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(Project Tiger)

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To,

The Senior Pay and Accounts Officer,
Ministry of Environment & Forests,
Paryavaran Bhavan,
New Delhi

Sub: Centrally Sponsored Planned Scheme 'Project Tiger' – Administrative approval for funds release to **Sahyadri Tiger Reserve** for capacity building of staff and preparation of Management Plan.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to Sahyadri Tiger Reserve to meet expenditure for capacity building of staff and preparation of Management Plan at a cost of Rs. 5.00 lakhs (Rupees Five lakhs only).

2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the competent authority to the release of an amount of Rs. 5.00 lakhs (Rupees Five lakhs only) to Government of Maharashtra for capacity building of staff and preparation of Management Plan.

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 **Sahyadri 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 **Sahyadri 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 **Sahyadri 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) **Sahyadri 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 **Sahyadri 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 **Sahyadri Tiger Reserve** strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between National Tiger Conservation Authority, the Field Director (Sahyadri Tiger Reserve) and Government of Maharashtra.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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).

8. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 304/Dir(IFD/F.F.) dated 2.3.2010.

Yours faithfully,

(S.P. Yadav)
Deputy Inspector General (NTCA)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Maharashtra, Nagpur, with the request that Indicative Plan may please be prepared on the basis of Revised Guidelines of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger available on the website (www.projecttiger.nic.in). Alongwith Indicative Plan, an Annual Plan of Operation (APO) for 2010-11 in the prescribed format available on site may please be submitted in respect of Sahyadri Tiger Reserve in April, 2010.
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, Sahyadri Tiger Reserve, 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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