

No. 4-1(20)/2011-PT
Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests
National Tiger Conservation Authority

Annexe No. 5, Bikaner House,
Shahjahan Road, New Delhi-110011.
Telefax: 2338 9883
E-mail: jdntca@gmail.com

Dated the 26th August, 2011

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 Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal 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 Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal at the cost of **Rs. 162.15 Lakhs (Rupees One hundred Sixty Two lakhs Fifteen thousand only)** as per details given in the annexure, giving details of GPS location of proposed items. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 103.50 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. 82.66 lakhs (Rupees Eighty Two lakhs Sixty Six thousand only)** as the 1st installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of West Bengal 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 **Buxa 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 **Buxa 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 **Buxa Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report on or before 31.3.2012.
- (x) Noted at Serial No. 2 in the Register of Grants.
- (xi) Buxa 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 2011-12 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 **Buxa 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 Buxa Tiger Reserve strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between National Tiger Conservation Authority, Field Director (Buxa 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. 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. 79/AS&FA dated 2.8.2011.

Yours faithfully,

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

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of West Bengal. 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 Ministry immediately.
2. The Secretary (Finance), Govt. of West Bengal.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of West Bengal.
4. The Field Director, Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal.
5. The Accountant General, West Bengal.
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. Guard file/Spare copies.

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

ANNEXURE**APO FOR THE YEAR 2011-12 OF BUXA TIGER RESERVE, WEST BENGAL**

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Item	Para No. of CSS-PT Guidelines	Current Year Proposal		Amount for 2011-12	GPS Location
			Location	Physical Target		
NON-RECURRING						
2	Creation of new water holes in core areas of BTR	4.3	Jainty, Kumargram, RTG, Gangutia, Nimati, Panbari	6 Nos.	4.00	26°37'44.7" 089°39'02.0" 26°42'37.2" 089°48'21.8" 26°44'47" 089°31'4.2" 26°43'28.4" 089°31'20.1" 26°37'38.8" 089°37'23.0"
3	Solar light in anti poaching camps, Barracks	4.1	Mainabari, Tiamari, Chipra, Chengmari,	35 units	5.00	
4	Procurement of GPS	4.2	All Ranges	15 Nos.	2.00	
5	Amenities for staff welfare provision of medicines, torches, raincoat, mosquito nets	4.8,4.16	All Ranges	LS	3.00	
6	Capacity Building-Training on jurisprudence, tranquilization, etc.	4.8	All Ranges	LS	1.00	
7	Study Tour for appraisal of good practices in other Tiger Reserve	4.8	All Ranges	LS	0.50	
8	Procurement of Binoculars	4.1	All Watch Tower	10 Nos.	1.00	
9	Procurement of trap Camera (Analogue) & accessories	4.2	All Ranges	20 Nos.	4.00	
10	Cost of genetic analysis of Tiger Scat, field work and lab analysis at CCMB & Aranyak Lab.	4.7	All Ranges	LS	5.00	
11	Laying of Pug Marks impression pad for continuous monitoring of tigers & Co-predator	4.7	All Ranges	400 Units	2.00	
12	Procurement of Traps and cages	4.4	All ranges	LS	1.00	
13	Training in wildlife forensics, park interpretation, criminal investigation, trap camera etc.	4.4	All Ranges	LS	0.50	
14	Procurement of water tank to supply water to anti-poaching towers	4.1	WRVK	1	2.00	
15	Preparation of earthen mounds in different glads, water bodies	4.3	WRVK, ERVK, Nimati	4	1.00	
16	Procurement of Tranquilizing equipment	4.4	Divn. HQ.	LS	1.00	
17	Procurement of Pulse Oximetry, Oxygen cylinder equipment, masks & other treatment accessories for vet. Unit.	4.4	Vet. Unit	LS	1.00	

