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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 Nameri 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 Nameri Tiger Reserve, Assam at the cost of **Rs. 119.48 Lakhs (Rupees One hundred Nineteen lakhs Forty Eight 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. 40.05 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. 40.972 lakhs (Rupees Forty lakhs Ninety Seven thousand Two hundred 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 **Nameri 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 **Nameri 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 **Nameri 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) Nameri 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 **Nameri 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 Nameri Tiger Reserve strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between National Tiger Conservation Authority, Field Director (Nameri 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. 176/AS & FA dated 21.9.2011.

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, Nameri 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.

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ANNEXURE**APO FOR THE YEAR 2011-12 OF NAMERI TIGER RESERVE, ASSAM****(Rs. In Lakhs)**

Sl. No.	Item	Para No. of CSS- PT Guidelines	Location	Physical Target	Amount	GPS location
NON RECURRING						
I.	General Protection					
1.	Construction of RCC Anti-Poaching Camps		Upper Dikri, Between Seijosa and Khari, Denaimukh Belghat	3	15.00	481909.65 2982395.15 492928.9 2980178.52 467842.00 2987464.00 484815.00 2976623.00
2.	Construction of Fgd Quarter		Range HQ	3	12.00	482839.86 2977882.48
3.	Purchase of 20 Nos 12 bore DBBL Guns			20 Nos @ Rs. 16000	3.20	
5.	Tiger Protection Force: Wages of Home Guards			Two sections @ Rs. 150 per mensem	12.96	
6.	Construction of new watchtower			LS	2.00	481960.02 2982472.91
7.	Construction of fence		Range HQ, Potsali	LS	1.00	482839.86 2977882.48
II.	Research and Training					
1.	Purchase of laptop for use in collecting data in the field			LS	0.50	
3.	Purchase of Range finders			5 units @ Rs. 10000	0.50	
4.	Purchase of Binoculars for all anti-poaching camps & Range Hq			10 units @ Rs. 5000	0.50	
5.	Purchase of field guide for birds and mammals for field staff			20 units @ Rs. 5000	0.30	
6.	Procurement of high resolution satellite image, image processing, generating GIS maps of species distribution & habitat analysis etc.			LS.	1.00	
7.	Purchase of Garmin etrex HCX GPS units			8 units each & Rs. 15,000 (approx)	1.20	
8.	Purchase of automatic weather data logging station		Potasali camp	1 unit @ Rs. 2,00,000 approx	2.00	
III	Amenities to staff					
1	Project Allowance			One unit	8.00	
2	Tiger Project allowance Arrear			LS		
	A) Arrear w.e.f. 1.9.2008 to 1.3.2011			LS	11.30	

	B) From 1.4.2011 to 31.3.2011			LS	6.32	
3	Construction of toilets in anti-poaching camps.		Bhalukpong	11 no. @ 15000	1.65	465286.06 2988530.95
			16 th Mile			469587.23 2986817.14
			14 th Mile			471544.55 2987159.68
			Nameri			476900.49 2985952.97
			Boithakota			480699.44 2983900.49
			Upper Dikarai			481909.65 2982395.15
			Owbari			485619.42 2977981.31
			Morisuti			486152.76 2976539.84
			Dikorai			488780.00 2974596.90
			Karaibari			493630.46 2977190.13
			Range Hq			482839.86 2977882.48
	TOTAL NON RECURRING				79.43	
	RECURRING					
I	General Protection					
1	Maintenance of vehicles			LS	0.75	
2	Cost of fuel & lubricants for vehicles for patrolling duty			LS	1.50	
3	Purchase of torches & batteries for night patrolling			LS	0.50	
4	Rewards for intelligence			LS	0.50	
5	Maintenance of firearms			LS	0.40	
6.	Renovation of watch tower			LS	1.00	
7.	Extension of interpretation centre		Range HQ, Potsali		3.00	
II	Communication					
1	Maintenance of patrolling path			75km @ Rs. 3000	2.25	
2	Repair of anti-poaching camps			10 Nos. Rs. 40000	4.00	
3	Maintenance of wireless sets				0.75	
III	Amenities to staff					
1	Cost of medicine and other medical support to field staff					
2	Provision of Kerosene oil for field camps					
3	Wages of casual mahouts and grass cutters engaged for deptt. Elephants			15 Nos. @ Rs. 114 per mensem	6.30	
4.	Logistics for field staff field kit –etc.			LS	2.00	
5	Drinking water facilities		Seijosa Camp	2 Nos. @ Rs. 40000 each	0.80	
			Bhalukpong			
6	Life saving jackets for field staff			10 Nos. @ Rs. 2500 each	0.25	
IV	Habitat Manipulation					
1	Creation of salt licks				0.50	

2	Grassland management (uprooting seedlings, saplings controlled burning etc.)			LS	1.00	
V	Research & Training					
1	Conducting camera trap study			LS	0.50	
2	Training of mahouts on upkeep elephants			LS	0.50	
3.	Training of field staff (wildlife monitoring, wild crime investigation & other data collection)			LS	1.00	
VI	Public awareness program and publicity					
1	Public awareness program (brochures, website development & maintenance) and publicity			LS	1.00	
2	LCD Projector, computer and projector screen			LS	0.60	
VII	Eco-Development					
1	Cattle vaccination in fringe villages			5 camps	1.00	
2	Human Health camps for fringe communities			@ 20000	1.00	
3	Solar street lights for fringe villages			10 Nos. @ 25000	2.50	
IV	Tourism related					
1	Seating facilities for visitors			LS	0.50	
2	Toilets for visitors			3 Nos. @ Rs. 50000	1.50	
3	Setting up of signages at various locations			LS	1.00	
V	Miscellaneous					
1	Purchase of photocopies and fax machine			LS	0.75	
2	Purchase of computer for the office			LS	0.45	
3	Furniture for the Field Director's office		Dalobari, Tezpur	LS	1.00	
4	Furniture for the Range office		Dalobari, Tezpur	LS	1.00	
			Potasali	LS	0.25	
	TOTAL RECURRING				40.05	

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non – Recurring	79.43	79.43
2	Recurring	40.05	20.025
	Total	119.48	99.455

- (i) Total Sanction : Rs. 119.48 Lakh
(ii) Central Assistance : Rs. 99.455 Lakh
(iii) Ist Release : Rs. 79.564 Lakh
(iv) Adjustment of previous balance of 2010-11 : Rs. 38.592 Lakh
(v) Net Release : Rs. 40.972 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.