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Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests
National Tiger Conservation Authority

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Dated the 17th September, 2010

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 Achanakmar Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh during 2010-11.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme 'Project Tiger' in **Achanakmar Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh** at the cost of **Rs.1200.77 lakhs (Rupees One Thousand Two Hundred Lakhs and Seventy Seven Thousand only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 299.79 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the government of India and the **Government of Chhattisgarh**. 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. 840.70 Lakhs (Rupees Eight Hundred Forty Lakhs and Seventy Thousand only)** as the 1st installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to **Government of Chhattisgarh** during the current financial year 2010-11. 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 **Achanakmar 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 Chhattisgarh** 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 **Achanakmar 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 Chhattisgarh** in respect of **Achanakmar Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report on or before 31.3.2011.
- (x) Noted at Serial No. 2 in the Register of Grants.
- (xi) **Achanakmar 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 Chhattisgarh** 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 2010-11 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by **Government of Chhattisgarh** to the Govt. of India.
- (xiv) **Government of Chhattisgarh** in respect of **Achanakmar 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 **Achanakmar Tiger Reserve** strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between National Tiger Conservation Authority, Field Director (Achanakmar Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Chhattisgarh**.
- (xvi) Monitorable outcomes on the item of works contained in the sanction letter both in physical and financial terms are required to be furnished in the monthly report regularly. Compliance status on Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding is required before submission of additional or ensuing year's Annual Plan of Operation (APO).

4. As the annual budget of the Scheme is approved by the Central Government, the **Government of Chhattisgarh** 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 Chhattisgarh** 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 2010-11 (Plan).

9. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 1586/AS & FA dated 13.09.2010

Yours faithfully,

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

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Chhattisgarh, Raipur. A copy of the detailed sanctioned letter issued by the State Government in respect of this scheme for 2010-11 may kindly be furnished to this Department immediately.
2. The Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
4. The Field Director, Achanakmar Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh-494001.
5. The Accountant General, Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
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)
Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION 2010-11
Achanakmar Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh

APO 2010-11 FOR ACHANAKMAR TIGER RESERVE					
2406-02-110 (01) CSS/Plan 50:50 (RECURRING)					
Non Recurring (Core Zone)					(Rs. in lakhs)
Sl. No.	Item	Para No. of CSSPT Guideline	Location	Physical	Amount recommended by APCCF & MS (NTCA) for 2010-11
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Habitat improvement	4.3			
a	Development of grass meadows		Six relocated villages : Jalda, Kuba, Samardhasan, Bokarakachhar, Bankal and Bahaud	600 hac.	45.00
II.	Wildlife Management (Extension of communication network)	4.1			
a.	Wireless handset		All ranges	20	3.00
b.	Construction of residence cum watch tower		Chhapparwa range	1	3.50
f.	Metal detector		Achanakmar TR	1	1.00
g.	Night vision		All ranges	5	2.00
h.	Procurement of field gear for 80 employees		All ranges	150	8.00
i.	Procurement of elephant and construction of sheds			1	7.00
j.	Construction of PIPs		All ranges	400	8.00
k.	Publicity, banner, posters, sign boards, printing materials		All ranges		2.00
l.	Employment of ex-army man		All ranges	15	15.00
n.	Procurement of camera traps			40	6.00
o.	Deep freezer			1	5.00
p.	12 bore gun (with ammunition)			15	5.00
III.	Upgradation of roads and construction of culverts	4.2			
	Infrastructure development				
a.	Patrolling camp		All ranges	4	8.00
b.	Check post		All ranges	4	8.00
IV.	Relocation of 6 forest villages	4.9	All relocated site	75	723.98
V.	Preparation of management plan with field exercise		Achanakmar TR		2.00
VI.	Project Allowance	4.15			
	1-Director, 1 Dy. Director, 1 Asst. Director, 3 Range Officer, 20 A.R.O., 100 F.G. and equivalent, 10 official staff		Achanakmar TR		8.00