18	Installation of gates at entry point	4.4	WRVK, Pana, Nimati, ERVK	4 Nos.	1.00	N26.33.53.52 E089.29.23.52 N26.37.12.85 E089.31.52.01 N26.32.55.67 E089.33.08.07 N26.33.56.06 E089.36.47.43
19	Procurement of Arms & Ammunition	4.1	All Ranges	LS	4.00	
20	Procurement of Deep Freezer	4.2	Divn. HQ.	1 No.	1.50	
21	Provision for supplying drinking water to remote beat areas	4.2	Panbari, Gangutia	LS	2.00	
22	Construction of Barrack for anti-poaching	4.1	SRD, Pana	2 Nos.	10.00	N26.28.31.9 E089.47.0.33 N26.37.41.8 E089.39.9.3
23	Construction of Forest Guard Quarter	4.1	Buxaduar	1 No.	4.00	N26.44.18.6 E089.34.02.1
24	Training in advanced agriculture practices providing livelihood options through ecotourism to fringe villagers	4.5	Poro, Sibkata, Panyalguri	LS	0.15	
26	Study of cattle population in the fringe villages and fringe tea gardens, their feed availability and their impact on neighbouring forests and other wildlife	4.12	All Ranges	LS	1.00	
27	Training of notified village guides in nature interpretation, advanced agriculture practices to support their livelihood	4.17	All Ranges	10	1.00	
Total – Non-Recurring					58.65	
RECURRING						
1	Payment of compensation for death of human, crop depredation etc. due to wild animals	4.4	All Ranges	LS	8.00	
2	Reward to informers & legal support	4.1	Divn.HQ	LS	0.50	
3	Vaccinations of cattles in and around Reserve	4.4	All Ranges	20000	1.00	
4	Maintenance :-					
	a) Roads	4.2	All Ranges	35 km.	10.00	
	b) Departmental vehicles including hiring & POL	4.2	Divn.HQ, Rng. HQ	LS	5.00	
	c) Fire lines	4.2	All Ranges	65 km	5.00	
	d) R. T. Sets, walkie talkie including maintenance	4.2	Antipoaching Camps	Ls	5.00	
	e) Patrolling Path	4.2	All Ranges	60 km	6.00	
	f) Pilkhana	4.1	Rydak, Ghoramara, Jainty, checko, WRVK	LS	3.00	
	g) Watch Towers, antipoaching camps/ barracks	4.2	Jainty, Kumargram, Buxaduar, 23rd Mile, Panbari(N)	LS	7.00	
	h) Energised Fencing	4.4	Rydak, Kumargram, Nimati, Pampubasti, Panijhora	LS	3.00	
	i) Buildings (Maintenance)	4.2	All Ranges	LS	2.00	

	j) Wooden Bridges, culverts, etc.	4.2	Checko-3, Nimati,ERVK, 20th mile, 18th mile	LS	4.00	
5	Advertisement, Publicity & Publication	4.8	Div. HQ	LS	1.00	
6	Grassland creation by cut back & planting	4.3	Dima (Raimatong-4 & 5, Bala (NRVK- Jayanti)	LS	8.00	
7	Office expenses					
	01- Electric	4.2	Divn. HQ.	LS	2.00	
	02-Telephones	4.2	Divn. HQ.	LS	1.00	
	04-Other Office expenses	4.2	Divn. HQ.	LS	4.00	
8	Wages for watchers, patrolling and camp labourers	4.1	All Ranges	LS	15.00	
9	Feed & Veterinary care of rescued animals	4.4	All Ranges	LS	1.00	
10	Feed & Veterinary care for Departmental Elephants	4.1	SRD, JNT, BH, NRD, Checko, WRVK	7	3.50	
11	Major/ Minor Works-Soil & Moisture Conservation Works	4.3	Panbari(S), Rydak, Checko, WRVK, Panbari(N)	LS	3.00	
12	Preparation of printing of Management Plan of Buxa Tiger Reserve	4.2	Divn. HQ	LS	1.50	
13	Artificial Waterholes, improv. of grassland water retention struct. etc.	4.2	ERVK,WRVK JNT, KG	LS	4.00	
	Total - Recurring				103.50	
	GRAND TOTAL				162.15	

(Rs. In Lakh)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non – Recurring	58.65	58.65
2	Recurring	103.50	51.75
	Total	162.15	110.40

(i)	Total Sanction	:	Rs.	162.15 Lakh
(ii)	Central Assistance	:	Rs.	110.40 Lakh
(iii)	Ist Release	:	Rs.	88.32 Lakh
(iv)	Adjustment of previous balance of 2010-11	:	Rs.	5.66 Lakhs
(v)	Net Release	:	Rs.	82.66 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**