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Ministry of Environment and Forests
National Tiger Conservation Authority

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Dated the 3rd 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 Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu 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 Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu at the cost of **Rs. 343.42 Lakhs (Rupees Three hundred Forty Three lakhs and Forty Two 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. 207.86 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of Tamil Nadu**. 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. 191.583 lakhs (Rupees One hundred Ninety One lakhs Fifty Eight thousand Three hundred only)** as the 1st installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Tamil Nadu 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 **Mudumalai 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 Tamil Nadu** 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 **Mudumalai 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 Tamil Nadu in respect of **Mudumalai 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) Mudumalai 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 Tamil Nadu** 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 Tamil Nadu** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiv) Government of Tamil Nadu in respect of **Mudumalai 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 Mudumalai Tiger Reserve strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between National Tiger Conservation Authority, Field Director (Mudumalai Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Tamil Nadu**.
- (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 Tamil Nadu 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 Tamil Nadu 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. 126/US(FF)/F dated 27.7.2011.

Yours faithfully,

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

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Chennai. 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 Tamil Nadu, Chennai.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Chennai.
4. The Field Director, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu, Chennai.
5. The Accountant General, Tamil Nadu, Chennai.
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)

ANNEXURE**ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION 2011-12****APO 2011-12 FOR MUDUMALAI TIGER RESERVE, TAMIL NADU**

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Item	Para No. of CSSPT Guideline	Current year 2011-12 proposal			GPS location
			Location	Physical	Amount	
1	2	3	4	5	6	
A	NON-RECURRING (CORE ZONE)					
1	Protection Antipoaching –					
I	Antipoaching					
1.	Deployment of antipoaching squad (TPF) camping in the interior forest by providing temporary tents		Floating in all areas	18 nos./12 month	7.56	
2.	Providing camping facilities to TPF including tents, cooking gas, etc.		Floating in all areas	18 Nos./12 months / 25 days	2.70	
II	Construction of building					
4.	For procurement of metal detectors and speed detecting radar guns and other equipments etc.		All 5 range and STPF	LS	1.00	
5.	Purchase of laptop/computer, Fax machine, scanner, video camera, LCD, DVD Player, AC system, internet connection, camera, binoculars, zoom lenses, camera traps, range finder, GPS including accessories and developing charges		All 5 ranges	10 GPS	1.10	
6.	Purchase of camera trap		All ranges	25 Nos.	5.00	
7.	Procurement of wireless equipments		All range check post office	10 nos.	2.00	
8.	Purchase of fire fighting equipments including fire resistant jacket		Theppakadu	1 No.	1.00	
9.	Rescue, treatment and rehabilitation of wild animals and providing shelters		Anti-depredation centre	1 no.	1.00	
13.	Providing elephant chain			LS	1.00	
14.	Providing Granite slab to elephant camp kitchen shed			LS	1.00	
17.	Driving of wild animals while entering into patta		On occasion	LS	1.00	

	lands					
III	Research and Monitoring					
18	Conducting sensitization camps and training to staff/NGO's etc., for estimation with reference to population		Auditorium	2 times	1.00	
19.	Conducting synchronized elephant census / Tiger Census		Entire reserve	1 time	1.00	
20.	DNA analysis of scat sampling and mapping of tiger and its copredators		Entire reserve	25 samples	1.00	
22.	Wildlife week celebration			1	1.00	
IV	Human Resource Development					
24.	Project allowance as per the guidelines of CSS-PT pay for all employees of staff permitted by GOI.		Entire reserve	200 staff, 42 new staff, 242 as per guidelines	35.00	
25.	Conducting medical camp for staff and people in fringe villages (creating two health centres at two places)		All villages	20 villages 1 times	1.00	
V	Publicity					
26.	Preparation of publicity and awareness boards, printing of brochures, stickers, booklets, etc.		All ranges	5 boards	0.75	
27.	For conducting wildlife week celebration, tiger day function, elephant day function and other relevant functions		Mudumalai	5 No.s	1.00	
VI	Habitat improvement and water development					
28.	Construction of waterhole			1	5.00	11°58.352 / 76°60.619 11°58.352 / 76°55.306 11°41.358 / 76°31.162 11°35.408 / 76°35.489
29.	Providing saltlicks for wildlife			LS	0.50	
30.	Construction of water trough			2 Nos.	3.00	
31.	Formation of a nursery for introducing endangered and endemic species			1000 Nos.	1.20	
32.	Payment of compensation for crop depredation injury or loss of human life due to wild animals			LS	4.00	
36.	Providing office space for office staff and functioning of Tiger Conservation Foundation		Udhagamandalam	1 No. @ 4 per unit	4.00	

