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

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To

The Senior Accounts 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 *Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh* during 2005-06.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme 'Project Tiger' during 2005-06 in the **Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh** at the cost of Rs. 249.55 lakhs (Rupees two hundred forty nine lakhs and fifty five thousand only) as per details given in the Annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs.173.65 lakhs (Rupees one hundred seventy three lakhs and sixty 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 Madhya Pradesh. The remaining cost of Rs.75.90 lakhs (Rupees seventy five lakhs and ninety 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. 125 lakhs (Rupees one hundred and twenty five lakhs only) to Government of Madhya Pradesh towards the first instalment of the Central Share of assistance during the current financial year 2005-06. 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 figure 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 inspection 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 Madhya Pradesh under intimation to this Department.

6. The expenditure is debitable 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. 30 of the Ministry of Environment & Forests (Plan) for the year 2005-06.

7. This issues with the concurrence of Forest Finance Division of the Department vide their Dy. No. 554/DIF/05 dated 20.6.2005 under the powers delegated to the Ministries/Departments.

Yours faithfully,

(Ganga Singh)
Joint Director (PT)

Copy forwarded to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal. A copy of the detailed sanction letter issued by the State Government in respect of this scheme for 2005-06 may kindly be furnished to this Department immediately.
2. The Secretary (Finance), Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/ Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
4. The Divisional Forest Officer, Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Umaria, Madhya Pradesh.
5. The Accountant General, Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
7. Forest Finance Division, Ministry of Environment & Forests, 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. Dy. Director, Wildlife Preservation, Western Region, Mumbai.
11. Guard File/Spare Copies

(Ganga Singh)
Joint Director