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

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Dated 14th July, 2006

To,

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

Sub: Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme "Project Tiger"- Administrative Approval for funds release to **Sunderban Tiger Reserve, West Bengal** during 2006 – 2007.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme 'Project Tiger' during 2006-2007 in **Sunderban Tiger Reserve, West Bengal** at the cost of Rs. 147.30 lakhs (Rupees one hundred forty seven lakhs and thirty thousand only) as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 60.00 lakhs (Rupees sixty lakhs only) being the recurring cost of scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the Government of India and the Government of West Bengal. The remaining cost of Rs. 87.30 lakhs (Rupees eighty seven lakhs and thirty 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. 100.00 lakhs (Rupees one hundred lakhs only) to Government of West Bengal towards the Ist installments of the Central Share of assistance during the current financial year 2006-2007. 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 West Bengal 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-Environmental 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 2006-07.

7. This issues with the concurrence of the Forest Finance Division of the Ministry vide their Dy. No. 825/AS(FA)/F/2006 dated 03.06.2006 under the powers delegated to the Ministries/Departments.

Yours faithfully,

(Ganga Singh)
Joint Director (PT)

Copy forwarded to:

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of West Bengal, Kolkata. A copy of the detailed sanctioned letter issued by the State Government in respect of this scheme for 2006-2007 may kindly be furnished to this Department immediately.
2. The Secretary (Finance), Government of West Bengal.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/ Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of West Bengal.
4. The Field Director, Sunderban Tiger Reserve, Canning Town, 24 Pgs. (S), West Bengal.
5. The Accountant General, West Bengal.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Deptt. AGCR Building, 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, Yojna Bhawan, New Delhi.
10. Dy. Director, Wildlife Preservation, Southern / Northern / Eastern / Western Region.
11. Guard file/Spare copies.

(Ganga Singh)
Joint Director (PT)

Annexure**Annual Plan of Operation
Sunderban Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan (2006-07)****(Rs. in lakhs)**

Sl. No.	Item of works	Qty.	Location	Amount for 2006-07
A	Non-recurring			
3	Protection			
	b. Operation cost of Strike Force (SAP and some costs of BSF camps) at Sajnekhali and Bagna	LS	STR	6.00
	d. Organising special patrolling by having people against some vacant posts (50 persons x @ Rs. 100 x 300 days)	LS	STR	15.00
	e. Establishment fair-weather coastal patrolling camps (new approach)			
	ii. EDC/FPC member involvement to provide minimum strength to these camps: (10 Nos. x 1 camps x 6 months = 1800 mandays @ Rs. 100/-)	LS	Mechua	1.80
	iii. Cost of hiring of one support boat for patrolling around each camp including these camps including fuel: (Rs. 500/- per day X 200 days with preparation)	LS	Mechua	1.00
	f. Establishment of floating check post camps in strategic locations including hiring of floating boats	6	Chilmari, Kaksa, Melmelia, Habati, Pirkhali and Kakmari	18.00
	Sub Total			41.80
4	Tiger straying control and rescue of stray wild animals			
	a. Tranquillising drugs/ equipments and training	LS	STR	1.00
	c. Nylon net fence on village forest interface including annual maintenance	20 km	Sajnekhali, Bagna, NP(W) Range	10.00
	Sub Total			11.00
6	Nature education, publicity and extension			
	b. Organising awareness camps			
	i. For school children (Sunderban Nature Club)	4 Nos.	STR	0.50
	Sub Total			0.50
8	Project Allowance	LS	STR	8.00
	Sub Total			8.00
	Grand Total			61.30
B	Recurring (50:50)			
3	Maintenance			
	a. Propulagation cost of Deptt. :Launches and boats, mechanized departmental boats, vehicles as well as hiring of watercrafts and vehicles	LS	STR	30.00
	d. Repairs to Jetty	2	STR	5.00
	e. Petty repairs to accommodation boats	LS	STR	5.00
	f. Repairs of nylon net fencing for combat for tiger straying	LS	STR	8.00
	Sub Total			48.00
5	Office expenditure	LS	STR	6.00
	Sub Total			6.00
10	Maintenance of 5 speed boats, 15 mech. Boats, 6 launches	LS	STR	4.00
	Sub Total			4.00
12	Payment of compensation for heirs to tiger victim and payment of premium for Janata Insurance Policy for field staff	LS	STR	2.00
	Sub Total			2.00
	Grant Total			60.00

C	Eco-Development			
3	Trust building activities			
	a. Sinking Tubewell	15	Mitrabari, Bagnapara, Sonagaon, Jemspur, Lahiripur, Luxbagan, Lahiripur, Bijoynagar, Mathurakhand, Bally, Hentalbari, Kalidaspur, Emlibari, Bhuruliapara, Adibasipara (1 each)	15.00
	c. Construction of brick block jetty	10	Pakhiralaya, Mathurakhanda, Dayapur, Hentalbari, Adibasipara, Jamespur, Luxbagan, Enpur, Lahiripur, Kalidaspur	5.00
	d. Medical camp	5	FPC/EDC of STR	2.00
	e. Veterinary care	8	FPC/EDC of STR	4.00
	Total			26.00
	GRAND TOTAL (A+B+C)			147.30

Detail of Release during 2006-07

Sanction

'A' Non-Recurring	Rs. 61.30 lakhs
'B' Recurring	Rs. 60.00 lakhs
'C' Ecodevelopment	Rs. 26.00 lakhs
Total Sanction	Rs. 147.30 lakhs

Central Assistance

100% of A	Rs. 61.30 lakhs
50% of B	Rs. 30.00 lakhs
100% of C	Rs. 26.00 lakhs
Total Central Assistance	Rs. 117.30 lakhs

Amount being released as Ist installment Rs. 100.00 Lakhs

* Eco-Development initiatives should be based on normative guidelines of the Project Tiger Directorate, MoEF, 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.