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Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(Project Tiger)

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Dated 26th July, 2004

To,

The Senior Account Officer (HQ),
O/o Principal Accounts Officer,
Ministry of Environment & Forests,
Paryavaran Bhavan,
New Delhi

Subject: Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme "Project Tiger"- Administrative Approval for funds release to **Melghat Tiger Reserve**, Maharashtra during 2004 – 2005.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the scheme 'Project Tiger' during 2004-2005 in the Melghat Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra at the cost of Rs. 140.40 lakhs (Rupees One Hundred forty Lakhs and forty thousand only) as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 97.05 lakhs (Rupees Ninety seven Lakhs and five thousand only) being the recurring cost of scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the Government of India and the Government of Maharashtra. The remaining cost of Rs. 43.35 lakhs (Rupees forty three Lakhs and thirty five thousand only) being the non-recurring 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 competent authority to the release of an amount of Rs. 30.00 lakhs (Rupees Thirty Lakhs only) to Government of Maharashtra towards the Ist installments of the Central Share of assistance during the current financial year 2004-2005. 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 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.

4. 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 Project Tiger 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.

5. 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.

6. The expenditure involved is debit to the Major Head '3601'-Grants in aid to State Governments. 3601.04-Grants for Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme .3601.04.659-Environment Forestry and Wildlife -Wildlife Preservation 3601.04.659.03. Project Tiger 3601.04.659.03.00.31 Grants in aid under demand No. 29 of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (Plan) for the year 2004-05.

7. This issues with the concurrence of the Forest Finance Division of the Department vide their Dy. No. 3900/DIF/ 2004 dated 05.07.2004 under the powers delegated to the Ministries/Departments.

Yours faithfully,

(Ganga Singh)
Joint Director (PT)

Copy forwarded to:

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai. A copy of the detailed sanction letter issued by the State Government in respect of this scheme for 2004-2005 may kindly be furnished to this Department immediately.
2. The Secretary (Finance), Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/ Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai
4. The Field Director, Melghat Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra.
5. The Accountant General, Maharashtra, Mumbai.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Deptt. AGCR Building, New Delhi.
7. Forest Finance Division, M/O E&F, New Delhi.
8. Plan Finance Division (PF-II), Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
9. Dy. Advisor (Forestry), S&T Division, Planning Commission, Yojna Bhawan, New Delhi.
10. Dy. Director, Wildlife Preservation, Western Region, Mumbai.
11. Guard file/Spare copies.

(Ganga Singh)
Joint Director (PT)