

**No. 4-1(17)/2010-PT**  
Government of India  
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 Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar 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 **Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar** at the cost of **Rs. 214.454 Lakhs (Rupees Two Hundred Fourteen Lakhs Forty Five thousand and Four hundred only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, **153.196 lakhs** being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the government of India and the **Government of Bihar**. 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. **158.3552 Lakhs (Rupees One Hundred Fifty Eight Lakhs Thirty Five thousand Five hundred Twenty only)** as the 1<sup>st</sup> installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to **Government of Bihar** 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 **Valmiki 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 Bihar** 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 **Valmiki 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 Bihar** in respect of **Valmiki 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) **Valmiki 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 Bihar** 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 Bihar** to the Govt. of India.
- (xiv) **Government of Bihar** in respect of **Valmiki 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 **Valmiki Tiger Reserve** strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between National Tiger Conservation Authority, Field Director (Valmiki Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Bihar**.
- (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 Bihar** 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 Bihar** 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. 1437/AS&FA dated 30.08.2010.

Yours faithfully,

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

Copy to:-

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

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

**ANNEXURE**

<b>APO 2010-11 FOR VALMIKI TIGER RESERVE</b>					
<b>2406-02-110 (01) CSS/Plan 50:50 (RECURRING)</b>					
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
	<b>NON RECURRING</b>				
A	Anti –Poaching activities	4.1			
a	Engagement of one Jeeps on hire basis for vehicular patrolling by constituting squads comprising of field staff, labourers and VTPF/Homeguards/SAF/ Ex-army personnel 1 Jeep x 750 per day x 30 days x 8 months = 180000, Fule charges 1 Jeep x 1200 Rsx8 month =96800 Total 2.768 in each division	4.1	Div-I	1 Jeep Div-I	5.536
			Div -II	1 Jeep Div-I	
B	<b>Establishing wireless network</b>	4.1 & 4.2			
(i)	Construction of new wireless stations Four units with accessories @ 4000	4.1 & 4.2	Srisiya, Thon and Manpur	3	2.40
			Bheriahan, Valmiki Nagar, Gard	3	
(ii)	Purchase of new handsets/wireless sets to vehicle 5 sets with accessories @ 20000	4.1 & 4.2	Div-I	1	1.00
			Div-II	4	
C	<b>Deployment of ex-army personnel/home guards</b>	4.1			
(i)	Ex-army personnel 14 nos x 9000 Rs x 12 months =5.2 lakhs/Div (ii) Ex-army personnel 20 nos x 9000 Rs x 12 months=21.60 lakh/divII	4.1	Div-I	14 person	36.72
			Div-II	20 person	
(ii)	Committed liabilities of the financial year 2009-10 for the deployment of 14 Ex-army men for 4 months @ 6000 Rs per month 14 x 6000 Rs x 4 months	4.1	Div-I	5 person	3.66
			Div-II	14 person	
D	<b>Procurements of field gear, night vision devices</b>	4.1			
(i)	Procurement of Field	4.1	Div-I	14	

	outfits Ex-military man and Valmiki Tiger Protection Force @ 5000 Rs.		Div-II	20	1.70
(ii)	Purchase of night binoculars @ Rs. 1 lakh per unit	4.1	Div-I	1	2.00
			Div-II	1	
(iii)	Purchase of search lights with accessories @ 10000/-	4.1	Div-I	5	1.0
			Div-II	5	
	<b>Opening of Infrastructure within Tiger Reserve</b>	4.2			
(iv)	Construction of new check naka with barrier and toilet room	4.2	Jatashankar, Manadewa, Chiwtana	2	10
<b>E</b>	<b>Procurement of Vehicles</b>	4.2			
(i)	Laptop with accessories @ 60000/-	4.2	Div-I	1 Unit	
			Div-II	1 Unit	1.20
(ii)	Computer with accessories @ 60000/-	4.2	Div-I	1	
			Div-II	2	1.80
(iii)	Big sign board @ 50000/-	4.2	Div-I	1	
			Div-II	1	1.0
(iv)	Small sign board @ 10000/-	4.2	Div-I	10	
			Div-II	10	2.0
(v)	Brochures & handbills	4.2	Div-I	Awareness creation	1.00
			Div-II		
	<b>Addressing man-animal conflict</b>	4.4 and 4.10			
(i)	Payment of compensation for loss of human lives and injuries	4.4 and 4.10	Div-I	Compensation	
			Div-II	Compensation	5.00
(ii)	Payment of compensation for loss and injuries of livestock in fringe villages	4.4 and 4.10	Div-I	Compensation	
			Div-II	Compensation	2.00
(iii)	Relief /payment of compensation for crop damages in the fringe villages	4.4 and 4.10	Div-I	Compensation	2.00
			Div-II	Compensation	
(iv)	Procurement of traps/cages to catch problematic animals with nylon nets and accessories @ 1 lakh	4.4 and 4.10	Div-I	1	2.00
			Div-II	1	
(v)	Procurement of Pharmaceuticals and other materials for tranquilizing problematic animals	4.4 and 4.10	Div-I	0.50	
			Div-II	0.50	1.00
(vi)	Procurement of immobilisation pipe with accessories @ 40000/-	4.4 and 4.10	Div-I	0.20	
			Div-II	0.20	0.8
(vii)	Installation of deep freezer with power backup and other related accessories @ 1.5 lakh	4.4	Div-I	1	3.00
			Div-II	1	

