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Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests
(Project Tiger Division)

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Dated the 30th September, 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 Manas Tiger Reserve, Assam 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 Manas Tiger Reserve, Assam at the cost of **Rs. 694.85 Lakhs (Rupees Six hundred Ninety Four lakhs Eighty Five 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. 190.65 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Assam**. 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. 479.62 lakhs (Rupees Four hundred Seventy Nine lakhs Sixty Two thousand only)** as the 1st installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Assam 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 **Manas 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 Assam** 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 **Manas 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 Assam in respect of **Manas 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) Manas 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 Assam** 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 Assam** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiv) Government of Assam in respect of **Manas 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 Manas Tiger Reserve strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between National Tiger Conservation Authority, Field Director (Manas Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Assam**.
- (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 Assam 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 Assam 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. 252/AS & FA dated 30.9.2011.

Yours faithfully,

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

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Assam. 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 Assam.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Assam.
4. The Field Director, Manas Tiger Reserve, Assam.
5. The Accountant General, Assam.
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)
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ANNEXURE**APO FOR THE YEAR 2011-12 OF MANAS TIGER RESERVE, ASSAM****(Rs. In Lakhs)**

Sl. No.	Item	Para No. of CSS- PT Guidelines	Location	Physical Target	Amount	GPS location
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A.	NON-RECURRING					
1.	a. Project Tiger Allowance to Project Tiger staff;	4.15	MTR	390	45.00	
	b. Arrear Project Tiger Allowance since September, 2008 (as the amount was doubled)	4.15	MTR	390	52.00	
3.	Infrastructure development					
	a. Construction of new antipoaching camps: (i) Sidajhar (ii) Bispiani (iii) Bhatgali-II (iv) Agrang (v) Chikagonda (vi) Sukanjan (vii) Rabang (viii) Garuchara (ix) Mathanguri-II (x) Badaribeel (xi) Lakhijhora (in order of priority)	4.1	MTR	11 Nos.	93.00	N-26°40'561" E-90°56'256" N-26°65'977" E-90°99'680" N-26°66'482" E-90°06'139" N-26°42'407" E-91°08'39.0" N-26°43'39.5" E-91°04'26.3" N-26°47'80" E-90°52'431" N-26°79'504" E-91°06'984" N-26°76'752" E-91°02'777" N-26°73'639" E-90°96'764" N-26°42'58.9" E-90°48'39.0" N-26°38'37.4" E-90°47'22.9"
	b. Construction of watch tower at: (i) Rupahi (ii) Katajhar (iii) Maina Camp (iv) Makhibaha (v) Mathanguri (vi) Doimari (vii) Gabharukhunda	4.2	MTR	3 Nos.	9.00	N-26°42'41.9" E-91°05'02.6" N-26°68'560" E-91°08'089" N-26°38'32.0" E-90°49'46.5" N-26°46'33.9" E-91°06'04.4" N-26°73'639" E-90°96'763" N-26°49'00.1" E-91°05'40.3" N-26°45'18.9" E-90°53'40.8"
	c. Construction of RCC bridges along South Boundary road: 1. Kaljhar (Rs. 15,00,000/-) 2. Chikagondha (Rs. 25,00,000/-) 3. Digjhari Nadi (Rs. 15,00,000/-)	4.2	MTR	3 Nos.	55.00	N-26°68'157" E-91°08'035" N-26°42'34.3" E-91°04'58.0" N-26°42'02.4" E-91°07'36.8" N-26°42'02.4" E-91°07'36.8" N-26°68'157" E-91°08'035"
	d. Construction of RCC culverts at:	4.2	MTR	5 Nos.	33	N-26°67'220"

