No. 4-1(37)/2020-PT
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Project Tiger Division

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To,
The Pay & Accounts Officer,
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,
New Delhi.

Sub: Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme ‘Project Tiger’ Administrative Approval for funds release to Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Karnataka during 2020-21 –reg.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme ‘Project Tiger’ in Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Karnataka at the cost of Rs. 1765.88 Lakhs (Rupees One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Five lakhs Eighty Eight thousand Only) as per details given in the table at Annexure. Of the total cost of the Scheme, Rs. 974.93 Lakhs (Rupees Nine hundred Seventy Four lakhs Ninety Three thousand Only) being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the Government of India and Government of Karnataka. The remaining cost of the scheme will be treated as 60% Central Assistance by the Government of India and 40% assistance by the State Government of Karnataka.

2. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President to the payment and release of an amount of Rs. 409.40 lakhs (Rupees Four Hundred Nine lakhs Forty thousand Only) as the 1st installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to Government of Karnataka during the current financial year 2020-21. 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 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 2017, 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(1) 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 Bandipur 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 230(12)(i).

(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 Karnataka 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 Bandipur 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, 1971 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, 1971 and internal audit party by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry whenever it is called upon.

(viii) The Utilization Certificate against the earlier funds released under Grants-in-aid have been received and accepted by the competent authority.

(ix) Government of Karnataka in respect of Bandipur Tiger Reserve may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report on or before 31.3.2021.

(x) Bandipur 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.

(xi) Grants-in-aid to Government of Karnataka is subject to the Economy Instructions issued from time to time by the Ministry of Finance or by the Competent Authority.

(xii) Grants-in-aid shall be utilized before the end of the current financial year 2020-21 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by Government of Karnataka to the Govt. of India.

(xiii) Government of Karnataka in respect of Bandipur Tiger Reserve will maintain a separate account and will present their annual accounts in the standard format as required under GFR 230(5).

(xiv) Grants-in-aid shall be utilized for Bandipur Tiger Reserve strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, acting through the National Tiger Conservation Authority, Field Director (Bandipur Tiger Reserve) and Government of Karnataka.

(xv) 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).

(xvi) The expenditure should be limited to the amount released and in no case should be done in anticipation of further release by the Ministry.

(xvii) The payments of daily wagers should be done through account transfer / account payee Cheques only duly linked with Aadhar Number.

(xviii) It may please be ensured that there is no duplication of nature and items of work being proposed in the same area under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes such as Project Elephant, Eco-development and IDWH Schemes etc.

(xix) The cost estimates worked out by the Field Director should be based on approved schedule of rates of the State Government, with due approval of the competent authority.

(xx) Approval of the competent authority be obtained and acceptance of UC may be ensured by PD.

(xxii) The expenditure is incurred as per the allocation of funds.

(xxiii) Payments are made by bank transfer and no cash payment is to be made.

(xxiv) Funds for POL / maintenance of vehicles would be admissible only for the vehicles purchased from CSS funds.

(xxv) Funds will not be diverted for any item other than specified herein.
(xxv) Funds to be spent only on items approved in TCP.

(xxvi) Compensation for loss due to wildlife is to supplement the State Government fund as per the rules of State Government.

(xxvii) GFR is followed by implementing agency along-with the economic instructions issued by Government of India from time to time.

(xxviii) Satellite photo with date and latitude and longitude nodes after completion of work depicting the work carried out before and after the work.

(xxix) Evidence of deposit of TDS/Service Tax in case of contract payment and CST in case of leviable goods are sent along with UC.

(XXX) In case of employment through contract, copy of PF & ESI contributions of employees shall be obtained wherever applicable.

(XXXI) All measurable outcome of this grant must be mentioned in the sanction order and UC is to be submitted as prescribed in GFR 2017 – Form GFR 12-C.

(XXXII) If the implementing agency does not use the fund for the purpose for which it was given, it has to refund the same with interest.

(XXXIII) There should not be any overlapping of activities under the projects with the activities of ongoing schemes under CSS/CS/State Government Scheme.

(XXXIV) The sanction order must mention measurable physical parameters and all measurable parameters are to be adhered to.