	<b>Co-existence agenda in buffer /fringe areas:</b>	4.5			
(i)	Co-existence plan formulation incorporating micro plans for EDCs villages under ECO-Development process	4.5	Div-I	10	2.00
			Div-II	10	
(ii)	Supplying good quality fruit grafts to the local villagers living adjacent to the Tiger Reserve area one unit @ 55000/- Rs.	4.5	Div-I	5	
			Div-II	10	8.25
(iii)	Supplying locally made improved chulahs to the local villagers living adjacent to the tiger reserve area one unit @ 1000/-Rs.	4.5	Div-I	200	2.00
			Div-II	200	
	<b>Research and Field Equipment</b>	4.7			
(i)	GPS with accessories – 1 unit @ 15000/- Rs	4.7	Div-I	10	
			Div-II	10	3.00
(ii)	Camera traps with accessories 1 unit @ 10000/- Rs	4.7	Div-I	10	
			Div-II	15	2.50
	<b>Staff development and capacity building</b>	4.8			
(i)	Capacity building training/workshop and seminars: workshops for frontline staff, local communities/EDCs and SSB personnel and police personnel. 1 seminar @ 30000/-	4.8	Div-I	2	1.20
			Div-II	2	
(ii)	Study tours for appraisal of good practices in other reserves for staff/EDCs members 1 person @ 5000/-	4.8	Div-I	25 persons	2.5
			Div-II	25 persons	
	<b>Safeguards/Retrofitting in the interest of wildlife conservation</b>	4.11			
(i)	Land protection against encroachments construction of permanent RCC Boundary Posts one unit 2500/- Rs	4.11	Div-I	200	11.25
			Div-II	250	
(ii)	Fencing of old places & other problematic locations to contain and prevent spread of public usage of tiger reserve area	4.11	Div-I	0	5.00
			Div-II	2 places	
	<b>Revision of project allowance to staff:</b>	4.15			
(i)	Providing project allowance to staff of all categories including ministerial staff	4.15	Div-I	All Staff	7.24
			Div-II	All staff	
			F.D	All staff	
	<b>Staff welfare activities:</b>	4.16			
(i)	Solar lanterns with	4.16	Div-I	10	

	accessories 1 unit @ 600/- Rs		Div-II	15	1.50
(ii)	Providing Field kit to the frontline staff @ 2000/- Rs	4.16	Div-I	100	
			Div-II	130	4.60
	<b>Total of Non Recurring</b>				<b>137.856</b>
	<b>RECURRING</b>				
	<b>Anti poaching activities</b>				
1	Maintenance of existing patrolling camps/chowkis/check nakas/barriers	4.1			
(i)	Anti poaching camp 1 unit @ 15000/- Rs	4.1	Div-I	2	
			Div-II	2	0.60
(ii)	Check nakas/Barrier –one unit @ 1000/- Rs	4.1	Div-I	12	
			Div-II	17	2.90
2	Deployment of camp labourers/local work force for patrolling: Mazdoors per Range for 10 days per month for supporting the regular patrolling staff, camp arrangement, animal rescue, maintenance of permanent Anti-poaching camp, other need based other wildlife conservation related activities etc. for 12 months 4 mazdoors x 3 Ranges x 15 days x 12 months x 114 Rs = 246240/- Div-1 and 4 Mazdoors 5 Ranges x 15 days x 114 Rs= 410400/-	4.1	Div-1 -3 ranges	4 Mazdoors per Range	
			Divi-II – 5 range	4 Mazdoors per Range	6.566
3	Maintenance of elephant squads	4.1			
(i)	Feed for elephant –one elephant @ 7000 Rs PM	4.1	Div-I	Materials	
			Div-II	Materials	1.68
(ii)	Medical check up for elephant	4.1	Div-I	One elephant	
			Div-II	One elephant	0.20
(iii)	Maintenance of elephant shed including Mahawat shed and other materials	4.1	Div-I	Elephant shed and other	
			Div-II	Elephant shed and other	1.40
(iv)	Wages for Mahawat and one assistant @ 9000/- PM 9000 Rs. x 12 months = 108000/- RS	4.1	Div-I	2 persons	
			Div-II	2 persons	2.16
4	<b>Maintenance of wireless network</b>	4.1 & 4.2			
(i)	Engagement of wireless	4.1 & 4.2	Div-I	5 stations	

