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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 Sundarban Tiger Reserve, West Bengal 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 Sundarban Tiger Reserve, West Bengal at the cost of **Rs. 313.50 Lakhs (Rupees Three hundred Thirteen lakhs Fifty thousand only)** as per details given in the annexure, giving details of GPS location of proposed items. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 213.50 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the **Government of India** and the **Government of West Bengal**. The remaining cost of the scheme will be treated as 100% Central Assistance by the Government of India.

2. The funds will be released on receipt of Progress Report of unutilised amount of previous year (2010-11). The sanctioned 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 **Sundarban 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 West Bengal** 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 **Sundarban 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 West Bengal in respect of **Sundarban 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) Sundarban 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 West Bengal** 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 West Bengal** to the **Govt. of India**.
- (xiv) Government of West Bengal in respect of **Sundarban 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 Sundarban Tiger Reserve strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between National Tiger Conservation Authority, Field Director (Sundarban Tiger Reserve) and **Government of West Bengal**.
- (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 West Bengal 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 West Bengal 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. 338/AS&FA dated 13.10.2011.

Yours faithfully,

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

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of West Bengal. 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 West Bengal.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of West Bengal.
4. The Field Director, Sundarban Tiger Reserve, West Bengal.
5. The Accountant General, West Bengal.
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 SUNDARBAN TIGER RESERVE, WEST BENGAL

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Item	Para No. of CSSPT Guideline	Current year 2011-12 proposal			GPS location
			Location	Physical	Amount recommended by APCCF & MS (NTCA) for 2011-12	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A	NON-RECURRING					
I.	Antipoaching					
	1. Establishing fair weather coastal patrolling camps (1) Establishment of camps from September to February	4.1	i) Mechua sea face in NPE range ii) Hawati in NP (WL) range	2 units	7.00	i) N 21°36'44" E 88°59'57" ii) N 21°48'17" E 88°43'09"
	2. Establishment of floating check posts	4.1	Tentultala, Pirkhali & Sadakkhali camp of SWLS, Kakmari, Chilmari & Shamsernagar camp of BHT range	6	19.00	i) N 22°04'50" E 88°45'41" ii) N 22°03'15" E 88°45'66" iii) N 22°05'20" E 88°52'8" iv) N 22°05'55" E 88°55'48" v) N 22°11'40" E 88°57'39" vi) N 22°11'51" E 89°3'27"
	3. Contingent expenditure for control of poaching	4.1	STR	LS	3.00	
II.	Strengthening infrastructure within Tiger Reserves					
	3. Pucca Jetty construction with anti erosion pilling	4.2	Chamta under NPE range Haldibari under NPW range	2 units	10.00	i) N 21°51'37" E 88°54'50" ii) N 21°43'5" E 88°46'48"
	7. Development of running water supply facilities at BHT range including purchase of generator, setting pipeline, construction of overhead tank	4.2	BHT	LS	10.00	
IV.	Man-animal conflict mitigation measures					
	1. Nylon net fencing (new) on village relocation interface	4.4	NPW, SWLS, BHT ranges	10 km	20.00	
	2. Payment of compensation for tiger/crocodile victim etc.	4.4	STR	LS	6.00	
	4. Awareness among fringe villages	4.4	FPC, EDC area of STR	LS	4.00	
	5. Tranquilization drugs / training	4.4	SWLS range	LS	2.00	
V.	Research & monitoring					
	1. Behavioural studies of tigers through GPS-based radio collaring	4.7	STR	LS	1.00	
	2. Tiger prey base study in	4.7	STR	LS	2.00	