	at headquarters including furnishing and accessories					
VII.	Addressing man-animal conflict					
38.	Formation of elephant proof trench (1.5 mtr. bottom width, 2.5 mtr top width and 2.00 mtr height at Rs. 1.32 lakhs per km) including antipoaching camps near Gudalur Taluk			5 km	12.50	
39.	For immunization of domestic animals			LS	1.00	
VIII	Ecotourism					
40.	Formation of eco awareness camps in fringe villages to reduce the pressure of tourists in core area including boat club, children's park			10 camps	1.00	
	NON-RECURRING (BUFFER ZONE)					
I.	Ecotourism					
1.	Conducting PRA in new villages @ Rs. 12000 per village	Mudumalai TR	EDC's forming during 2011-12	10 Nos.	1.25	
2.	EDC initial deposit amount @ Rs. 2.50 lakh for new village and 2.00 lakh for recently formed		18 old EDC	18 Nos.	36.00	
	Total (Non-recurring) (Core and Buffer)				135.56	
B.	RECURRING (CORE ZONE)					
I	Protection antipoaching measures					
1.	Establishment of highway patrolling squads within the Project Tiger area with the help of local people		Masinagudi Kargudi Theppkadu Nelakottai	2 Nos.	3.36	
2.	Legal support for defending court cases including legal fees and other miscellaneous charges		Mudumalai TR	LS	0.75	
3.	Logistics to prosecute offenders		Mudumalai TR	LS	1.00	
4.	Engaging antipoaching watchers in core area		Mudumalai TR	100 Nos. / 12 months	42.00	
5.	Maintenance of antipoaching camp by providing uniform kit, ruck sack, torch, chargers, shoes etc.		20 permanent camps 5 floating camps	25 camps	2.50	
6.	Secret service fund (information, intelligence, reward and awards)		Mudumalai TR	As per requirement	0.40	
7.	Establishing additional		Mudumalai TR	5 camp	1.50	

	antipoaching camps by providing utilities (camouflage dress), uniform kit, ruck sack, torch, chargers, shoes etc.					
II	Construction of building					
8.	Improvement of Deputy Director, Field Director's field station cum camp office at Upper Kargudi		Upper Kargudi	1 No.	4.00	
9.	Improvement of Field Director's field station cum camp office at Masinagudi and Field Director's monitoring station at Gamehut		Masinagudi	1 No.	2.00	
10.	Improvement of old Interpretation Centre at elephant camp to reduce the pressure in New Reception Centre and Interpretation Centre.		Theppakadu Elephant camp	1 No.	2.00	
11.	Providing library facility in old reception centre, including improvement of building, furniture, Wildlife Books, DVD and screen etc.		Old Reception Centre, Theppakadu	1 centre	2.00	
II	Strengthening of infrastructure within TR (including new TR)					
	Improvement and maintenance of roads/bridges/culverts etc.					
12.	Improvement of fair weather roads		Tourism zone	5 km.	10.00	
13.	Providing parking facilities including improvement to the existing parking system at Theppakadu and at head office and office vehicle parking garage		Theppakadu and Udhagai	4 Nos.	3.00	
III	Improvement / upgradation/ maintenance of existing buildings					
14.	Improvement and maintenance of residential buildings such as staff quarters in all ranges		All ranges	30 nos.	7.50	
15.	Providing drinking water facilities to staff, tribal colony, rest houses in Mudumalai TR including field		All rest houses, forest colonies, FD camp office, DD Camp office, reception centre, elephant camp	1	5.00	
16.	Maintenance of interpretation and reception centre on conservation of tigers,		Theppakadu new one	1	2.40	

