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

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Dated the 28th 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 Manas Tiger Reserve, Assam 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 **Manas Tiger Reserve, Assam** at the cost of **Rs. 356.08 lakhs (Rupees Three hundred Fifty Six lakhs and Eight thousand only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, **Rs. 118.4 lakhs** being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the Government of India and the **Government of Assam**. 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. 237.504 lakhs (Rupees Two hundred Thirty Seven lakhs Fifty thousand Four hundred only)** as the 1st installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to **Government of Assam** 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 **Manas 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 Assam** 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 **Manas 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 Assam** in respect of **Manas 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) **Manas 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 Assam** 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 Assam** to the Govt. of India.
- (xiv) **Government of Assam** in respect of **Manas 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 **Manas Tiger Reserve** strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between National Tiger Conservation Authority, Field Director (Manas Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Assam**.
- (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 Assam** 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 Assam** 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. 179/US (IFD)F dated 14.09.2010.

Yours faithfully,

(S.P. Yadav)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Assam, 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 Ministry immediately.
2. The Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Assam.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Assam.
4. The Field Director, Manas Tiger Reserve, Assam.
5. The Accountant General, Assam.
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, North Block, New Delhi.
9. Dy. Advisor (Forestry), S&T Division, Planning Commission, Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi.
10. Guard file/Spare copies.

(S.P. Yadav)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

APO 2010-11 FOR MANAS TIGER RESERVE					
2406-02-110 (01) CSS/Plan 50:50 (RECURRING)					
Non Recurring					(Rs. in lakhs)
Sl. No.	Item	Para No. of CSSPT Guideline	Current year 2010-11 proposal		
			Location	Physical	Amount recommended by APCCF & MS (NTCA) for 2010-11
1	2	3	4	5	6
A	NON RECURRING				
1	a. Project Tiger allowance to Project Tiger staff for 2009-2010	4.15	MTR	353	20.00
	b. Project Tiger allowance for the year 2010-11	4.15	MTR	353	20.00
2	Infrastructure Development:				
	a. Construction of new anti poaching camps	4.1	MTR	4 Nos,	25.0
	b. Construction of Watch Tower.	4.2	MTR	3 Nos.	9.0
	c. Construction of RCC bridges at South Boundary Road (First Phase) i. Palsiguri : Rs. 20,00,000/- ii. Madulijhora: Rs. 20,00,000/-	4.2	MTR	2 Nos.	40.0
	d. Construction of RCC Culverts at Rhino camp, Lotajhar, Kashimdoha & Uchila	4.2	MTR	100 Nos.	9.00
2	g. Procurement of Deep Frezer for preservation of tiger carcass.	New item as per guidelines of NTCA	MTR	1 No.	4.0
3	b. IB cum Transit camps at Panbari & Barpeta Road.	4.2	MTR	2 Nos.	17.0
4	Deployment of personnel for Anti-poaching:	4.1			
	a. Home Guards: 50 nos @ Rs.4600/- per Guard for 12 months.	4.1	MTR	50 Nos.	27.60
	b. Wages for local youths engaged in anti-	4.1	MTR	50 Nos.	15.00

	poaching activity.				
5	Logistics for Monsoon patrolling:	4.1			
	c. Purchase of Wooden country boats	4.1	MTR	5 Nos.	1.50
	d. Purchase of Live jacket	4.1	MTR	50 Nos.	1.00
	e. Purchase of rain coats	4.1	MTR	100 Nos.	1.44
	g. Wireless sets: Fixed/Base Station	4.1	MTR	10 Nos.	1.20
6	Arms & Ammunitions:	4.1			
	A ammunition for Rifles & 12 Bore Guns	4.1	LS	.....	1.00
7	Purchase of Camp Equipments for anti-poaching activities	4.1			
	a. Purchase of Tents (for mobile camping)	4.1	MTR	5 Nos.	1.50
	b. Purchase of Search Lights	4.1	MTR	20 Nos.	1.00
	c. Purchase of Solar panel & light	4.1	MTR	10 Nos.	2.50
	d. Purchase of Night Vision Device	4.1	MTR	2 Nos.	1.0
	e. Purchase of Logistics for day and night patrolling (Torch, Cells, Kerosene etc.)	4.1	MTR	....	1.50
8	Office modernization :	4.2			
	a. Purchase of Computer: i. Desk To ii. Lap Top	4.2	MTR	3 Nos.	1.50
9	Protection Measures:	4.1			
	a. Purchase of Metal detectors	4.1	MTR	12 Nos.	1.44
10	Elephant & other animal care:	4.1			
	a. Purchase of Elephant gear.	4.1	MTR	18 Nos.	1.80
	b. Training of new elephant.	4.1	MTR	1 No.	0.50
	c. Vety. Vaccination & treatment Camp.	4.1	MTR	3 Nos.	0.90
	e. Construction of Elephant sheds (at Bansbari & Panbari Range)	4.1	MTR	2 Nos.	10.00
11	Research & Training:	4.7			
	a. Purchase of Camera Traps.	4.7	MTR	40 Nos.	4.80
	b. Population estimation & monitoring	4.7	MTR	....	1.0
	c. Study Tours for frontline staff on	4.7	MTR	2 Nos.	1.00

