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National Tiger Conservation Authority

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Dated the 23rd 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 Sunderban Tiger Reserve, West Bengal 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 **Sunderban Tiger Reserve, West Bengal** at the cost of **Rs. 514.85 lakhs (Rupees Five Hundred Fourteen Lakhs and Eighty Five Thousand only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 123.50 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of West Bengal**. 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. 360.61 Lakhs (Rupees Three Hundred Sixty Lakhs and Sixty One Thousand only)** as the 1st installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to **Government of West Bengal** 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 **Sunderban 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 West Bengal** 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 **Sunderban 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 West Bengal** in respect of **Sunderban 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) **Sunderban 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 West Bengal** 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 West Bengal** to the Govt. of India.
- (xiv) **Government of West Bengal** in respect of **Sunderban 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 **Sunderban Tiger Reserve** strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between National Tiger Conservation Authority, the Field Director (Sunderban Tiger Reserve) and **Government of West Bengal**.
- (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 West Bengal** 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 West Bengal** 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. 1617/AS & FA dated 15.09.2010

Yours faithfully,

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

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of West Bengal, Kolkata. 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 West Bengal, Kolkata.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of West Bengal, Kolkata.
4. The Field Director, Sunderban Tiger Reserve, Kolkata, West Bengal.
5. The Accountant General, West Bengal, Kolkata.
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)

ANNEXURE

APO 2010-11 FOR SUNDERBANS TIGER RESERVE					
2406-02-110 (01) CSS/Plan 50:50 (RECURRING)					
					(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
A	NON RECURRING				
I.	Antipoaching				
1.	Establishing fair weather coastal patrolling camps i) Establishment of camps from September to February	4.1	i) Garankathi in NPE range ii) Hawati & iii) Arabhanga in NP (WL) range	3.00	6.00
2.	Establishment of floating check posts	4.1	SWLS, BHT, NPE & NPW ranges	4	16.00
3.	Secret fund for intelligence gathering	4.1	STR	LS	2.00
II.	Strengthening infrastructure within tiger reserves				
1.	Establishment of protection camp at Chotohardi, Harikhali	4.2	Kendo PC camp (NPW)	1	25.00
2.	Construction/renovation of watch tower at Haldibari & Dobanki, Jhilla	4.2	NPW, BHT ranges	3	16.50
3.	Pucca Jetty construction	4.2	SWLS, BHT ranges	2	10.00
4.	Compound fencing erection and maintenance	4.2	NPE, SWLS, BHT ranges	15	15.00
5.	Purchase of launch for patrolling purpose	4.2	STR	1	150.00
6.	Compound development at Harikhali & Chotohardi	4.2	NPW & BHT ranges	2	15.00
7.	Development of post mortem unit at	4.2	SWLS	1	2.00

	SWLS				
III.	Habitat improvement and water development				
1.	Excavation / improvement of sweet water pond and observation lines near camps	4.3	SWLS, BHT range, NPE, NPW	4	3.00
IV.	Man-animal conflict mitigation measures				
1.	Nylon net fencing on village forest interface	4.4	NPW, SWLS, BHT ranges	10	17.6
2.	Payment of compensation for tiger / crocodile victim etc.	4.4	STR	LS	5.00
3.	Awareness among fringe villages	4.4	FPC, EDC area of STR	LS	3.00
4.	Tranquilising drugs/ training	4.4	SWLS range	LS	2.00
5.	Procuring deep freeze of tiger body size alongwith generator and other accessories including carriage and installation charge	4.4	SWLS range	1	5.00
V.	Research and Monitoring				
1.	Behavioural studies of tigers through GPS-based radio collaring	4.7	STR	LS	10.00
2.	Prey base study in Sunderbans	4.7	STR	LS	2.00
3.	Purchase of cameras, computers etc.	4.7	STR	LS	2.00
4.	All India Tiger Estimation (2009-10)	4.7	STR	LS	15.00
VI.	Nature education, publicity and extension				
1.	Organising awareness camps: (i) for school children/ fringe population	4.5	FPC, EDC areas of STR	10	1.50

