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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 Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra 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 **Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra** at the cost of **Rs. 483.70 lakhs (Rupees Four hundred Eighty Three lakhs Seventy 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. 264.63 Lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the Government of India and the **Government of Maharashtra**. 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. 267.026 Lakhs (Rupees Two hundred Sixty Seven lakhs Two thousand Six hundred only)** as the 1st installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to **Government of Maharashtra** 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 **Pench 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 Maharashtra** 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 **Pench 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 Maharashtra** in respect of **Pench Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report on or before 31.3.2011.
- (x) Noted at Serial No. 2 in the Register of Grants.
- (xi) Pench 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 Maharashtra** 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 Maharashtra** to the Govt. of India.
- (xiv) **Government of Maharashtra** in respect of **Pench 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 Pench Tiger Reserve strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between National Tiger Conservation Authority, Field Director (Pench Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Maharashtra**.
- (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 Maharashtra** 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 Maharashtra** 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. 158/AS&FA dated 8.8.2011.

Yours faithfully,

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

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Maharashtra. 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 Department immediately.
2. The Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Maharashtra.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Maharashtra.
4. The Field Director, Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra.
5. The Accountant General, Maharashtra.
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. Assistant Inspector General, Regional Office, NTCA, Nagpur.
11. Guard file/Spare copies.

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ANNEXURE

APO FOR THE YEAR 2011-12 OF PENCH TIGER RESERVE, MAHARASHTRA

(Rs. In lakhs)

S. No.	Item	Para No. of CSS-PT Guidelines	Location	Physical Target	Amount	GPS location
	<u>NON- RECURRING</u>					
A.	<u>Strengthening Infrastructure</u>					
1	Map digitization facility	4.2	F.D. Office	1 No.	2.00	
B	<u>Antipoaching Activities</u>		East/ West Pench	1 No.		
	Tiger Protection Force	4.1			27.00	
	(One unit with local labourers and hired vehicles)					
	Wages For 20 Labours @ 0.065				15.60	
	Hireing of Vehicles				10.40	
	Purchase Materials			1.00		
D.	<u>Research and Field Equipments</u>					
1	Tiger Tracking, camera trap monitoring etc. 1 Team each Range consist of 4 persons 2X 4 X 12= 96 m.m @ 0.065	4.7	East / West Pench	2 teams of 4 each	6.24	
2	Conducting Wildlife census by transect method 2 times per year 25 beats Rs. 0.06 per beat (This includes prepration of PIP, cleaning of transect, data processing training etc.)	4.7	East / West Pench	25 Beats 0.06 per Beat	1.50	
3	Purchase of Camera traps	4.2	East / West Pench	39	9.75	
4	Purchase of Digital Cameras for Executive Officers	4.2		4	0.60	
5	Purchase of 1 Laptot	4.2	Pench Tiger Reserve	1	1.50	
E.	<u>Addressing Man animal conflict</u>					
1	Payment of compensation of crop depredation and live stock depredation by carnivores (Eco-Development	4.4	East / West Pench	L.S.	2.00	
2	Providing solar power fencing to the forest area near Fulzari village (Eco-development)	4.4	Fulzari village	5 km	4.00	
3	Construciotn enclosure for Tiger cubs in Comptt. No. 543 with all necessary provisions (Already proposed vide PCCF (WL) No D-22 (6)/Plan4120 DATED 22/03/2010	4.4	Comptt. No. 543		105.32	
F	<u>Project Allowances</u>					
	1) Field Director 01	4.15	Pench Tiger	1X12X 0.02	0.24	
	2) Assistant C.F. 02		Reserve	2X12X 0.013	0.31	
	3) Range Forest Officer 03			3X12X 0.01	0.36	
	4) Forester 08			8X12X 0.009	0.87	
	5) Forest Guard 50			50X12X 0.009	5.40	
	6) Driver 03			3X12X 0.007	0.25	
	7) Ministerial Staff Class - III 13			13X12X 0.007	1.09	
	(1- CA, 3- A/C, 6- Clerk, 1- Steno typist, 1- Mastlashkar, 1- Draftman)					
	8) Ministerial Staff Class - IV 06			6X12X 0.004	0.29	

	(2- Peon, 1 - Watchman, 1 - khansama, 2 - Wireless helper)					
	9) Vanmajoor 26			26X12X 0.004	1.25	
G.	Staff Welfare Activities					
1	Purchase of solar unit for protection camps	4.16	East Pench	5	1.00	
H.	Development Activities for Co-existence in Buffer Zone					
1	Preparation of eco-development micro plan for remaining villages in buffer zone (Eco-development)	4.5	Buffer of Pench Tiger Reserve	40	2.50	
I.	Mainstreaming wildlife concern in Tiger bearing forests (buffer) and corridor					
1	Monitoring of Wildlife by line transect method once in a year	-	Buffer	26	1.30	
2	Antipoaching Operations establishment of 2 anit poaching local force unit having 10 labour each with one vehicle on hire					
	10 x12x6500 = 7.80					
	1x30x12x1500 = 5.40					
	Total = 13.20 each unit		Buffer area	2 unit	26.40	
3	Habitat Improvement measures					
a	Fire potection work in Mansinghdeo part of Buffer (Cuttingof fire line and burning) (Eco-development)	4.1	Buffer (Specially Mansinghdeo part)	200 km fireline @ 0.60 per km	12.00	
b	Enganement fo firewtchers faor Mansinghdeo part fo Buffer for 1.5 month (15/02/2012 to 31/03/2012)	4.1	Buffer (Specially Mansinghdeo part)	50 F.W. 50x1.5x0.065	4.90	
J.	Staff development and capacity building					
	c) Tour of selected PA outside state to Study good wildlife management practices	4.8	Pench Tiger Reserve	1 Tour	1.00	
	Total Non-Recurring				219.07	
	RECURRING					
1	Committed Expenditure of 2010-11 [daily wage local force wages for January 2011 to March 2011 (TTF, Protection Hut, Check Naka labours etc.)	4.1	East / West Pench	255 mm at the rate .055	27.02	
2	Wireless communication network Royalty to Govt. of India	4.1	Pench Tiger Reserve	1 Network	1.00	
3	Wages for wireless operator 5 Stations 3 person each @ 0.07 /- per month	4.1	Nagpur	5 X3 X12 = 180 @ 0.07	12.60	
			Kolitmara Ghatpendhari			
			Totaladoh			
			Pipariya			
4	Maintenance and repair to wireless sets	4.1	Pench Tiger	12 B.S @ 0.05	0.60	
			Reserve	8 M.S. @ 0.03	0.24	
				50 H.H. @ 0.02	1.00	
5	Antifishing squad for Totaladoh Reservoir	4.1	Totaladoh	30 person	23.40	
				12 months		
				360 Months @		

