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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 Melghat Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra during 2011-12.

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. 544.93 lakhs (Rupees Five Hundred Forty Four Lakhs Ninety Three thousand only)** as per details given in the annexure, giving details of GPS locations of proposed items. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 393.35 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. 234.389 Lakhs (Rupees Two hundred Thirty Four lakhs Thirty Eight thousand Nine hundred only)** as the 1st installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to **Government of Maharashtra** during the current financial year 2011-12. 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 2011-12 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. 30, 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 2011-12 (Plan).

9. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 156/AS&FA dated 2.8.2011.

Yours faithfully,

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

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Maharashtra. A copy of the detailed sanctioned letter issued by the State Government in respect of this scheme for 2011-12 may kindly be furnished to this Department immediately.
2. The Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Maharashtra.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Maharashtra.
4. The Field Director, Melghat Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra.
5. The Accountant General, Maharashtra.
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. Assistant Inspector General, Regional Office, NTCA, Nagpur.
11. Guard file/Spare copies.

(S.P. Yadav)
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ANNEXURE

APO FOR THE YEAR 2011-12 OF MELGHAT TIGER RESERVE, MAHARASHTRA

(Rs. In lakhs)

S. No.	Item	Para No. of CSS-PT Guide-lines	Location	Physical Target	Amount	GPS location
	Non Recurring					
1.	Anti poaching					
i.	A) Wages for 4 anti poaching squads, each with x 4 babours x 320 days @ 220	15.2	Sipna – 4, Gugamal-8, Akot-8	16 Labours	11.26	
ii.	a) Wages for the Labour 10 labour x 4 Force x 320 days (avg) x Rs. 220/-	1.4.2	Sipna, Gugamal & Akot Dn.	30 Labours	28.16	
	b) Patrolling gear for Ex army protection forces Rs. 25000 per Squad	15.4.2		4 Protection Force	1.00	
	c) Payment of supervisors 4 x 10000 x 12	15.4.2	Sipna, Gugamal & Akot Dn.	4 Supervisor	4.80	
	d) Payment of ex military men 36 x 7000 x 12	15.4.2	Sipna, Gugamal & Akot Dn.	36 Ex military	30.24	
2.	Strengthening of infrastructure, roads					
i.	Construction of Forest Guard Quarter @ 6.00 lakh		Sipna-2, Akot-2, Gugamal-2	1 quarter	6.00	N - 21 37 10.0" E - 077 19 " 41.2" N - 21 27 14.8" E - 077 18 14.9" N - 21 34 20.8" E - 77 06 11.1" N - 21 28 48.9" E - 77 09 11.0" N - 21 28 12.0" E - 77 00 26.7" N - 21 16 8.1" E - 77 02 9.84" N - 21 18 25.6" E - 76 54 48.8" N - 21 11 32.5" E - 76 50 56.1" N - 21 10 30.3" E - 76 41 7.2 N - 21 15 14.6" E - 76 48 1.8"
ii.	Strengthening of Protection Huts 11 Protection Hut @ 50000 L.S. Grill, door, chainlink fance, water providing etc.	15.4.2 iii	Sipna-5, Gugamal-4 Akot-2	11 protection huts	5.50	N - 21 14 7.9" E - 76 59 18.2 " N - 21 11 27.4 " E - 76 52 10.2 " N - 21 33 5.7" E - 77 10 33.2 " N - 21 28 48.9 " E - 77 9 11.0 " N - 21 20 41.8 " E - 77 36 48.4 " N - 21 23 47.9 " E - 77 10 36.8 "
iii.	Procurement of office automocation, hardware, software, GIS facility etc.	18.12	6 PC with accessory	1.00	1.00	
3.	Research providing equipment, GPS, Camera traps, computer software & estimation of tigers & other animals					
i.	a) Purchase of equipments Camera traps and accessories	16.3.2	Directorate, Gugamal, Sipna, Akot WL Dn.	25	5.00	
	b) Monotring by camera traps	16.3.2	Sipna,	4.12	4.12	

