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

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Dated the 13th September, 2005

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 *Sunderbans Tiger Reserve, West Bengal* 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 **Sunderbans Tiger Reserve, West Bengal** at the cost of Rs. 183.40 lakhs (Rupees one hundred eighty three lakhs and forty thousand only) as per details given in the Annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 82.00 lakhs (Rupees eighty two 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. 101.40 lakhs (Rupees one hundred one lakhs and forty 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 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 West Bengal under intimation to this Department.

6. The expenditure is debitible 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. 1152/DIF/05 dated 26.08.2005 under the powers delegated to the Ministries/Departments.

Yours faithfully,

(Ganga Singh)
Joint Director (PT)

Copy forwarded to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of West Bengal, Kolkata. 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 West Bengal, Kolkata.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/ Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata.
4. Field Director, Sunderbans Tiger Reserve, West Bengal.
5. The Accountant General, West Bengal, Kolkata.
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

**ANNUAL PLAN OPERATION FOR THE YEAR 2005-06
SUNDERBAN TIGER RESERVE (WEST BENGAL)**

	NON-RECURRING				
1.	COMMUNICATION & TRANSPORTATION:				
	(a)	Hiring of 2 additional Launches for Patrolling including Fuel:	2		8.00
2.	PROTECTION:				
	(a)	Purchase of Ammunitions etc.:	LS		1.00
	(b)	Operation Cost of Strike Force (SAP and some costs of BSF Camp) at Sajnekhali and Bagna:	2		6.00
	(c)	Organising Special Patrolling by having people against some vacant posts: (50 Persons x @ Rs. 100 x 300 days)	LS		15.00
	(d)	To Meet expenses for information collection i.e. hiring of vehicles, boats and other related expenditures:	LS		1.00
	(e)	Establishing Fair-weather coastal Patrolling Camps [New Approach]:			
		(i) Establishment of Camps from September to February:	2		8.00
		(ii) EDC/FPC member involvement to provide minimum strength to these Camps: [10 Nos. X 2 Camps X 6 monthly = 3600 Mandays @ Rs. 100/-]	LS		3.60
		(iii) Cost of Hiring of one Support Boat for Patrolling around each Camp including these Camps including Fuel: [Rs. 500/- per day X 180 days X 2]	LS		1.80
3.	HABITAT MANAGEMENT:				
	(a)	Excavation/Improvement of Sweet Water Pond [new/de novo]:	4		2.00
4.	PROJECT ALLOWANCE:			LS	8.00
GRAND TOTAL:					54.40

B. RECURRING (50:50):

Sl. No.	Item of Works	Quantity		APO Amount (Rs. in Lakh)
01.	TRAVEL EXPENSES:	LS		7.00
02.	TRANSPORTATION OF WATER FOR STAFF:	LS		5.00
03.	MAINTENANCE:			
	(a) Population cost of Deptl. Launches & Boats, Mechanized Deptl. Boats, Vehicles as well as hiring of watercrafts and vehicles:	LS		30.00
	(b) Petty Repairs to Buildings:	LS		5.00
	(c) Repairs to Compound Fencing:	LS		1.00
	(d) Repairs to Jetty:	2		2.00
	(e) Petty Repairs to Accommodation Boats:	LS		1.00
	(f) Repairs of Nylon Net Fencing for Combat of Tiger Straying:	LS		5.00
04.	RESEARCH:	LS		1.00
05.	OFFICE EXPENDITURE:	LS		4.00
06.	PUBLICITY & EXTENSION:	LS		1.00
07.	REPAIRS TO RT SETS:	LS		1.00
08.	REPAIRS OF SOLAR LIGHTS:	LS		1.00
09.	OVERHAULING ENGINE OF MOTOR LAUNCHES:	2		4.00
10.	MAINTENANCE OF 5 SPEED BOATS, 15 MECH. BOATS, 6 LAUNCHES:	LS		10.00
11.	SOIL CONSERVATION WORKS:	LS		2.00

12.	REPAIRS TO BATTERY:	LS		1.00
13.	PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION FOR HEIRS TO TIGER VICTIM & PAYMENT OF PREMIUM FOR JANATA INSURANCE POLICY FOR FIELD STAFF:	LS		1.00
GRAND TOTAL:				82.00

c. Centrally Sponsored Scheme - Eco-development - APO 2005-2006:				
03.	TRUST BUILDING ACTIVITIES:			
	(a)	Construction of 1.5 mtr. Wide Brick Path as	10	30.00
	(b)	Approach path in Fringe Village: Construction of Brick Block Jetty:	10	5.00
04.	JFM SUPPORT ACTIVITIES:			
	(a)	Excavation of Sweet-water Ponds in the	7	5.00
	(b)	Provision of Revolving Fund for FPC/EDCs	20	6.00
05.	JFM-CAPABILITY BUILDING:			
	(a)	Training of Staff and FPC Members for Tiger	5	1.00
GRAND TOTAL:				47.00

Detail of Release during 2005-06

A	Non-Recurring	Rs. 54.40 Lakhs
B	Recurring	Rs. 82.00 Lakhs
C	Eco-development	Rs. 47.00 Lakhs

Total Sanction **Rs. 183.40 Lakhs**

100% of A	Rs. 54.40 Lakhs
50% of B	Rs. 41.00 Lakhs
100% of C	Rs. 47.00 Lakhs

Total Central Assistance **Rs. 142.40 Lakhs**

Amount adjusted as unspent balance for 2004-05 Rs. 24.48362 lakhs

Net Central Assistance during 2005-06 Rs. 142.40 lakhs – Rs. 24.48362 lakhs
= Rs.117.91638 lakhs

Amount being released as 1st 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 commitment between the tiger reserve and the local people.

