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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 Sariska Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan 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 Sariska Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan** at the cost of **Rs. 229.95 Lakhs (Rupees Two Hundred Twenty Nine Lakhs and Ninety Five thousand only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 81.50 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the government of India and the Government of Rajasthan. 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. 130.97 Lakhs (Rupees One Hundred Thirty Lakhs and Ninety Seven Thousand only)** as the 1st installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Rajasthan 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 Sariska 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 Rajasthan 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 Sariska 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 Rajasthan in respect of Sariska 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) Sariska 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 Rajasthan 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 Rajasthan to the Govt. of India.
- (xiv) Government of Rajasthan in respect of Sariska 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 Sariska Tiger Reserve strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between National Tiger Conservation Authority and Government of Rajasthan.

4. As the annual budget of the Scheme is approved by the Central Government, the Government of Rajasthan 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 Rajasthan** 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. 1328/F/JS&FA/F/09 dated 11.8.2009.

Yours faithfully,

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

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur. 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 Rajasthan, Jaipur.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
4. The Field Director, Sariska Tiger Reserve, Thanagazi, Alwar, Rajasthan.
5. The Accountant General, Rajasthan, Jaipur.
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)
Sariska Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan**

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Item	Quantity / Justification	Amount recommended by IGF & MS (NTCA) for 2009-10
1	2	3	6
2	4.1 Anti Poaching	Purchase of Arms, ammunitions & repairs	1.00
5	4.1.6 Deployment of Ex-army personnel/ Home Guards	Home guards will be deployed through out the year to strengthen the protection. These Home Guards will be deployed under various chowkies and nakas	40.00
9	4.1.11 Procurement of field gear	For effective patrolling the field staff needs to be equipped with proper warm clothing , shoes & other devices etc.	2.00
10		1 Construction of Barracks for flying squad	5.00
		2. Construction of wireless rooms at Boh, Phatya Khora, Bhagani & Bana locations	3.00
		3. Construction of gate barrier and speed breakers to divert the heavy vehicular traffic on to the diversion road	1.00
11	4.2.10 Procurement of equipments	Camera traps, Laptop Computer with Laser Printer for Field director and Intercom system for the office of the Dy. Conservator, Sariska Office.	3.00
12	4.2.11 Map digitization facility for management planning	Demarcation of forest boundary of this reserve is to be done through Survey of India as per directions of the C.E.C. Budget requisition for this job has already been received from Survey Of India	30.00
13	4.3 Habitat improvement and water development	(a).Invasive spp. like Prosopis Juliflora, Cassia tora have caused mentionable damage to this critical tiger habitat by replacing palatable grass & other fodder spp. in prime tiger habitat of the reserve. These plants/trees need to be uprooted on top priority for habitat revival.	5.00
14		(b) Number of water holes spread over the entire reserve are filled with the help of diesel engines/Pipe Lines/Tractor tankers etc. Budget is required for this vital purpose which largely includes expenditure on purchase of Diesel /oil etc.	7.00
15	4.4 Addressing man-animal conflict 4.4.1 Payments of compensation for	Cattle/humen damage by the carnivores in the villages situated in the proximity of the reserve is to be compensated as per the prescribed norms in order to avoid conflict with the villagers.	3.00

16	4.4.2 Creation of crop protection structures	Crop raiding by wild animals has always been a source of main conflict with the villagers, therefore to address this problem it is proposed to construct 4 km long 6 feet high protection wall this year on the reserve boundary along some of the sensitive most villages.	5.00
16	4.5 Co-existence agenda in buffer / fringe areas		
18	4.5.1 Providing ecological viable livelihood for reducing their dependency on forest	Assistance on payment will be taken from youth of Bawaria/ Banjara & other Shikari communities in organizing raids/searches on deras/ houses & other outfits of Shikaris	1.00
19	4.5.2 Habitat supplement to wild animals moving out of Core area.	Conserving the forest areas through restorative inputs involving local people for providing habitat supplement to wild animals(including restoration of vacated villages/Guvadas like Bhagani, Kankwari,Umari etc.	3.00
20	4.6 Rehabilitation package for traditional hunting tribes living around		
21	4.7 Research and field equipment	1. 8 additional Radio Collar receivers & other related essential equipments are required to be purchased for effective research & monitoring of the reintroduced tigers in the reserve.	5.00
		2. Budget is required for forensic examination of Visra & other vital parts of the scheduled animals in case of their un natural death.	0.25
		3. Other equipment required for research unit (like Frizz for storing medicines etc.)	0.20
		4. Purchase of Tele Inject tranquilizing gun with accessories and medicines.	3.00
		5. Annual wild life census and monitoring of population	1.00
		6. Purchase of POP and creation of PIPs for monitoring of present movement of Tiger / Leopard / Hyena and other wild cats.	0.50
22	4.8 Staff development		
23	4.8.1 Specialized training in the use of GIS, anti poaching operations jurisprudence, wild life forensic etc.	Trainings will be organized for officers & front line staff on various protection & monitoring techniques	1.00
24	4.8.2 Study tour	Exposure visits to other reserves in the country for front line staff & officers.	0.50
25	4.11 Safeguard/ retrofitting measures in the interest of wild life conservation	(a) Purchase of Fire Fighting equipment including water pump and food/ water for fire fighting teams on spot. (b) Engaging labors for fire fighting & advance early burning.	1.00
26	4.15 Project allowances field and office staff.	Project allowances would be given to the ministerial, field staff & officers of STR	12.00