	phase IV census		Gugamal, Akot			
4.	Staff Development & capacity building					
i.	Training, Works shops, seminars for staffs and villager Law, SWC, Motivation, Orientation, Weapons training etc.	20.17.13	Akot, Sipna, Gugamal	6 work shop	1.00	
ii.	Visits to other NP, Sanctuaries for staffs and villagers	20.17.13	Akot, Sipna, Gugamal	Approximately 2-visits	0.50	
iii.	Organization of dissemination workshops with local villages	20.17	Akot, Sipna, Gugamal	6 workshop	1.00	
5.	Project Allowance					
i.	Project allowance field staffs and ministerial staffs (List) attached)	20.18.1	Directorate, Sipna, Gugamal & Akot	605 posts	52.00	
	Total Non recurring				151.58	
	Recurring					
	Anti poaching					
I	Maintenance of Protection camps					
	a) Wages 75 camps 72 camp x 3 Labour x 320 days x Rs. 220/-	15.4.2 iii	Sipna-30 Gugamal-25 & Akot Dn-15	70 camps	147.84	
	b) Material supply for the 70 camps, such First aid, Mosquito nets, darries, tarpulin sheets, blankets, torches, kerosene, cooking utensils, water storage facility, patrolling gear @ Rs. 5000 per camp	15.4.2 iii	Sipna-30 Gugamal-25 & Akot Dn-15	70 camps	3.50	
	c) Royalty and license fee of wireless network and new equipments		Sipna, Gugamal, & Akot Dn	2 Years period	9.65	
	d) Legal support, diet charges for offenders and witnesses, transportation etc.		Sipna, Gugamal & Akot Dn.	Approximately	0.70	
II	Maintenance of wireless operation					
	a) Wages for 42 station x 3 labours x 320 days x Rs. 220	15.4.2	Akot 14, Gugamal-12, Sipna- 6	42 wireless station	88.70	
	b) Refurbishing wireless network, stations purchase of batteries repairs of wireless sets	15.4.2 iii	Gugamal Sipna, Akot	42 wireless maintenance, 15 new batteries	2.00	
III	Maintenance of check nakas					
	a) Wages for 39 check nakas x 3 labours x 365 days x 220 Rs.	15.4.2	Akot 6, Gugamal 8, Sipna 12	26 Check Naka	93.96	
IV	Maintenance of Elephant for protection 4 Elephants					
	a) Wages for elephant helper 2 x 365 days x 12 Months	18.7.8	Sipna Gugamal & Akot Dn.	4 Elephant	1.60	
	b) Ration for the Elephant 4 X Rs. 5500 X 12 months	18.7.8	Sipna Gugamal & Akot Dn.	4 Elephant	0.50	
	c) Medicines , equipment etc 4 X Rs. 8000	18.7.8	Sipna Gugamal & Akot Dn.	4 Elephant	0.20	
2.	Maintenance of infrastructure					
I	Maintenance of buildings including PRT					
	a) office		Directorate, Sipna, Gugamal & Akot Dn. With Range office	18 Offices	2.00	

	b) residential		Directorate, Sipna, Gugamal & Akot Dn	200 Residential Quarters	7.00	
II	Office expenses, photocopies, stationary, maintenance of computers, accessories, purchase of CDs, books and Misc exp		Directorate, Sipna, Gugamal & Akot	Approximately	5.00	
III	Maintenance of vehicles total vehicle 58 with motor cycle	16.4	Directorate, Sipna, Gugamal & Akot	58 vehicles	8.00	
IV	Fire protection (cutting & burning of firelines, fire protection maps, vehicle on hire with fuel, fire protection equipments) (20 mandays per K.M.) 6 meter of width Approximately 50km 50 x 20 mandays= 1000 @ 220/-	16.13	Sipna, Gugamal & Akot Dn.	Burning of fire line	2.20	
3.	Habitat Improvement & water development					
I	Provision of saltlicks desilting of nalla and repairing of nalla bands		Sipna, Gugamal Ako Dn.	3 nallabands & 90 waterholes	0.50	
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.	Approximately	12.00	
ii.	Weapons for the patrolling squads and the ammunition and maintenance & Costady	15.4.2	Sipna, Gugamal & Akot Dn.	12 Weapons with ammunition	1.00	
5.	Fostering Ecotourism					
I	Publication & publicity material	20.17.13	Directorate, Sipna, Gugamal, Akot	Approximately	1.00	
II	Exhibition on important days like WL Week, Foundation day etc.	18.11.2		3 camps with cost of vaccines	1.00	
	Development and upgradatin of water sources	17.23		3 camps with cost of vaccines	2.00	
	Preparation of Microplan of Buffer zone. (Total village 118) each villages 2000/-		Sipna (Hatrau, Chourakund)	Desilting deepewing of water holes	1.00	
	Ecorestoration of relocated villages				2.00	
	Total recurring				393.35	
	Grand Total (NR + R)				544.93	

Rs. In Lakh

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non – Recurring	151.58	151.58
2	Recurring	393.35	196.675
	Total	544.93	348.255

(i)	Total Sanction	:	Rs.	544.93 Lakh
(ii)	Central Assistance	:	Rs.	348.255 Lakh
(iii)	Ist Release	:	Rs.	278.604 Lakh
(iv)	Adjustment of previous balance of 2010-11	:	Rs.	44.215 Lakh
(v)	Net Release	:	Rs.	234.389 Lakh

*** 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.**