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

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Dated the 14th 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 Melghat Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra 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 Melghat Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra at the cost of **Rs. 320.710 Lakhs (Rupees Three Hundred Twenty Lakhs and Seventy One Thousand only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 201.85 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **government of India** and the **Government of Maharashtra**. 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. 144.425 Lakhs (Rupees One Hundred Forty Four Lakhs and Forty Two Thousand Five Hundred only)** as the 1st installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to **Government of Maharashtra** 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 Melghat 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 Maharashtra 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 Melghat 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 Maharashtra in respect of Melghat 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) Melghat 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 Maharashtra 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 Maharashtra to the Govt. of India.
- (xiv) Government of Maharashtra in respect of Melghat 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 Melghat Tiger Reserve strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between National Tiger Conservation Authority , Field Director (Melghat Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Maharashtra**.
- (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 Maharashtra 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 Maharashtra** 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. 1546/AS&FA dated 09.09.2010

Yours faithfully,

(S.P. Yadav)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Maharashtra, Nagpur. 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 Maharashtra, Nagpur.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
4. The Field Director, Melghat Tiger Reserve, Amravati, Maharashtra..
5. The Accountant General, Maharashtra, Nagpur.
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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ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION (2010-11)

**ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION Year 2010-2011 FOR MELGHAT TIGER RESERVE
2406-02-110-(01) CSS/Plan 50:50 Recurring**

Sl.No.	Item	Para No. of CSS-PT Guidelines	Rs. In Lakhs		
			Location	Physical Target	Amount recommended by APCCF & MS (NTCA) for 2010-11
NON RECURRING					
1	Anti poaching				
I	A) Wages for 4 squads with vehicle x 4 labours x 320 days @ 100/-	15.2	Sipna -2, Gugamal-1, Akot-1	16 Labours	5.12
II	a) Wages for the Labour 15 labourX4 ForceX320days (avg)XRs 100/-	15.4.2	Sipna, Gugamal &Akot Dn.	60 Labours	19.20
	b) Patrolling gear for Ex army protection force Rs 50000 per Squad	15.4.2		4 Protection Force	2.00
	c) Salary of superwisers 4X10000X12	15.4.2	Sipna, Gugamal &Akot Dn.	4 Superwiser	4.80
	d) Salary of ex military men 36X7000X12	15.4.2	Sipna, Gugamal &Akot Dn.	36 Ex Military	30.24
III	Legal support & diet charges for offenders and witnesses, transportation etc.		Sipna, Gugamal &Akot Dn.	Approximatery	0.50
2	Strengthening of infrastructure, roads				
I	Construction of Protection Camps	15.4.2.	Sipna, Gugamal &Akot Dn. (1 in each division)	2 Protection Camps	8.00
II	Construction of Forest Guard Quarters		Sipna-1, Akot -1	2 quarters	10.00
III	Strengthening of Protection Huts 30 Protection Hut @ 0.25	15.4.2 iii	Akot 10, Sipna 10, Gugamal 10	30 Protection Huts	5.00
IV	Procurement of office automocation, hardware, software, GIS facility etc	18.12	Sipna, Gugaml & Akot Dn.	3 PC with accessory	1.00
3	Habitat Improvement & water development				
III	Grassland enrichment with introduction of legumes, eradication of weedi from meadows		Gugamal ipna Akot	3 Meadows 50000/- each	1.50
4	Research providing equipment, GPS, Camera traps, computer software & estimation of tigers & other animals				
I	Purchase of equipment Camera traps, Binoculars, Camera	16.3.2	Directorate , Gugamal, Sipna, Akot WL Dn	Camera trap , Binoculars	5.00
5	Staff Development & capacity building				

	c) Medicines, equipment ,etc.4X Rs 7500	18.7.8	Sipna, Gugamal & Akot Dn.	4 Elephant	0.300
2	Maintenance of infrastructure,				
I	Maintenance of buildings including RRT	20.18.1			
	a) Office		Directorate, Sipna, Gugamal , & Akot Dn.with Range Office	18 Offices	3.000
	b) Residential		Directorate, Sipna, Gugamal , & Akot Dn.	200 Residential Quarters	7.000
II	Office expences, photocopies, stationary, maintenance of computers, accessories, purchase of CDs, books and Misc exp		Directorate, Sipna, Gugamal & Akot	Approximatery	5.000
III	Maintenance of vehicles	16.4	Directorate, Sipna, Gugamal & Akot	58 vehicles	8.000
IV	Fire protection (cutting & burning of firelines, fire protection camps, vehicle on hire with fuel, fire protection equipments)	16.13	Sipna, Gugamal & Akot Dn.	burning of fire line	5.500
3	Habitat Improvement & water shed development				
I	Provision of saltlicks desilting of nallab and repairing of nalla bands		Sipna Dn-2, Akot Dn.-1	90 water holes	1.00
4	Anti Poaching				
I	Provision of vehicle fuel, oil and repairs and hiring of vehicles for patrolling remote areas	16.4	Directorate, Gugamal, Sipna, Akot WL Dn	Approximatery	16.00
II	Weapons for the patrolling squads and their ammuniton and maintenance & Custody	15.4.2	Sipna, Gugamal & Akot Dn.	12 Weapons with ammuniton	2.50
5	Fostering ecotourism				
II	Publication & publicity material	20.17.13	Directorate, Sipna, Gugamal, Akot	Approximatery	1.00
C	Eco Development -Co existence agenda in buffer/fringe areas 2010-2011				
I	Veterinary care for cattle vaccination & Health care camps etc	17.23	0	3 camps with cost of vaccines	1.00
II	Development and up gradation of water sources	17.23	Sipna (Hatru, Chourak und)	Desilting deepewing of water holes	2.00
	TOTAL RECURRING				201.85

Rs. in Lakhs

S. NO.	ITEMS	SANCTION	CENTRAL ASSISTANCE
1.	Non-Recurring	118.86	118.860
2.	Recurring	201.85	100.925
	TOTAL	320.71	219.785

(i)	Total Sanction	-	Rs. 320.710 Lakhs
(ii)	Central Assistance	-	Rs. 219.785 Lakhs
(iii)	1st Release	-	Rs. 176.000 Lakhs
(iv)	Adjustment of unspent Amount of 2009-10 As per Utilization Certificate	-	Rs. 31.575 Lakhs
(v)	Net Release	-	Rs. 144.425 Lakhs
	(Rs. 176.000 - Rs. 31.575Lakhs)		

* 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