27	4.16 Staff welfare activities	(a) To purchase patrolling Kit for staff including ex-service men.	2.00
		(d) Purchase of solar equipment for chowkis/ nakas with accessories including batteries	2.00
		(e) Providing drinking water to staff at inaccessible chowkies through vehicular/animal transport	2.00
28	4.17 Fostering Eco tourism in tiger reserve.	(a) Construction / Development of Parking Place & associated facilities at Sariska H.Q. to discourage entry of private cars & other vehicles within the N.P. area.	5.00
		(b) Publicity Material	1.00
		(c) Workshop & Seminar	2.00
		(e) Celebration of Wildlife Week & other important days	1.00
	Total Non-recurring		148.45
Recurring			
1	4.1.2 Establishing and Maintenance of existing patrolling camps and deployment of camp labors for patrolling	Anti poaching camps will be established at various locations in sensitive remote areas. Local laborers shall also be engaged temporarily at these camps.	1.50
2	4.1.4 Establishing and maintenance of wireless	This money is proposed for purchase of accessories of wireless sets and its maintenance.	2.00
3	4.2.2 Maintenance of Road network	The entire existing patrolling tracks spread over the entire reserve need be repaired/ maintained regularly. Tourism vehicles also ply over these tracks.	14.00
4	4.2.3 Maintenance of bridges, dams, anicuts, earthen ponds etc.	Several Water harvesting structures like earthen ponds, anicuts, built in the reserve over period of time, have got damaged/ silted with the passage of time. These need be repaired/ desilted in order to revive their effective utility.	10.00
5	4.2.4 Maintenance of fire line	For Maintaining the fire lines created in the past and to reduce incidence of fires	5.00
6	4.2.5 Maintenance of Vehicles	For effective running and maintenance of the vehicles. There are 6 Gypsy, 1 Jeep, 4 Canter, 1 Tractor, 1 Camper & 8 Motor Cycle are used for protection and maintenance of the park.	18.00
7	4.2.6 Maintenance of Buildings	All the buildings [Chowkis, Nakas, Range and FD Headquarters] constructed in the past need to be repaired, painted & maintained	10.00
8	4.18 Other Important Activities	Office expenditure for DCF & CF Office	17.00
9	4.1.5 Anti grazing activities	Illicit grazing in the reserve has always been a serious problem especially during monsoon period. To effectively counter this problem. Temporary camps are established with required facilities & local help.	2.00

10	4.1.7 Deployment of Local work force for patrolling, surveillance of water holes etc.	Local people will be deployed on various chowkies to assist the field staff especially during patrolling, village/dera checkings etc.	2.00
	Total Recurring	Total	81.50
	Grand Total (Non-recurring +Recurring)		229.95

S.No.	Item	Sanctioned	Central Assistance
1	Non-Recurring	148.45	148.45
2	Recurring	81.50	40.75
	Grand Total	229.95	189.20

Total sanction **Rs. 229.95 lakhs**

Central assistance **Rs. 189.20 lakhs**

Ist release **Rs. 150.00 lakhs**

Adjustment of unutilized amount of previous **Rs. 19.03 lakhs**

Financial year
Net release after adjustment **Rs. 130.97 lakhs**
(Rs. 150.00 – Rs. 19.03 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