	operators fixed stations @ 5000/- 6 wireless operators x 5000 Rs x 12 months = 36 lakhs		Div-II	6 stations	6.60
(ii)	Maintenance of wireless communication network	4.1 & 4.2	Div-I	5 stations	
			Div-II	6 stations	1.25
(i)	Engagement of wildlife trackers for 12 months @ 4000 P.M. 1 tracker x 12 month x 400= 48000/-	4.1	Div-I	40 Trackers	
			Div-II	50 Trackers	43.20
(ii)	Committed liabilities of previous year of 10 wildlife trackers @ 2600 for one month = 26000/- Rs.	4.1	Div-I	0	
			Div-II	10	0.26
5	<b>Strengthening of infrastructure within the Tiger Reserve</b>	<b>4.2</b>			
1	Maintenance of the watch tower @ 5000/- Rs	4.2	Div-I	0	
			Div-II-Jatashankar	1	0.50
6	Maintenance of fire line /firebreaks	4.2			
(i)	Preventive measure-Fire liens cutting-cleaning and control burning: Div-13 m wide- 106 km x 10 md x 114= 120840/- 9 m wide- 132 km x 30 md x 114 = 451440/- Div-II – 3 m wide x 155 x 10 md x 114 = 176700/- 9 m wide – 150 km x 30 x 114 = 513000/-	4.2	Div-I	238 km	
			Div-II	305 km	12.62
(ii)	Control , intelligence , containment & supervision of fire by fire watchers & fire fighting squads: one watchers for 135 days of fire season are to be deployed on contract basis @ 14000/-	4.2	Div-I	40 Fire watchers	
			Div-II	50 Fire watchers	12.60
(iii)	Fired fighting materials including food ant other materials	4.2	Div-I	Materials	
			Div-II	Materials	0.85
7	Maintenance of Vehicles	4.2	Div-I	Maintenance of vehicle	
	(i) 4- Wheel vehicles & Mobikes (Jeep -3 , Gypsy-2, Tractor – 6 , Tata 407 - 2 & Motor bike -10) and One boat and Field Director vehicle		Div-II	Maintenance of vehicle	5.30
				Maintenance of vehicle	
	(ii) Maintenance of signages/ Signboards in petipherial, buffer & core boundary area. One sign board @ 1200/- Rs	4.2	Div-I	40	
			Div-II	50	1.08
8	Maintenance of VTR website	4.2		Website	0.20

	Engagement of Data Operator  (i) One Operator @ 8000 P.M.  (ii) One Operator @ 8000 P.M.  (iii) One Operator @ 5000 P.M.  (iv) One Operator @ 8000 P.M.	4.2	Div-1  Div- 2  F.D.	1  2  1	3.48
9	Operation & maintenance of power backup	4.2	Div-1  Div- 2  F.D.	Power back up  Power back up  Power back up	2.30
	Habitat improvement and water development	4.3			
10	Treatment of areas infested with dwarf phoenix as a resultant of xerophytic conditions of the habitat Control of the spread of dwarf Phoenix and other xerophytoc species. Costing: @ 85 mandays /ha and material i.e. @ Rs. 10000/- per hectare (Rs. 114/- per mand/day)	4.3	Div-1  Div-II	100 H  100 H	20.00
11	Treatment of areas infested with Micania, Eupatorium and other weed species. Costing @ 75 mandays/ha and materials i.e. Rs. 9000/- per hectare (Rs. 114/- per m/day)	4.3	Div-1  Div-II	10 ha  100 ha	9.90
12	Development of grassland by manipulation of vegetation in grassy patches subjected to close woodland growth; close woodland growth; Costing @ 60-65 mandays/ha and materials i.e Rs. 8000/- per ha (Rs. 114/per man/day). Operations: Area delineation, control burning of ground vegetation , removal of tree regeneration and pole crops, removal of weeds and invasive species.	4.3	Div-1  Div-II	50 ha  50 ha	8.00

13	Waterholes –monitoring, maintenance, renovation/creation water hole-New waterhole/maintenance of old water hole.	4.3			
	(i) Maintenance of old waterholes @ Rs. 6000/-	4.3	Div-I	13	1.98
			Div-II	20	
14	Transect line clearance & maintenance @ 5000/- per transect line	4.3,4.7 & 4.10	Div-I	28 transect line	3.25
			Div-II	37 transect lines	
15	Special patrolling during monsoon period / festivals/ New Year/Other special occasions. 2 jeep 4 month 20 day per month, hire charge per day 750/- and fuel per day 15 ltr. Total 1.20 lakh + 0.96 = 2.16 in each division	4.1	Div-I	Monsoon & others	4.32
			Div-II	Monsoon & others	
	<b>Total of Recurring</b>				<b>153.196</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>291.052</b>

Rs. In Lakhs

Sl. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring	137.856	137.856
2.	Recurring	153.196	76.598
	<b>Total</b>	<b>291.052</b>	<b>214.454</b>

- (i) Total Sanction - Rs. 291.052 Lakhs
- (ii) Central Assistance - Rs. 214.454 Lakhs
- (iii) 1<sup>st</sup> Release - Rs. 171.5632 Lakhs
- (iv) Adjustment of previous balance of 2009-10 - Rs. 13.208 Lakhs
- (v) Net Release (171.5632-13.208) lakhs - Rs. 158.3552 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**