(XXXV) The fixed asset created out of this grant shall not be disposed off without concurrence of this Ministry.

(XXXVI) A separate bank account shall be opened for the purpose and the account shall be open for audit by Central Government or C&AG.

(XXXVII) All guidelines under the project is to be followed scrupulously.

(XXXVIII) The UC with physical progress report and satellite photo with physical deliverable with date and latitude – longitude coordinates before and after completion of work be obtained of each tiger reserve and uploaded on the website of the implementing agency as well as the Ministry for public access.

(XXXIX) The measurable outcome under the project (quantified) in terms of number of tigers in tiger reserve, eco-tourism in tiger reserve, %age decrease in man-animal conflict etc., may also be submitted in the progress report.

(XL) All labour payments strictly by DBT.

(XLI) All guidelines of Project Tiger Schemes are followed by concerned tiger reserve and Expenditure Evaluation Report on the expenditure incurred viz. proposed activities and result achieved may be furnished before release of 2nd installment.

4. As the annual budget of the Scheme is approved by the Central Government, the Government of Karnataka 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 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 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 of National Tiger Conservation Authority should 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 Tiger Conservation 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 Karnataka under intimation to this Department.

8. The expenditure incurred is adjustable to the Demand No. 25 (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change) under the following heads during the Financial Year 2020-21:

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9. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 135954/AS&FA (PG) dated 16.07.2020.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Vaibhav C. Mathur)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-
1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Karnataka. A copy of the detailed sanction letter issued by the State Government in respect of this scheme for 2020-21 may kindly be furnished to this Ministry immediately.
2. The Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Karnataka.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Karnataka.
4. The IGF, NTCA RO, Bengaluru.
5. The Field Director, Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Karnataka.
6. The Accountant General, Karnataka.
7. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
10. Guard file/Spare copies.

(Dr. Vaibhav C. Mathur)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests (PT)
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**Justification**

- Analysis of location and foundation.
- Assessment of the site.
- Preparing the site for the construction.

**Labour & Equipment**

- Labour: 4 workers
- Equipment: 2 machines

**Payment Details**

- Payment made: Rs. 25,000
- Payment due: Rs. 50,000

**Notes**

- Work in progress as of 14-1-19.
| Sl No | Item | Description | Page No | TCP | Location/GPS Coordinates | Fly | Fly | Fly | Fly | Financial Stage | Justification
|-------|------|-------------|---------|-----|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------|------------------|
| 3 | 4 | Creation of Niche | 16.1.3.11 | 10.0.5490.31, 58.5297 | 11 Now | 11 Now | 11 Now | 11 Now | Financial Stage | Justification
| 4 | 5 | Day in Day review of Wild animals | 18.1.3.11 | 11.0.5490.31, 58.5297 | 11 Now | 11 Now | 11 Now | 11 Now | Financial Stage | Justification
| 5 | A | Advance Decline in Niche | 18.1.3.11 | 11.0.5490.31, 58.5297 | 11 Now | 11 Now | 11 Now | 11 Now | Financial Stage | Justification
| 6 | 1 | Preparation for field work | 18.1.3.11 | 11.0.5490.31, 58.5297 | 11 Now | 11 Now | 11 Now | 11 Now | Financial Stage | Justification
| 7 | 1 | Preparation for field work | 18.1.3.11 | 11.0.5490.31, 58.5297 | 11 Now | 11 Now | 11 Now | 11 Now | Financial Stage | Justification
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| 9 | 1 | Preparation for field work | 18.1.3.11 | 11.0.5490.31, 58.5297 | 11 Now | 11 Now | 11 Now | 11 Now | Financial Stage | Justification

**Note:** The table above represents the initial steps and activities outlined in the document for the creation of niche and field work preparation. Each step is detailed with specific dates and financial stages, ensuring a structured approach to the project.
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**Total:** 372,064.360,660.00
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* Eco development initiatives should be based on normative guidelines of the National Tiger Conservation Authority, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India issued earlier based on village level, site specific, participatory micro plan with reciprocal commitment between Tiger Reserves and the local people.