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Ministry of Environment and Forests
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Dated the 1st 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 Corbett Tiger Reserve, Uttarakhand 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 Corbett Tiger Reserve, Uttarakhand at the cost of **Rs. 640.44 Lakhs (Rupees Six hundred Forty lakhs Forty Four 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. 477.17 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Uttarakhand**. 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. 319.389 lakhs (Rupees Three hundred Nineteen lakhs Thirty Eight thousand Nine hundred only)** as the 1st installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Uttarakhand 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 **Corbett 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 Uttarakhand** 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 **Corbett 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 Uttarakhand in respect of **Corbett 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) Corbett 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 Uttarakhand** 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 Uttarakhand** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiv) Government of Uttarakhand in respect of **Corbett 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 Corbett Tiger Reserve strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between National Tiger Conservation Authority, Field Director (Corbett Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Uttarakhand**.
- (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 Uttarakhand 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 Uttarakhand 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. 138/Dir.(IFD/F.F.) dated 28.7.2011.

Yours faithfully,

(H.S. Negi)
Deputy Inspector General (PT)

Copy to:-

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

(H.S. Negi)
Deputy Inspector General (PT)

ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION 2011-12**CORBETT TIGER RESERVE, (UTTARAKHAND)**

S. No.	Item	Para No. of CSS/PT Guideline	Location	Physical Target	Amount	GPS location
	NON-RECURRING					
1	Anti poaching	4.1				
1.2	Organizing vehicular patrolling by constituting (Tiger Protection Force, comprising of field staff, laboureres and police/SAF/ ex-army personnel, with wireless handset and paraphernalia for apprehending offenders, apart from prescribing a patrolling calendar for the squad		CTR	LS	72.74	
1.4	Procurement of arms and ammunition					
1.4.3	Ammunition		CTR	2000 no.	1.00	
1.6	Procurement of field gear, night vision device		CTR	LS	1.00	
2	Strengthening of infrastructure within Tiger Reserves	4.2				
2.3	Procurement of compass, range finder, GPS, camera traps		CTR	LS	3.00	
2.4	Procurement of satellite imageries for management planning		CTR	LS	1.00	
3	Addressing man-animal conflict	4.4				
3.1	Payment of compensation for cattle lifting death of human beings and crop depredation due to wild animals		CTR	LS	8.00	
3.2	Creation of crop protection structures.					
3.2.1	Solar Fencing		CTR	1000 mts.	18.00	
	Nursery Chauki, Kalagarh					N-290 29' 47.50" / E-0780 44' 26.70"
	Nalkatta, Kalagarh					N-290 30.856' / E-0780 41.436'
	Dhaara Samaadhi, Jhirna					N-290 27' 14.4" / E-0780 51' 12.0"
	Fika Chauki, Dhela					N-290 25' 0.95" / E-0780 56.049"
	Garjiya Chauki, Sarpaduliss					N-290 29' 07" / E-0790 08' 34.00"
3.3	Procurement/deployment of traps, cages to catch problematic animals.		CTR	LS	5.00	
3.4	Procurement of tranquilizing equipments and drugs		CTR	LS	5.00	
7	Staff development and capacity building	4.8				