VII.	Staff welfare activities	4.16			
	(a) Facilities for non-family posting like, health, education, amenities for staff welfare inputs like residential accommodation for the children, supply of kerosene, medicine, field kit, mosquito net, torch etc.				2.00
	Non Recurring (Buffer Zone)				
I	Habitat improvement	4.3			
a	Development of grass meadows		Belgahana range	50	7.50
b	Fire protection:-				
	Cutting of new fire lines- cutting of bushes and plants of under 20 cm. girth width 6 mtr. and scarping of weeds etc.		Buffer area boundary	25	5.00
II.	Wildlife Management (Extension of communication network)	4.1			
a.	Wireless handset		ATR	5	1.50
b.	Construction of residence cum watch tower		ATR	2	7.00
d.	Digital camera		ATR	5	1.00
e.	GPS		ATR	5	1.00
f.	Employment of ex-army man		Ecotourism range	5	3.00
III.	Upgradation of roads and construction of culverts	4.2			
	Infrastructure development				
a.	Patrolling camp		Belgahana	1	3.50
b.	Check post		Lamani, Belgahana, Kota, Lormi	4	8.00
IV.	Project Allowance	4.15			
	1-Director, 1 Dy. Director, 1 Asst. Director, 3 Range Officer, 20 A.R.O., 100 F.G. and equivalent, 10 official staff		Achanakmar TR		1.00
	TOTAL (Non-recurring) (Core + Buffer)				900.98
	Recurring (Core Zone)				
I.	Water hole development	4.3			
a.	Maintenance and deepening of water hole / desiltation		All ranges	20	20.00
II.	Habitat improvement				
a.	Eradication of lantana		All ranges	400	10.00
b.	Fire protection:-				
	Maintenance of fire lines				
i.	External fire line – 40 feet		All ranges	600	6.00
ii.	Internal fire line				
	20 feet		All ranges	885	6.20
	10 feet		All ranges	1550	7.75
c.	Monsoon patrolling for 4 month		All ranges	79x3x4x3000	28.44
d.	Artificial salt lick digging of soil and mixing of locally purchased salt		All ranges		0.50
e.	Fire protection-daily wages chaukidar engaged for 4 month		All 4 ranges and 1 ecotourism	90x3x4x3000	32.40

	in 79 beats and 11 patrolling camp.		range		
III.	Veterinary care	4.6			
	(a) Purchase of medicine and vaccination of local animals (10 forest villages)		ATR	19	2.00
IV.	Educational tour, training, publicity	4.7			
	(a) Study tours for appraisal of good practices in other TR like Kaziranga in Assam, Periyar in Kerala and other TR		ATR		1.00
	(b) Printing publicity materials, preparation of sign boards		ATR		1.00
	(c) Workshop, seminar and wild life week		ATR		1.00
V.	Upgradation of roads and construction of culverts				
	i) Maintenance of forest rest house		All ranges	6	6.00
	ii) repairing of existing forest road 100 km		All ranges	200	20.00
	iii) Maintenance of existing 10 stop dams and annie cuts		All ranges	10	2.50
VI.	Compensation	4.4			
	Cattle/human killed by wild animals		ATR		1.00
VII.	Legal Court cases		ATR		0.50
VIII.	Employment of local force in 79 beats in a group of 3 Chowkidar for 12 months		All ranges	$(79+11) \times 3 \times 12 = 3240$	60.00
IX.	Maintenance of vehicles and POL		1 Scorpio, 2 Gypsy, 1 canter, 2 pickup, 25 motor cycles, 1 meat testing van, 1 cow catcher, 3 water tankers		25.00
X.	Office expenses				
	(a) Maintenance of office equipment		FD, DD & AD office		2.00
	(b) Maintenance of wireless sets		ATR		1.00
	(c) Maintenance of computer at AD office		AD office for trap camera		1.00
	(d) Development of Achanakmar website		ATR		1.00
	Recurring (Buffer Zone)				
I.	Water hole development	4.3			
	Maintenance and deepening of water hole/desiltation		Kota, Lamani, Belgahana, Lormi, Khudia	5	10.00
II.	Habitat Improvement				
	(a) Habitat manipulation:-				
	Eradication of weeds for improvement of grassland, pruning, cutting and stump dressing of fodders species		Belgahana	50	7.50
	(b) Fire protection:-				
	Maintenance of fire lines				
	i. External fire line – 40 feet		All buffer areas	200	1.60

	ii. Internal fire line				
	20 feet		All buffer areas	300	1.50
	10 feet		All buffer areas	400	1.60
III.	Veterinary care	4.6			
	Purchase of medicine & vaccination of local animals (5 forest villages)		All buffer areas	5	1.00
IV.	Upgradation of roads and construction of culverts				
	(i) Maintenance of forest rest house		All buffer areas	3	6.00
	(ii) Repairing of existing forest road 50 km.		All buffer areas	50	20.00
	(iii) Maintenance of existing 10 stop dams and annie cuts		All buffer areas	5	2.50
V.	Compensation	4.4			
	Cattle/human killed by wild animals		All buffer areas		1.00
VI.	Employment of local force in 10 beats and patrolling camp in a group of 3 Chowkidar for 12 month		All buffer areas	10x3x12=360	10.80
	TOTAL (Recurring) (Core + Buffer)				299.79
	(Grand Total) (NR-Core & Buffer + R-Core & Buffer)				1200.77

Rs. In Lakhs

Sl. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring	900.98	900.98
2.	Recurring	299.79	149.895
	Total	1200.77	1050.875

(i)	Total Sanction	-	Rs. 1200.77 Lakhs
(ii)	Central Assistance	-	Rs. 1050.875 Lakhs
(iii)	1st Release	-	Rs. 840.70 Lakhs
(iv)	Adjustment of un-utilized amount of 2009-10	-	Rs. Nil
(v)	Net Release	-	Rs. 840.70 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**