	Conservation & Eco-Tourism in other4.7				
	d. Purchase of books & other materials for Interpretation Center	4.7	MTR	....	0.50
12	Addressing Man-Animal Conflict:	4.4			
	a. Payment of Compensation for damage to crop and property.	4.4	MTR	.....	1.0
	b. Creation of crop protection structures, e.g. machan construction along South Boundary.	4.4	MTR	5 Nos.	2.50
13.	Eco-development Activities	4.5			
	a. Supply of Solar panel & lamp to community & cultural institutions	4.5	MTR	6 Nos.	1.50
	f. Lemon Cultivation: 1 Bigha land = 1 unit	4.5	MTR	15 units	7.50
	g. Apiculture 20 Boxes = 1 unit	4.5	MTR	10 units	1.50
	Total of Non Recurring				237.68
	RECURRING				
1	Repairing of mechanized/country boat	4.1	MTR		3.00
2	Legal Support for defending court cases(involving frontline staff)	4.16	MTR		1.0
3	Wages for Local labours/Surrendered poachers engaged in manning south boundary & maintenance of patrolling path.	4.1	MTR	.....	20.00
4	Payment of telephont bill, stationeries	4.2	MTR	.....	5.00
5	Repairing of anti-poaching camps	4.1	MTR	17 Nos.	8.50
6	Maintenance of patrolling path	4.2	MTR	200 Kms	10.00
7	Provision for uniform, Patrolling gear (mosquito net, back pack)	4.1	MTR	360	14.40
8	Improvement & renovation of staff quarters.	4.16	MTR	15 Nos.	7.50

9	Improvement of existing south boundary road from Bansbari to Digihari (Bhuyanpara).	do	MTR	14 kms	7.00
10	TA & POL for patrolling	4.1	MTR	.....	5.00
11	Awareness Camps.	4.5	MTR	14 kms	0.90
12	Payment of Special Incentives & Legal Aids to Frontline staff for good work.	4.15	MTR	....	0.50
13	Eradication of Invasive species like Leea spp, Mikaenia, Eupatorium & other gregarious spp like Simul & Oxy.	4.15	MTR	....	5.0
14	Improvement of water hole inside tiger reserve	4.15	MTR	....	3.00
15	Maintenance of fire-line/Clearance of patrolling path.	4.2	MTR	60 Kms	6.00
16	Upkeep of departmental elephants 30 elephants @ 5000/- per month for 12 months.	4.2	MTR	30 Nos.	18.00
	Wages for skilled daily labours (Boat & vehicle drivers), 4 months	4.1	MTR	20 Nos.	3.60
	Total of Recurring				118.4
	GRAND TOTAL				356.08

Rs. In Lakhs

Sl. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring	237.68	237.68
2.	Recurring	118.4	59.2
	Total	356.08	296.88

- (i) Total Sanction - Rs. 356.08 Lakhs
(ii) Central Assistance - Rs. 296.88 Lakhs
(iii) 1st Release - Rs. 237.504 Lakhs
(iv) Adjustment of previous balance of 2009-10 - Rs. Nil
(v) Net Release - Rs. 237.504 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.