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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 Corbett Tiger Reserve, Uttarakhand 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 **Corbett Tiger Reserve, Uttarakhand** at the cost of **Rs. 519.38 Lakhs (Rupees Five hundred Nineteen lakhs Thirty Eight thousand only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, **Rs. 323.11 lakhs** being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the government of India and the **Government of Uttarakhand**. 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. 237.85 Lakhs (Rupees Two hundred Thirty Seven lakhs and Eighty Five thousand only)** as the 1st installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to **Government of Uttarakhand** 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 **Corbett 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 Uttarakhand** 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 **Corbett 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 Uttarakhand** in respect of **Corbett 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) **Corbett 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 Uttarakhand** 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 Uttarakhand** to the Govt. of India.
- (xiv) **Government of Uttarakhand** in respect of **Corbett 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 **Corbett Tiger Reserve** strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between National Tiger Conservation Authority, Field Director (Corbett Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Uttarakhand**.
- (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 requested 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 Uttarakhand** 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 Uttarakhand** 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. 1446/AS&FA dated 31.08.2010.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Rajesh Gopal)
Addl. PCCF (PT) & Member Secretary (NTCA)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Uttarakhand, Dehradun. 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 Uttarakhand, Dehradun.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. Uttarakhand, Dehradun.
4. The Field Director, Corbett Tiger Reserve, Uttarakhand.
5. The Accountant General, Uttarakhand, Dehradun.
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. Dy. Director, Wildlife Preservation, Southern Region/Northern Region/Eastern Region/Western Region.
11. Guard file/Spare copies.

(Dr. Rajesh Gopal)
Addl. PCCF (PT) & Member Secretary (NTCA)

ANNEXURE

(Rs. in lakhs)

**ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION 2010-11
CORBETT TIGER RESERVE, UTTARAKHAND, RAMNAGAR (NAINITAL)**

Sl.No.	Item	Para No. Of CSS-PT Guidelines	Physical	Amount recommended by APCCF & MS (NTCA) for 2010-11
			Target	
A. NON-RECURRING				
1	Anti Poaching Activities			
1.1	Organizing vehicular patrolling by constituting (Tiger Protection Force, comprising of field staff, labourers and police/SAF/ex-army personnel, with wireless handset and paraphernalia for apprehending offenders, apart from prescribing a patrolling calendar for the squad.		LS	72.74
1.2	Ammunition		1000 no.	0.50
1.3	Procurement of field gear, night vision device		LS	5.00
1.4	Fornight long term joint patrols party (25x4=100@6500)		100 no.	6.50
1.5	Special patrolling (4x12=48@6500)		50 no.	3.25
2	Strengthening of infrastructure within Tiger Reserves	4.2		
2.1	Civil Works (staff quarters, family hostels, office improvement, patrolling camp, house keeping building, museum, culverts).			
2.2	Anti Poaching Camp		4 no.	20.00
2.3	Procurement of satellite imageries for management planning		LS	1.00
2.4	Construction of wooden watch towers		4 no.	8.00
3	Addressing man-animal conflict	4.4		
3.1	Payment of compensation for cattle lifting, death of human beings and crop depredation due to wild animals		LS	6.00
3.2	Creation of crop protection structures.			
3.3	Solar Fencing		200 mt.	3.50
3.4	Procurement/deployment of traps, cages to catch problematic animals.		LS	2.50
3.5	Strengthening the EDCs		25	12.50
4	Co-existence agenda in buffer/ fringe areas	4.5		
4.1	Providing ecologically viable livelihood options to local stakeholders for reducing their dependency on forests.		25	12.50
5	Staff development and capacity building	4.8		
5.1	Capacity building/training		LS	1.00
5.2	Providing project allowance and special incentives.		-	-

5.3	Specialized training in the use of GIS, Anti poaching operations.		10 no.	0.50
5.4	Specialized training in jurisprudence and wildlife forensics.		2 no.	0.50
5.5	Study tours for appraisal of good practices in other reserves.		2 no.	1.00
5.6	Readressing man-animals conflict		LS	2.00
5.7	Capturing problematic/aberrant wild animals		LS	2.00
5.8	Monitoring of wild animals		11 no.	1.00
5.9	Anti poaching operations			
5.10	Interstate patrolling		12 no.	0.78
6	Provision of Project Allowance to staff (all categories) of Project Tiger	4.15	LS	25.50
7	Staff welfare activities	4.16		
7.1	Other welfare activities			5.00
7.2	Drinking water facility		300 no.	2.00
8	Publicity and extension		LS	1.00
	Total Non-recurring			196.27
<u>B. RECURRING</u>				
1	Anti Poaching activities	4.1		
1.1	Deployment of antipoaching squads(Operation land)		200 no.	84.24
1.2	Establishment and maintenance of existing patrolling camps/chowkis and deployment of camp laborers for patrolling		50 no.	20.00
1.3	Establishing and maintenance of wireless network		LS	5.00
1.4	Organising surprise raids jointly with the local police in railway stations, local trains, bus-stops, buses, catchers and cafeterias.		24 no.	1.20
1.5	Ensuring special site-specific protection measures, during monsoon as 'Operation Monsoon'-considering the terrain and accessibility of Protected Areas.		LS	7.00
1.6	Deployment of local work force for patrolling, surveillance of water holes, manning barriers.		55 no.	23.17
1.7	Procurement/maintenance of elephant squads.		7 no.	14.00
1.8	Rewards to informers		LS	3.00
1.9	Legal support for defending court cases.		LS	1.00
2	Strengthening of infrastructure within Tiger Reserves	4.2		
2.1	Maintenance/creation/upgradation of road network.		LS	40.00
2.2	Maintenance/creation of wireless tower		-	1.00
2.3	Maintenance/creation of fire watch tower		4 no.	4.00
2.4	Maintenance/creation of fire lines/firebreaks		LS	20.00
2.5	Maintenance/creation of earthen ponds		5 no.	10.00
2.6	Maintenance of vehicles (Gypsy, Jeep, Truck, tractor)		LS	30.00
2.7	Habitat improvement works		200 ha	7.00
2.8	Maintenance of Arms		LS	1.00
2.9	Maintenance of museums		3	3.00

2.10	Maintenance of staff Qrs.		20	10.00
3	Habitat Improvement and water development	4.3		
3.1	Weed eradication, removal of gregarious plant growth from grasslands, grass improvement, water retention structures and the like.		100 ha	8.00
3.2	Annual maintenance of water holes		LS	7.00
3.3	Maintenance of existing plantation		50 ha.	2.50
3.4	Maintenance of Nursery		4 no.	3.00
4	Office Expenditure		LS	15.00
5	Publicity and extension		LS	2.00
6	Wildlife Week		LS	1.00
	Total Recurring			323.11
Grand Total (Non-Recurring + Recurring)				519.38

Rs. In Lakhs

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non-Recurring	196.27	196.270
2.	Recurring	323.11	161.555
	TOTAL	519.38	357.825

- (i) Total Sanction - Rs. 519.38 Lakhs
- (ii) Central Assistance - Rs. 357.825 Lakhs
- (iii) Ist Release - Rs. 286.26 Lakhs
- (iv) Adjustment of un-utilized amount of previous financial year 2009-10 - Rs. 48.41 Lakhs
- (v) Net Release (Rs. 286.26 -Rs.48.41 Lakhs) - Rs. 237.85 Lakhs

*** Eco-development 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**