				0.065		
6	Establishment of hotshot crew	4.1	East / West Pench	240 mm @ 0.065	15.60	
	during fire season					
	01/04 to 15/6 2.5 month X 60 mm = 150					
	15/12/12 to 31/3/12 1.5 month X 60= 90mm					
				240 mm		
7	Wages for check naka labourers	4.1	East / West Pench	360 mm @ 0.065	23.40	
8		4.2	Pench Tiger	1 F.D. @ 3.00	4.00	
	Maintenance of offices		Reserve	2 R FO @ 0.50		
9	Wages for drivers		Pench Tiger	96 mm	5.40	
	6 drivers + 2 cleaner = 8X12= 96 @ 0.075	4.1	Reserve			
11 ***	Maintenance of vehicles	4.2	Pench Tiger	Petrol - 4	5.50	
	a) Petrol Vehicle - 1		Reserve	Diesel - 7		
	Diesel Vehicles - 7			11 @ 0.50		
	Motor Boat - 3					
		11				
	b) Motorcycles 12	4.2	Pench Tiger	Motorcycle 4 @ 0.06	0.24	
			Reserve			
12 ***	Petrol / Diesel for vehicles					
	i) Four wheeler - 8		Pench Tiger	11 @ 1.00	11.00	
	ii) Motorboat - 3 1.00 lakh per year	4.2	REserve			
	iii) Motorcycle - 12 (0.10 per year)			12 @ 0.10	1.20	
14 ***	Maintenance of Forest Roads	4.2	Pench Tiger	46.50 km @0.15	6.97	
	Metalled Road - 46.5 km		Reserve			
	Murrum Road - 211.00 km			211.00 km @ 0.07	21.10	
	Earthen Road - 55.0 km			55 km @	4.67	
15 ***	Water Augmentation work					
	a) Maintenance of existing water holes	4.3	Pench Tiger Reserve	130 Water holes at rate 0.05 each	6.50	
	b) construction of earthen bunds to increase wter availability in water holes		East / West Pench	50 @0.10	5.00	
16	Maintenance of old meadow	4.3	East / West Pench	100 Hector @ 0.0625	6.25	
17	Fire line cutting and burning	4.2	Pench Tiger	93 km @ 0.084	7.82	
	'A' class = 93 km		Reserve	290 km @ 0.063	18.27	
	'B' class = 290 km			41 km @ 0.039	1.58	
	'C' class = 41 km					
18	Payment of fee to pleader in offence cases	4.1	Pench Tiger	-	0.60	
			Reserve			
	Removal of lantana, Ipomea from the infested area of buffer specially Mansinghdeo part 50 hector @ 0.0625 per hector (Eco-development)	4.1	Buffer (Specially Mansinghd eo part)	50 Hector	3.12	
19	Upgradation of road	4.2	Narhar to Kolitmara Road	4 Km.	10.00	

			Kolitmara to Compart. No. 669	2 Km.	5.00	
20	Desilting of old water holes/ bodies in (Eco-development)	4.5	Buffer of Pench Tiger Reserve (Mansinghdeo part)	1	1.00	
21	Preparation of posters, banners for wildlife awareness in buffer area and to mark entrance of buffer with proper board (Eco-development)	-	Buffer area	L.S.	1.00	
22	Purchase of equipment like cots, mosquito nets, water filter, riot shields, body suits, lathis, helmets for protection camps and protection force	4.16	East/ West Pench	17 0.30 each	2.55	
23	Eco-development activities for the living condition of the villagers in the buffer zone] (Biogas plants, training to unemployed youth, solar cooker, SMC works in cultivation field for procuring water regime. Other trust building activities in the village of Buffer) (Eco-development)	4.5	Buffer Zone	-	30.00	
J.	Staff development and capacity building					
	a) Training of all Beat Guards of Pench Tiger Reserve in	4.8	Pench Tiger Reserve	2 training	1.00	
	b) Protection monitoring and legal aspect					
	c) GPS/PDA/ Camera trap training					
	2 training 40 person in each (2 days training) (2 X 0.50 each batch)					
	Total of Recurring				264.63	
	GRAND TOTAL (NR+R)				483.70	

(Rs. In Lakh)

S. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1	Non – Recurring	219.07	219.07
2	Recurring	264.63	132.315
	Total	483.70	351.385

(i)	Total Sanction	:	Rs.	483.70	Lakh
(ii)	Central Assistance	:	Rs.	351.315	Lakh
(iii)	Ist Release	:	Rs.	281.052	Lakh
(iv)	Adjustment of previous balance of 2010-11	:	Rs.	13.792	Lakhs
(v)	Net Release	:	Rs.	267.026	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.