenders and witnesses, transportation		Sipna, Gugamal & Akot Dn.	0.75
48.	Provision of vehicle fuel, oil and repairs and hiring of vehicles for patrolling remote areas		Directorate, Gugamal, Sipna, Akot WL. Dn	15.25
49.	Weapons for the patrolling squads and their ammunition and maintenance		Sipna, Gugamal & Akot Dn.	1.00
	Maintenance of Protection camps			
50.	wages 75 camps x 3 labour x 320 days x Rs. 90	75	Akot, Sipna, Gugamal	64.80
51.	Material supply for the 35 camps, First aid, Mosquito nets, darries, taurpolin sheets, blankets, torches, kerosene, cooking utensils, water cooking utensils, water storage facility, patrolling gear @ Rs. 5000 per camp	35	Sipna, Gugamal & Akot Dn.	1.75
	Maintenance of wireless operations			
52.	Wages for 42 stations x 2 labour x 320 days x Rs. 90	42	Akot 14, Sipna 16, Gugamal 12	24.19
53.	Refurbishing wireless network, stations, purchase of batteries, repair of wireless sets		Akot, Sipna, Gugamal	1.00
	Maintenance of check nakas			
54.	Wages for 25 check nakas x 3 labours x 365 days x 90 days	25	Akot 6, Sipna 11, Gugamal 8	24.64
	Maintenance of Elephant for protection 4 Elephants			
55.	Wages for elephant helper 4 x 365 days x Rs. 90	4	Akot, Sipna, Gugamal	1.31
56.	Medicines, equipment etc. 4 x Rs. 10000	4	Akot, Sipna, Gugamal	0.20
	Maintenance of infrastructure			

57.	Office expenses, photocopy, stationery, maintenance of computers, accessories, purchase of CDs, books and Misc exp		Directorate, Akot, Sipna, Gugamal	4.00
	Staff Development and capacity			
58.	Rewards to staffs		Akot, Sipna, Gugamal	0.50
	Forestry ecotourism			
59.	Publication & publicity materials		Directorate, Akot, Sipna, Gugamal	1.00
	Total Recurring			165.57
C.	Eco-development			
60.	Capacity building of village for increasing income of their cultivation land			1.00
61.	Veterinary care for cattle vaccination & health care camps etc.	5		3.00
	Total Eco-development			4.00

S.No	Item	Sanctioned	Central Assistance
1	Non-Recurring	127.17	127.17
2	Recurring	165.57	82.785
3	Ecodevelopment	4.00	4.00
	Grand Total	296.74	213.955

Total Sanction	Rs. 296.74 lakhs
Central Assistance	Rs. 213.955 lakhs
Ist release	Rs. 170.00 lakhs
Adjustment of unutilized amount of Previous financial year of 2008-09	Rs. 14.815 lakhs
Net release (Rs. 170.00-Rs. 14.815 lakhs)	Rs. 155.185 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