7.3	Specialized training in the use of GIS, Anti poaching operations.		CTR	10 no.	1.00	
7.4	Specialized training in jurisprudence and wildlife forensics.		CTR	2 no.	1.00	
7.7	Specialized training in park interpretation		CTR	4 no.	1.00	
9	Mainstreaming wildlife concerns in tiger bearing forests and fostering corridor conservation through restorative strategy involving locals to arrest fragmentation of habitats	4.10				
9.1	Redressing man-animal conflict		CTR	LS	5.00	
9.2	Capturing problematic/aberrant wild animals		CTR	LS	5.00	
11	Provision of Project Allowance to staff (all categories)of Project Tiger	4.15	CTR	LS	35.53	
	TOTAL (NON-RECURRING)				163.27	
	RECURRING					
1	Anti-poaching activities	4.1				
1.1	Establishment and maintenance of existing patrolling camps/chowkis and deployment of camp laborers for patrolling		CTR	50 Ns.	30.00	
1.2	Establishing and maintenance of wireless network		CTR	LOS	10.00	
1.3	Organizing surprise raids jointly with the local police in railway stations, local trains, bus-stops, buses, catchers and cafeterias.		CTR	24 no.	1.20	
1.4	Ensuring special site-specific protection measures, during monsoon as operation Monsoon-considering the terrain and accessibility of Protected Areas.		CTR	LS	14.00	
1.5	Deployment of local work force for patrolling surveillance of water holes, manning barriers.		CTR	55 no.	23.17	
1.6	Procurement/maintenance of elephant squads.		CTR	7 no.	15.00	
1.7	Rewards to informers		CTR	LS	3.00	
1.8	Legal support for defending court cases		CTR	LS	1.00	
1.9	Deployment of anti-poaching squads		CTR	200 no.	84.24	
1.10	Fortnight long term joint patrols party (25 x 4 = 100 @ 6500)		CTR	100 no.	6.50	
2	Strengthening of infrastructure within Tiger Reserve					
2.1	Maintenance/creation/up gradation of road network		CTR	LS	50.00	
2.2	Maintenance/creation of wireless tower		CTR	LS	2.00	
2.3	Maintenance of fire watch tower		CTR	12 no	12.00	
2.4	Maintenance of bridge, dams.		CTR	LS	10.00	

2.5	Maintenance/creation of firelines/fire breaks		CTR	LS	28.00	
2.6	Maintenance/creation of earthen ponds		CTR	5 no.	2.50	
2.7	Maintenance of vehicles and POL (Gypsy, Jeep, Truck, Tractor)		CTR	LS	30.00	
2.8	Habitat improvements works		CTR	245 ha	8.50	
2.9	Maintenance of Arms		CTR	LS	1.00	
2.10	Maintenance of museums		CTR	3	3.00	
2.11	Maintenance of staff Quarters		CTR	30	15.00	
2.13	Improvement of Office Buildings		CTR	10	5.00	
3	Habitat Improvement and water development		CTR	LS		
3.1	Annual eradication, removal of gregarious plant growth from grasslands, grass improvement, water retention structures and the like.		CTR	550 ha.	44.00	
3.3	Maintenance of existing plantation		CTR	95 ha	3.00	
3.5	Maintenance of Nursery		CTR	4 no.	3.00	
5	Publicity and extension		CTR	LS	2.00	
6	Wildlife week		CTR	LS	2.00	
7	Addressing man-animal conflict					
7.1	Veterinary Medicines		CTR	LS	0.50	
7.2	Strengthening the EDCs		CTR	25	12.50	
8	Co-existence agenda in buffer fringe areas	4.5				
8.1	Providing ecologically viable livelihood options to local stakeholders for reducing their dependency on forests.		CTR	LS	12.50	
9	Staff development and capacity building	4.8				
9.1	Capacity building/training		CTR	LS	1.00	
9.2	Study tours for appraisal of good practices in other reserves.		CTR	10 no.	1.00	
10	Mainstreaming wildlife concerns in tiger bearing forests and fostering corridor conservation through restorative strategy involving locals to arrest fragmentation of habitats	4.10				
10.1	Monitoring of Wildlife animals		CTR	11 no.	5.00	
10.2	Anti-poaching operation					
10.2.1	Interstate patrolling		CTR	24 no.	1.56	
10.5	Habitat Improvement measures		CTR	300 ha.	24.00	
12	Staff Welfare activities	4.16				
12.2	Drinking water facilities		CTR	300 nos.	3.00	
13	Fostering Eco-Tourism in Tiger Reserve	4.17	CTR	5 no.	5.00	
14	Publicity and extension		CTR	LS	2.00	
	TOTAL OF RECURRING				477.17	
	GRAND TOTAL (NON-RECURRING + RECURRING)				640.44	

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non – Recurring	163.27	163.27
2	Recurring	477.17	238.585
	Total	640.44	401.855

- (i) Total Sanction : Rs. 640.44 Lakhs
(ii) Central Assistance : Rs. 401.855 Lakhs
(iii) Ist Release : Rs. 321.484 Lakhs
(iv) Adjustment of previous balance of 2010-11 : Rs. 2.095 Lakhs
(v) Net Release : Rs. 319.389 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.**