	1. Bhagali-I (Rs. 6,00,000/-) 2. Bhatgali-II (Rs. 8,00,000/-) 3. Kathalguri-I (Rs. 6,00,000/-) 4. Kathalguri-II (Rs. 7,00,000/-) 5. Dhonbeel (Rs. 6,00,000/-)					E-91°06'572" N-26°66'972" E-91°06'365" N-26°66'982" E-91°06'139" N-26°66'983" E-91°06'013" N-26°42'31.5" E-91°05'49.2" N-26°45'20.0" E-90°51'078" N-26°44'15.0" E-90°51'080"
4.	Construction of office building					
	a. Range Officer's Residence Quarter at Bhuyanpara Range HQ	4.2	MTR	1 No.	12.00	N-26°42'22.7" E-91°06'26.2"
5.	Road Construction					
	a. Earthwork and gravelling	4.2	MTR	60 kms	18.00	
6.	Deployment of personnel for antipoaching					
	a. Home Guards : 50 numbers @ Rs. 5000/- per Guard for 12 months (wages enhanced)	4.1	MTR	50 Nos.	30.00	
	b. Wages for local youths engaged in anti-poaching activity	4.1	MTR	50 Nos.	24.00	
8.	Logistics for Monsoon Patrolling:					
	d. Wireless sets : Fixed / Base station	4.1	MTR	20 Nos.	3.00	
	e. Installation of wireless towers	4.1	MTR	2 Nos.	3.00	
	f. First Aid Kits	4.1	MTR	40 Nos.	2.00	
9.	Arms & Ammunitions:					
	a. Purchase of .315 rifles	4.1	MTR	50 Nos.	37.50	
	b. DBBL guns (Short Barrel)	4.1	MTR	20 Nos.	6.00	
	c. Ammunition for rifles and bore guns	4.1	MTR		1.00	
10.	Purchase of camp equipments for antipoaching activities					
	a. Purchase of tents (for mobile camping)	4.1	MTR	10 Nos.	5.00	
	b. Purchase of search lights	4.1	MTR	30 Nos.	1.50	
	c. Purchase of solar panel and light	4.1	MTR	20 Nos.	5.00	
	d. Purchase of camp furniture	4.1	MTR		2.00	
	e. Purchase of logistics for day and night patrolling (torch, cells, kerosene etc.)	4.1	MTR		2.00	
11.	Office Modernisation					
	b. Purchase of silent genset	4.2	MTR	1 no.	7.00	
16.	Veterinary and animal health care					
	c. Purchase of iron cage, traps, nets, ropes and chains for handling and treating seek and problematic animals	4.4	MTR		2.00	
	d. Cattle vaccination program in the fringe villages	4.4	MTR	6 camps	1.00	
	e. Purchase of tranquilizing guns, blow pipe and accessories	4.4	MTR	2 Nos.	1.50	
17.	Addressing man-animal conflict					
	a. Payment of compensation for damage to crop and property	4.4	MTR		1.00	
	b. Creation of crop protection structures, eg. Machan construction	4.1	MTR	5 nos.	2.50	

	c. Erection of barrier : Electric fencing	4.4	MTR	3 Kms.	6.00	
18.	Ecocodevelopment activities					
	c. Supply of solar panel and lamp to community and cultural institutions	4.5	MTR	6 Nos.	1.50	
	g. Apiculture 20 boxes – 1 unit	4.5	MTR	10 units	1.50	
	BARNADI WILDLIFE SANCTUARY					
1.	Project Tiger Allowance		Barnadi WLS	30 nos.	2.20	
2.	Infrastructure development					
	a. Construction of anti-poaching camp cum surveillance tower: i. Bholajhar Camp ii. Balapara Camp iii. Bamuninalah Camp	11.1.1	Barnadi WLS	4 Nos.	25.50	
3.	Construction of artificial concrete water reservoir for providing drinking water to wild animals	11.1.1	Barnadi WLS	1 No.	3.00	
4.	Installation of deep tube well (i) Tankibasti	11.1.1	Barnadi WLS	1 No.	3.00	
5.	Erection of fencing around the range office compound and staff quarter at Rajagarh	11.1.1	Barnadi WLS	800 Rm.	5.00	
6.	Communication : Purchase of wireless (i) Fixed base station – 10 Nos. (ii) Mobile hand sets – 15 Nos.	11.1.1	Barnadi WLS		2.50	
	TOTAL (NON-RECURRING)				504.20	
B.	RECURRING					
1.	Staff Welfare					
	Improvement and renovation of staff quarters	4.16	MTR	15 nos.	7.50	
2.	Habitat improvement and water development					
	a. Eradication of invasive species like Leea species, Mikania, Eupatorium and other gregarious species like Simul and Oxy	4.15	MTR		5.00	
	b. Improvement of water hole	4.15	MTR		3.00	
	c. Maintenance of fire-line/clearance of patrolling path	4.2	MTR	60 kms.	3.00	
3.	Elephant and other animal care					
	a. Upkeep of departmental elephants 29 elephants @ 5000/- per month for 12 months	4.2	MTR	29 Nos.	17.40	
	b. Purchase of elephant gear	4.1	MTR	18 Nos.	1.80	
	c. Training of new elephants	4.1	MTR	4 Nos.	2.00	
	d. Vety. Vaccination and treatment camp	4.1	MTR	3 Nos.	0.90	
4.	Barbed wire fencing around camps: Kuribeel, Uchila, Chorphuli, Kanchanbari, Buraburi	4.4	MTR	5 nos.	5.00	
5.	Repairing of vehicles	4.1	MTR		5.00	
6.	Repairing of mechanized / country	4.1	MTR		3.00	

