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Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests
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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 Sunderban 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 **Sunderban Tiger Reserve, West Bengal** at the cost of **Rs. 454.50 lakhs (Rupees Four Hundred Fifty Four Lakhs and Fifty Thousand only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 222.50 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. 259.97 Lakhs (Rupees Two Hundred Fifty Nine Lakhs and Ninety Seven 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 **Sunderban 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 **Sunderban 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 **Sunderban 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) **Sunderban 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 **Sunderban 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 **Sunderban Tiger Reserve** strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between National Tiger Conservation Authority, the Field Director, Sunderban 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. 1122/DS(IFD)/09 dated 01.09.2009.

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, Sunderban Tiger Reserve, Kolkata, West Bengal.
5. The Accountant General, 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)
Sunderban Tiger Reserve, West Bengal****Rs. in Lakhs**

Sl. No.	Items of Works	Qty.	Amount Recommended by IGF & MS (NTCA)
(I)	NON-RECURRING		
A	Anti poaching		
4	Establishment of floating check posts	3	9.00
5	Secret fund for intelligence gathering	LS	2.00
6	Hiring of two additional launches patrolling including fuel	2	10.00
B	Strengthening infrastructure within Tiger Reserve		
1	Establishment of Protection camp at Arbesi	1	20.00
3	Pucca Jem/ construction	2	10.00
5	Rain water harvesting	1	6.00
6	Compound development at Sajnakhali	1	10.00
C	Habitat Improvement and water Development		
1	Excavation / improvement of Sweet water pond.	2	4.00
D	Man-animal conflict mitigation measures		
2.	Payment of compensation of tiger/crocodile	LS	5.00
3	Repair of cage traps	LS	1.00
4	Awareness among fringe villages	LS	3.00
5	Tranquilization Drugs/Training	LS	1.00
E	Research & Monitoring		
2	Behavioral studies of tigers through GPS-Traced radio collaring	LS	5.00
3	Purchase of Camera GPS, Computers etc.	LS	5.00
G	PROJECT ALLOWANCE	LS	15.00
H	Sal Poles for rebuilding damaged houses	@ 350/poles x 500 x 15 houses	26.25
I	Bamboo poles for rebuilding damaged houses	120/poles x 500 x 30 houses	18.00
J	Wicker basket and earth cutting implements	@ 300/ sets	4.50
K	Carriage of poles , posts and other material to the site	LS	10.00
L	Supply of Saline resistant paddy seeds	8 kg/ family @ 15 kg	6.00
	TOTAL (NON-RECURRING)		170.75
(II)	RECURRING		
2.	Transportation of water for staff	Ls	5.00
3	Maintenance		
a	Propulagation cost of Deptt. Launches & Boats, Meononosed Deptt. Boats, Vehicle as well as hiring of watercrafts and vehicles:	Ls	45.00
b	Petty repairs to building	Ls	12.00
c	Repair to compound fencing	Ls	10.00
d	Repair To Jetty	LS	8.00
e	Petty repairs to accommodation boats	LS	6.50
5	Office Expenditure	LS	7.00

6	Publicity & Extension:	LS	1.00
7	Repair To RT Sets	LS	1.00
8	Repairs Of Solar Lights	LS	2.00
9	Overhauling engine of motor launches:	LS	5.00
10	Maintenance of 5 speed boats, 15 mech. Boats, 6 launches	LS	15.00
11	Soil conservation works	LS	2.00
12	Infrastructure within tiger reserve		
13	Setting up protection camp at Arbesi & Laharipur	BHT,SWLS Ranges	8.50
14	Damaged Jetty repairing along with renovation of approach path to staff campus	NP(E) & NP (W) Ranges	10.00
15	Repairing of earthen embankment around Staff compound rainwater harvesting structure & tube well	NP(E); SWLS; NP(W); BHT Range	20.00
16	Bailing out & recharging the rainwater harvesting structure and tube well	NP(E); SWLS; NP(W); BHT Range	11.50
17	Maintenance livelihood and wildlife concerns. Condating medical camps for EDC/FPC, Member's	EDC/FPC	5.00
18	Staff welfare		
i	Repairing the damaged staff quarters	STR	5.00
ii	Procurement of camps equipment like generators; pump sets solar light etc.	NP(E); SWLS; NP(W); BHT Range	5.00
iii	Supply of dry ration & drinking water to staff during AILA aftermath	STR	5.00
19.	Organization Special Patrolling by having people against some vacant posts, including boat & fuel charges: (60 Persons x @Rs. 100 x 300 days)	LS	18.00
20.	Establishing Fair weather coastal patrolling Camps		
a	Establishment of Camps from September to February	1	6.00
b	EDO/FDO member involvement to provide minimum strength to these camps: (10 nos. x 1 camps x 6 monthly = 1800 Man days @Rs. 100/-)	LS	2.00
c	Cost of hiring of one Support Boat for patrolling around each camp including these camps including fuel: (Rs. 500/- per day x 200 days with preparation)	LS	5.00
21	Nature Education, Publicity and Extension:		
1	Organization Awareness Camps:		
a	For School Children/fringe Population	6	1.50
b	Visit of staff to some Protected Area to Student the Management and Peoples Participation	1	0.50
	TOTAL (RECURRING)		222.50
(III)	ECO-DEVELOPMENT		
A	Ecologically sustainable development programme		
1.	Installation of SPY street lights including supply of spare parts	20	7.00
2.	Sinking Tube well	5	8.00
3.	Construction of 1.8 mtr. Wide Brick Path as approach path in Fringe Village (double brick soling):	2	20.00
4.	Construction of Jetty	2	8.00
6	Medical Camps	5	1.25
7	Veterinary Care	8	1.00
B	MAINSTREAMING LIVELIHOOD & WL		

	CONCERNS		
1	Excavation Of Sweet-Water Ponds In the Fringe Villages	10	6.00
3	Provision of inputs & training to women Self Help Groups	20	5.00
4	Supply of Inputs Trained FPC/EDC members to set up Income Generating Activities	40	2.00
C	CAPACITY BUILDING		
1	Training Of Staff and FPC members for Tiger Straying, Awareness Building & Sensitization:	4	1.00
2	Study Tour for Staff & EDC/FPC Members	1	0.50
3	Group Meeting Of Staff & FPC/EDC Members	10	1.00
4	Conducting refresher Courses Of Eco-Tourism guides including supply of guide kits	2	0.50
	TOTAL (ECO DEVELOPMENT)		61.25
	GRAND TOTAL		454.50

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Item	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non-Recurring	170.75	170.75
2	Recurring	222.50	111.25
3	Eco-Development	61.25	61.25
	TOTAL	454.50	343.25

Total Sanction : Rs. 454.50 lakhs

Central Assistance : Rs. 343.25 lakhs

Ist release : Rs. 275.00 lakhs

Adjustment of previous balance of APO : Rs. 15.03 lakhs

Net release after adjustment : Rs. 259.97 lakhs
(Rs. 275.00 lakhs -15.03 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

