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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 Kaziranga Tiger Reserve, Assam during 2010-11. Enhancement Scheme.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the enhancement of the Scheme from **₹ 538.356 Lakh** (Rupees Five Hundred Thirty Eight Lakhs and Thirty Five Thousand Six Hundred only) to **₹ 1441.106 Lakhs** (Rupees One Thousand Four Hundred Forty One Lakhs Ten Thousand Six hundred only) in Kaziranga Tiger Reserve, Assam during the year 2010-11. The enhancement of amount of **₹ 902.75 Lakhs (Rupees Ninety Hundred Two Lakhs and Seventy Five Thousand only)** as per details given in the **annexure**. The recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the government of India and the **Government of Assam** and 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 **₹ 722.10 Lakhs (Rupees Seven Hundred Twenty Two Lakhs and Ten Thousand only)** as the 2nd installment of enhancement amount 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 **Kaziranga 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 **Kaziranga 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 **Kaziranga 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) **Kaziranga 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 **Kaziranga 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 **Kaziranga Tiger Reserve** strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between National Tiger Conservation Authority, Field Director (**Kaziranga 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. 2613/AS & FA dated 29/30.12.2010

Yours faithfully,

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

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Assam, Guwahati. 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 Assam, Guwahati.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Assam, Guwahati.
4. The Field Director, Kaziranga Tiger Reserve, Assam.
5. The Accountant General, Assam, Guwahati.
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)

ANNEXURE

(Rs. in lakhs)

ENHANCEMENT APO OF 2010-11 FOR KAZIRANGA TIGER RESERVE					
					(Rs. in lakhs)
Sl. No.	Item	Para No. of CSSPT Guideline	Location	Physical	Amount
1	2	3	4	5	6
NON RECURRING					
I	Anti- Poaching				
1	Establishment /Re-construction of Anti-poaching camp	4.1		15	123.00
2	Base camp for supervision with office facility, store room sanitary bath, running water, solar lighting etc. to accommodate inspecting officers	4.1	Inside PA in Strategic locations	5	60.00
II.	Strengthening of Infrastructure				
1	Procurement of LED light	4.2		600	9.00
2	LED Street Light	4.2	Head Quarter -10, Ranges BR-5, WR-8, KR-10, ER-7, NR-10	50	3.00
3	Procurement of arms 315 rifle	4.2	PA RF	50	21.00
4	New Construction of wooden bridge	4.2	KR-5, Span-172 mtr, WR-1, Span-42, ER-2, Span-56 mtr. Total = 270 mtr	8	81.00
5	WLRO residence – individual bungalow	4.2	Fringe Area	1	12.00
6	DFO, EAWL Divns Residence	4.2	Fringe Area	1	20.00
7	Field Director , Residence	4.2	Fringe Area	1	30.00
8	Range officers quarter	4.2	BR,WR, KR	3	36.00
9	Construction of office complex in newly created Northern Range	4.2	Biswanath Chariali	7	76.00
10	Office Building improvement , DFO, ACF, Ranger	4.2	Div. H.Q	5	10.00
11	Procurement and installation of Mark IV deep tube well with overhead reservoir and filtration	4.2	To be installed in 100 nos of anti-poaching camps	100	60.00
12	Construction of elephant bath facility for depttl elephant	4.2	Mihimukh under KR	1	15.00
13	Electric connection with transformer to elephant bath facility	4.2	Mihimukh under KR	.05 km	5.00

III.	Habitat Improvement				
1	Grassland enclosure	4.3	WR-Bahubeels area	4 Ha	6.00
2	Construction of spurs	4.3	At Arimora, KR	4	280.00
IV.	Ecodevelopment and public awareness: co-existence				
1	Fishery –pond with raised boundary and fence (EPA)	4.5	Fringe Area	10	20.00
2	Power fence-standard (EPA)	4.5	Fringe Area	10 KM	25.00
	TOTAL OF Non-Recurring				892.00
	(Nagaon Wildlife Division)				
I	Anti-Poaching				
	Expansion of barrack capacity	4.1	HQ/LWLS	1	7.00
II.	Strengthening Infrastructure				
1	Culverts	4.2	LWLS/BWLS	2	2.00
III	Man-animal conflict				
1	Crop protection structure	4.4	LWLS	LS	1.00
IV.	Research				
1	Procurement of field camera for wildlife monitoring	4.7	HQ	1+1	0.75
	TOTAL OF Non-Recurring Nagaong Wildlife Division				10.75
	GRAND TOTAL				902.75

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring	892.00	892.00
2.	Non-Recurring (Nagaon Wildlife Division)	10.75	10.75
	Total	902.75	902.75

Total Sanction	-	Rs. 902.75 Lakhs
Central Assistance	-	Rs. 902.75 Lakhs
1 st Release	-	Rs. 722.20 Lakhs
Net Release	-	Rs. 722.10 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