2.	Publicity and extension	4.5	FPC & EDC areas of STR	LS	1.00
VII.	Staff welfare	4.16	STR	LS	1.00
VIII.	Project allowance	4.15	STR	LS	15.00
IX	Soil conservation works	4.1	Haldibari (NPW), Baghmara (NPE), Harikhali Camp (BHT), Lahiripur Camps (SWLS) for the antipoaching camps of STR	LS	3.00
X	Ecodevelopment				
1.	Sinking tubewell	4.5	SWLS range, NPW range BHT range	3	6.00
2.	Construction of 1.8 mtr. Wide brick path as approach path in fringe village (double brick soling)	4.5	SWLS range	2	20.00
3.	Construction of Jetty	4.5	SWLS range, BHT range, NPW range	2	8.00
4.	Medical camp	4.5	1.25 FPC/EDC of STR	10	2.50
5.	Veterinary care	4.5	1.00 FPC/EDC of STR	5	1.25
XI.	Mainstreaming livelihood and WL concerns				
1.	Supply of inputs to trained FPC/EDC members to set up income generating activities	4.5	FPC/EDC of STR	SL	5.00
XII.	Capacity Building				
1.	Training of staff and FPC members for tiger straying, awareness building and sensitization	4.8	FPC/EDC of STR	4	1.00
2.	Study tour for staff and EDC/FPC members	4.8	FPC/EDC of STR	1	1.50
3.	Group meeting of staff and FPC/EDC members	4.8	FPC/EDC of STR	10	1.50
4.	Conducting refreshner courses of ecotourism guides including supply of guide kits	4.17	FPC/EDC of STR	2	1.00
	TOTAL (NR)				391.35

B.	RECURRING				
I	Antipoaching				
1	ii) EDC/FPC member involvement to provide minimum strength to these camps: (3 nos. x 6 camps x 6 monthly 3240 mandays @ Rs. 100/-)	4.1	NP(W) range & NPE range	LS	3.50
	iii) Cost of hiring of one support boat for patrolling around each camp including these camps including fuel: (Rs. 1000/- per day x 3 camps with 1 support boat)	4.1	i) Gabboni in BHT range ii) Hawati iii) Arabhanga in NP (W) range	LS	5.00
2.	Hiring of two additional launches for patrolling including fuel	4.1	STR	2	10.00
II.	Transportation of water for staff	4.16	All over STR	LS	5.00
III.	Maintenance				
a.	Propulagation cost of Deptl. Launches and boats mechanised deptl. Boats, vehicles as well as hiring of watercrafts and vehicles	4.1	For the Deptt. Craft of STR all over	LS	40.00
b.	Petty repairs to buildings	4.1	Kendo camp, Haldibari under NPW, Dobanki & Lahiripur under SWL, Chamta under NPE, Burirdabri under BHT	LS	12.00
c.	Repairs to compound fencing	4.1	Haldibari (NPW), Jhingakhali, Jhilla, Bagna (BHT), Chamta (NPE)	LS	10.00
d.	Repairs to Jetty	4.1	NPE, BHT & SWLS ranges	LS	10.00
e.	Petty repairs to accommodation boats	4.1	SWLS, NPE & BHT ranges	LS	6.00

IV.	Repairs to R.T sets including supply of new batteries	4.1	Antipoaching camps of STR	LS	2.00
V.	Repairs of solar lights including supply of new panels to replace old panels	4.1	Distant antipoaching camps of SWLS, NPE & NPW range	LS	3.00
VI.	Overhauling engine of motor launches	4.1	All the Deptt. Crafts of STR	LS	3.00
VII.	Maintenance of 5 speed boats, 15 mech. Boats, 6 Launches	4.1	All over STR	LS	3.00
VIII.	Man-tiger conflict mitigation measures				
1.	Maintenance of nylon net fencing	4.4	NPW, SWLS, BHT	48	7.00
2.	Repair of cage traps	4.4	SWLS & BHT ranges	LS	4.00
	TOTAL (R)				123.500
	GRAND TOTAL (NR+R)				514.85

S. no.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring	391.35	391.35
2.	Recurring	123.50	61.75
	TOTAL	514.85	453.10

(i)	Total Sanction	-	Rs. 514.85 Lakhs
(ii)	Central Assistance	-	Rs. 453.10 Lakhs
(iii)	Ist Release	-	Rs. 362.48 Lakhs
(iv)	Adjustment of unutilized amount of Previous financial year 2009-10	-	Rs. 1.87 Lakhs
(v)	Net Release (Rs. 362.48-1.87) Lakhs	-	Rs 360.61 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