	copredators prey and habitat to merge with a facility being created with tourism sector project at Theppakkadu					
17.	For the improvement and maintenance to the existing veterinary center at elephant camp at Theppakkadu including purchase of medicines		Mudumalai	1 No.	1.00	
18.	Improvement and maintenance of antipoaching camp sheds		Mudumalai TR	5 Nos.	2.50	
19.	Improvement and maintenance of Veterinary Assistant Surgeon quarters		Theppakkadu	1	2.00	
IV	Fire control measures					
20.	Annual maintenance of fire lines at Rs. 3500/- per km. to a width of 6 mtrs. Bamboo regeneration areas		Fire entry points roads 250+50=300	300 kms.	15.00	
21.	Engaging fire protection watchers for four months from December to March		Mudumalai TR	50 Nos. / 4 months	7.50	
22.	Engaging labourers for fire brigades		Mudumalai TR	5 Nos.	2.50	
23.	Additional fuel maintenance of vehicles used for anti-poaching activities, fire protection, highway patrolling interstate meetings etc		Mudumalai TR	LS	7.50	
24.	Maintenance of interstate range boundaries		Mudumalai TR	50 km.	5.00	
25.	Maintenance of publicity and awareness boards		Mudumalai TR	LS	1.00	
26.	Development of existing forest fire disaster management centre		Theppakkadu	1	2.00	
27.	Maintenance of office equipments like Xerox machine, Fax machine, cell phones, computers, power supply units, batteries, solar lights, oil engine and generators etc.		7 ranges and head office	LS	1.50	
28.	Engaging computer operator 2 Nos. for 12 months @ Rs. 305/- per day for 25 days		Reception and division	3 Nos.	3.00	
29.	Providing additional fuel during fire season		Five ranges	2500 ltr.	1.250	
V	Habitat improvement and water development					
30.	Water management for wildlife by desilting and maintenance of existing		5 ranges	5 ranges	3.00	

	water hole / check dams					
31.	Opening up habitat by removal of exotic weeds for improving regeneration of native species and grass growth at heavy density area, medium density areas and least density area		Mudumalai TR	200 ha. (heavy)	14.00	
				200 ha. (medium)	10.00	
				200 ha. (least)	8.00	
32.	Improvement of existing percolation pond			1	2.00	
33.	Maintenance of solar power fencing under annual maintenance contract (AMC)			5 km	1.00	
34.	Engaging eco-sanitary watchers		All ranges	2 nos. / 5 ranges / 12 months	4.20	
VI.	Addressing man-animal conflict					
35.	Driving back the wild animals during crop raiding or strayed animals including reserve and rehabilitation		Mudumalai TR	LS	1.00	
36.	Maintenance of solar power fencing under annual maintenance contract (AMC)			10 km	1.00	
VII.	Ecotourism					
37.	Engaging eco-watchers as guides for 25 days per month @ Rs. 3500/pm			10 Nos. / 12 months	4.20	
IX	Research and Monitoring					
38.	Engaging researchers for collaborating site specific research		Mudumalai TR	1	1.50	
39.	Engaging through outsourcing, personnel for technical office and relocation works @ Rs. 305/- per day for 25 days		Relocation process	4 Nos.	4.80	
X	Human Resource Development					
40.	Provision for rewards to field staff			LS	0.50	
41.	Training to the staff in capacity building for latest challenging in wildlife trafficking legal issues, investigation and prosecution and trade		Entire reserve	2 times	1.00	
XI 42.	Creation of Wildlife Crime Control System at Head office level, (GOI guidelines issued vide		PCCF & CWLW office	1	0.80	

	GO. D.O. No. 12-1/WCCB/2007, GO MoEF, New Delhi dt. 27.11.2007 to create wildlife crime control cell at Head office level to be available at 365x24 Using charges for 12 months including improvement of communication strategies					
43.	Workers wages on 8 hrs. basis 3 workers on each place and each shift during odd hrs. (i.e. 5 PM to 1 AM – One, 1 AM to 9 AM- second@ Rs. 3750/- per worker/month)		Headquarters, Chennai	3 Nos. / 2 shifts / 12 month	2.70	
	Construction of Building					
44.	Improvement of Kraal at Elephant camp			LS	5.00	
45.	Improvement of drainage system to all forest roads in tourism zone 20 km @ 0.50		5 ranges	20 km	1.00	
46	Cost of documentation and study materials including printing of various plan of management strategies		All range	5 nos.	1.00	
	Total (Recurring)				207.86	
	GRAND TOTAL (NR + R)				343.42	

Rs. In Lakhs

Sl. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring	135.56	135.56
2.	Recurring	207.86	103.93
	Total	343.42	239.49

- (i) Total Sanction - Rs. 343.42 Lakhs
(ii) Central Assistance - Rs. 239.49 Lakhs
(iii) 1st Release - Rs. 191.592 Lakhs
(iv) Adjustment of un-utilized amount of 2010-11 - Rs. 0.0086 Lakhs
(v) Net Release - Rs. 191.583 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.**