	Sundarbans					
	3. Purchase of cameras, computers, GPS	4.7	STR	LS	5.00	
VI.	Nature education, publicity and extension					
	1. Organising Awareness Camps					
	(i) For school children / fringe population	4.5	For FPC, EDC areas of STR	10	1.00	
	(ii) Publicity & Extension	4.5	STR	LS	1.00	
VII.	Staff Welfare	4.16	STR	LS	2.00	
XI.	Mainstreaming livelihood & WL Concerns					
	1. Installation of pumping system to fresh out saline water from existing ponds and water reserves (new proposal)	4.5	FPC/EDC of STR		2.00	
	2. Supply of inputs to trained FPC/EDC members to set up income generating activities	4.5	FPC/EDC of STR	LS	5.00	
	TOTAL (NON-RECURRING)				100.00	
B.	RECURRING					
I.	Antipoaching					
i.	EDC/FPC member involvement to provide minimum strength to these camps (3 nos. x 6 camps x 6 month @ Rs. 150/- per day)	4.1	NPE & NPW range	6	6.00	
ii.	Cost of hiring one support boat for patrolling around each camp including these camps fuel Rs. 1200/-per day x 3 camps with one support boat	4.1	Gabboni in BSH, Hawati in NPW, Arabhanga in NPW range	3	6.50	
iii.	Hiring of two additional launches for patrolling including fuel	4.1	STR	2	14.00	
II.	Transportation of water for staff	4.16	All over STR	LS	5.00	
IV.	Maintenance :					
	(a) Propulagation cost of Deptl. Launches and boats, mechanized departmental boats, vehicles as well as hiring of watercrafts and vehicles	4.1	For the Deptl. Craft of STR all over	LS	40.00	
	(b) Petty repairs to buildings	4.1	Bagna and Burirdabri of BHT range Haldibari Netidhopani of NPW range Sajnakhali & Duttar of SWLS range	SL	12.00	
	(c) Repairs to compound fencing: including new camp at Kendo & Harikhali	4.1	Dobanki of SWLS range Baghmara of NPE range Lahiripur of SWLS range Jhingakhali and Burirdabri of BHT range	LS	10.00	
	(d) Repairs to Jetty	4.1	NPE, BHT & SWLS ranges	LS	8.00	
	(e) Petty repairs to accommodation boats	4.1	SWLS, NPE & BHT ranges	LS	6.00	

V.	Repairs to R.T sets including supply of new batteries	4.1	Antipoaching camps to STR	LS	2.00	
VI.	Repairs of solar lights including supply of new panels to replace old panels	4.1	Distant antipoaching camps of SWLS, NPE and NPW range	LS	3.00	
VII.	Overhauling engine of motor launches	4.1	All the Deptl. Crafts of STR	LS	5.00	
VIII.	Maintenance of 5 speed boats, 15 mech. Boats, 6 launches	4.1	All over STR	LS	5.00	
IX.	Man-tiger conflict mitigation measures (Maintaining existing nylon net fencing, due to saline water and corrosive nature nylon net and support posts get damaged frequently so it needs frequent maintenance)	4.4		LS	9.00	
X.	Strengthening infrastructure within Tiger Reserves					
	1. Compound development at Harikhali & Chhotohardi	4.2	NPW & BHT ranges	2 units	17.00	i) N 22°59'15" E 88°58'17" ii) N 21°41.024' E 88°44.003'
	2. Construction / renovation of antipoaching tower at Dobanki and Samsernagar	4.2	NPW, BHT ranges	4 units	20.00	i) N 21°59'21" E 88°45'17" ii) N 22°11'51" E 89°3'27"
	4. Compound fencing erection and maintenance	4.2	NPE, SWLS, BHT ranges Gadkhali Pakhirala Jhingakhali	8 km	20.00	i) N 22°10'19" E 88°47'9" ii) N 22°07'73" E 88°49'25" iii) N 22°12'51" E 89°1'55"
	6. Improvement of post-mortem unit at SWLS	4.2	SWLS	1 no.	2.00	
XI.	Habitat improvement and water development					
	1. Improvement of sweet water pond and observation lines near camps	4.3	Chamta of NPE Haldibari of NPW Dobanki of SWLS & Burirdabri of BHT range	4 units	6.00	
XII.	Man-animal conflict mitigation measures					
	3. Repair of cage traps (Old cage trap)	4.4	SWLS & BHT ranges	LS	4.00	
XIII.	Ecodevelopment					
	2. Rainwater harvesting structure for generalize by the EDC/FPC members	4.5	STR	5 nos.	5.00	
	5. Medical camps	4.5	FPC/EDC of STR	10	2.50	

	6. Veterinary care	4.5	FPC/EDC STR	of 10	2.00	
XIV.	Capacity Building					
	1. Training of staff and FPC members for tiger straying, awareness building and sensitization	4.8	FPC/EDC STR	of 5	1.00	
	2. Study tour for staff and EDC/FPC members	4.8	FPC/EDC STR	of 1	1.00	
	3. Group meeting of staff and FPC/EDC members	4.8	FPC/EDC STR	of 25	1.00	
	4. Conducting refresher courses of eco-tourism guides including supply of guide kits	4.17	FPC/EDC STR	of 1	0.50	
	TOTAL (RECURRING)				213.50	
	GRAND TOTAL (NR+R)				313.50	

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Items	Sanction	Central Assistance
1.	Non-Recurring	100.00	100.00
2.	Recurring	213.50	106.75
	Total	313.50	206.75

- (i) Total Sanction - Rs. 313.50 Lakhs
- (ii) Central Assistance - Rs. 206.75 Lakhs
- (iii) 1st Release - Rs.165.40 Lakhs
- (iv) Adjustment of un-utilized amount of 2010-11 - Rs. 168.46 Lakhs
- (v) Net release - NIL

*** 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**