	boat					
7.	Legal support for defending court cases	4.16	MTR		1.00	
8.	Wages for local labours / surrendered poachers engaged in manning south boundary and maintenance of patrolling paths	4.1	MTR		20.00	
9.	Office expenditure	4.2	MTR		5.00	
10.	Repairing of antipoaching camps and providing campus fencing (Bansbari HQ, Bhuyanpara, Panbari)	4.1	MTR	15 Nos.	15.00	
11.	Maintenance of patrolling path	4.1	MTR	200 kms.	20.00	
12.	Improvement of south boundary road from Bansbari to Digjhari and Bhuyanpara	4.16	MTR	14 kms.	14.00	
13.	Staff Welfare					
	a. Provision for uniform, patrolling gear (mosquito net, back pack)	4.1	MTR	360	14.40	
14.	Protection measures					
	a. Intelligence gathering	4.1	MTR		0.50	
	b. POL for patrolling	4.1	MTR		5.00	
	c. Awareness camps	4.5	MTR	6 Nos.	0.90	
	d. Payment of special incentives and legal aids to frontline staff for good work	4.15	MTR		0.50	
15.	Research and Training					
	a. Purchase of camera traps	4.7	MTR	40 Nos.	4.80	
	b. Population estimation and monitoring	4.7	MTR		2.00	
	c. Study tours for frontline staff on best conservation and eco-tourism practices in other	4.7	MTR	1 Nos.	1.00	
	d. Purchase of books and other materials for Interpretation Center	4.7	MTR		0.25	
	BARNADI WILDLIFE SANCTUARY					
1.	Renovation of staff and offices quarter i. Range Head Quarter ii. Barnadi Head Quarter iii. Paneri Head Quarter iv. Nunoi Head Quarter	11.1.1	Barnadi WLS	4 Nos.	4.00	
2.	Repairing and maintenance of antipoaching camps	11.1.1	Barnadi WLS	4 Nos.	4.00	
3.	Maintenance of vehicle and cost of POL	11.1.1	Barnadi WLS	2 Nos.	2.00	
4.	Supply of kerosene oil	11.1.1	Barnadi WLS		1.00	
5.	Torch light with battery	11.1.1	Barnadi WLS	100 Nos.	0.50	
6.	Hand Lantern	11.1.1	Barnadi WLS	100 Nos.	0.50	
7.	First Aid Kits	11.1.1	Barnadi WLS	35 sets	1.40	
8.	1. Repair and Maintenance					
	a. Boundary pillars	11.1.1	Barnadi WLS	15 pillars	1.05	

	b. Trenches	11.1.1	Barnadi WLS	636 Rm.	4.00	
9.	Habitat Management					
	a. Maintenance of water bodies	11.1.1	Barnadi WLS	2 Nos.	1.00	
	b. Removal of weeds like Mimosa and other weeds	11.1.1	Barnadi WLS	10 hact.	1.00	
10.	Monitoring: Census of animal	11.1.1	Barnadi WLS		1.00	
11.	Communication					
	a. Maintenance of roads	11.1.1	Barnadi WLS	15 kms.	5.00	
	b. Maintenance of patrolling paths	11.1.1	Barnadi WLS	20 kms.	2.00	
12.	Intelligence gathering	11.1.1	Barnadi WLS		0.25	
13.	Maintenance of forest rest house cum transit camp	11.1.1	Barnadi WLS	1 No.	1.00	
14.	Awareness and interpretation : Publicity	11.1.1	Barnadi WLS	3 camps	1.00	
15.	Ecodevelopment					
	(ii) Health check up camp for fringe villagers		Barnadi WLS	5 nos.	1.00	
	(iii) Livestock vaccination		Barnadi WLS	5 Nos.	1.00	
TOTAL (RECURRING)					190.65	
GRAND TOTAL (NR + R)					694.85	

Rs. In Lakhs

Sl. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring	504.20	504.20
2.	Recurring	190.65	95.325
	Total	694.85	599.525

- (i) Total Sanction - Rs. 694.85 Lakhs
(ii) Central Assistance - Rs. 599.525 Lakhs
(iii) 1st net Release - Rs. 479.62 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.