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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment and Forests  
National Tiger Conservation Authority

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To

The Sr. Pay & Accounts Officer,  
Ministry of Environment & Forests,  
New Delhi.

**Sub: Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme 'Project Tiger' Administrative Approval for funds release to Nagarhole Tiger Reserve, Karnataka during 2008-09.**

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme 'Project Tiger' in **Nagarhole Tiger Reserve, Karnataka** at the cost of **Rs. 209.60 lakhs (Rupees Two hundred nine lakhs and sixty thousand only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 147.90 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the government of India and the **Government of Karnataka**. The remaining 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 President to the payment and release of an amount of **Rs. 58.652 lakhs (Rupees fifty eight lakhs sixty five thousand two hundred only)** as the 1<sup>st</sup> installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to **Government of Karnataka** during the current financial year 2008-09. 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 2005, 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(I) 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 **Nagarhole 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 208(6)(iv)(a).

- (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 **Nagarhole 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, 1972 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, 1972 and internal audit party by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry whenever it is called upon.
- (viii) The Utilisation 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 **Nagarhole Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report on or before 31.3.2009.
- (x) Noted at Serial No. 2 in the Register of Grants.
- (xi) **Nagarhole 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.
- (xii) 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.
- (xiii) Grants-in-aid shall be utilized before the end of the current financial year 2008-09 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by **Government of Karnataka** to the Govt. of India.
- (xiv) **Government of Karnataka** in respect of **Nagarhole Tiger Reserve** will maintain a separate account and will present their annual accounts in the standard format as required under GFR 209(xiii).
- (xv) Grants-in-aid shall be utilized for **Nagarhole Tiger Reserve** strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between National Tiger Conservation Authority and **Government of Karnataka**.

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 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.

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 for implementation of National Tiger Conservation Authority 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.

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 involved will be met from within the Sanctioned Budget Grants of Centrally Sponsored Project tiger Scheme under Demand No. 29, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Major Head 3601 – Grants-in-aid to the State Governments, 3601.04- Grants-in-aid 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 for the year 2008-09 (Plan).

9. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 1807/JS & (FA)/ F/08 dated 17.10.2008.

Yours faithfully,

(S.P. Yadav)  
Joint Director (NTCA)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Karnataka, Bangalore. A copy of the detailed sanctioned letter issued by the State Government in respect of this scheme for 2008-09 may kindly be furnished to this Department immediately.
2. The Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Karnataka, Bangalore.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Karnataka, Bangalore.
4. The Field Director, Nagarhole Tiger Reserve, Karnataka.
5. The Accountant General, Karnataka, Bangalore.
6. The Director of Audit, Scientific Department, AGCR Building, IP Estate, 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, Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi.
10. Dy. Director, Wildlife Preservation, Southern Region/Northern Region/Eastern Region/Western Region.
11. Guard file/Spare copies.

(S.P. Yadav)  
Joint Director (NTCA)

**ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION 2008-09****Nagarhole National Park, Karnataka**

Sl. No.	Items of Works	Location	Qty.	Amount Recommended by IGF & MS (NTCA)
<b>(A)</b>	<b>NON RECURRING</b>			
<b>(a)</b>	<b>Project Allowance</b>		<b>Nos.</b>	
	Deputy Director of Forests		1	0.09
	Asstt. Conservator of Forests		3	0.23
	Range Forest Officer		7	0.42
	Forester		20	1.08
	Forest Guard		60	2.52
	Forest Watcher		32	1.35
	Drivers, Care takers, Elephant Mahuts, Kavadis and others		83	3.48
<b>(b)</b>	<b>Construction of Checking gate posts</b>			
i	Construction of checking gate & Room at Dammanakatte		1 No.	4.00
ii	Construction of checking gate & Room at Karmad		1 No.	4.00
<b>(c)</b>	<b>Soil &amp; Moisture conservation Works</b>			
i	Creation of new waterholes		1 No.	2.00
ii	Kallahalla Wildlife Range		1 No.	2.00
iii	Nagarahole Wildlife Range		1 No.	2.00
iv	Metikuppe Wildlife Range		1 No.	2.00
<b>(d)</b>	<b>Erection of Firewatch Tower</b>			
	At K. R. Pura Beat in Antharasanthe Wildlife Range		1 No.	6.00
	At Paradakada in Kallahalla Wildlife Range		1 No.	6.00
<b>(e)</b>	<b>Other Protection Activities</b>			
i	Night patrolling kit to Antipoaching camps		26 Nos.	4.97
<b>(f)</b>	<b>Deployment of Tiger Protection Force in Tiger Reserves</b>			
i	Wages for engaging Ex-army Gunmen for strengthening field protection from 01.04.08 to 31.03.09 for 365 days (1 Squad X 4 Gunmen)		1 Squad	3.84
ii	Wages for engaging Ex-army Jawan for strengthening field protection from 01.04.08 to 31.03.08 for 365 days (1 Squads X 6 Jawan)		1 Squad	5.04
iii	Wages for engaging local people &			6.68

	maintenance Tiger Protection Force from 01.04.08 to 31.03.08 for 365 days (1 Squads X 15 Nos.)			
	<b>TOTAL OF NON-RECURRING</b>			<b>57.70</b>
<b>(B)</b>	<b>RECURRING</b>			
<b>I</b>	<b>Wages for engaging contract labours like anti-poaching watchers, drivers, literate assistants, computer operators, wireless operators &amp; others from 01.04.08 to 31.03.09 for 365 days</b>		Nos.	
1	Veeranahosahally Wildlife Range		20	20.00
2	Anechowkur Wildlife Range		39	
3	Kallahalla Wildlife Range		25	
4	Nagarahole Wildlife Range		21	
5	Metikuppe Wildlife Range		11	
6	Antharasanthe Wildlife Range		16	
7	D. B. Kuppe Wildlife Range		18	
<b>II</b>	<b>Maintenance of Antipoaching camps in the following range</b>		Nos.	
1	Veeranahosahally Wildlife Range		20	1.46
2	Anechowkur Wildlife Range		25	1.83
3	Kallahalla Wildlife Range		25	1.83
4	Nagarahole Wildlife Range		25	1.83
5	Metikuppe Wildlife Range		20	1.46
6	Antharasanthe Wildlife Range		20	1.46
7	D. B. Kuppe Wildlife Range		30	2.20
<b>III</b>	<b>Maintenance of Govt. Boats</b>		2 Nos.	1.00
<b>IV</b>	<b>Maintenance &amp; repairs of Watch Towers/ Fire watch towers</b>		20 Nos.	2.00
<b>(b)</b>	<b>Fire Protection works</b>		Kms.	
<b>I</b>	<b><i>Fire line clearance</i></b>			
1	Veeranahosahally Wildlife Range		192	20.00
2	Anechowkur Wildlife Range		238	
3	Kallahalla Wildlife Range		220	
4	Nagarahole Wildlife Range		335	
5	Metikuppe Wildlife Range		221	
6	Antharasanthe Wildlife Range		220	
7	D. B. Kuppe Wildlife Range		337	
<b>ii</b>	<b><i>Fire watcher wages (From 01.01.09 to 31.03.09 for 90 days)</i></b>		Nos.	
1	Veeranahosahally Wildlife Range		35	20.00
2	Anechowkur Wildlife Range		40	
3	Kallahalla Wildlife Range		40	
4	Nagarahole Wildlife Range		40	
5	Metikuppe Wildlife Range		35	
6	Antharasanthe Wildlife Range		35	
7	D. B. Kuppe Wildlife Range		40	

<b>(c)</b>	<b>Maintenance works</b>			
1.	Vehicles			
	Cost of fuel, repairs, etc., to existing protection vehicles. The Following vehicles are maintained for protection			
	1. Tourism Vehicle -		15 Nos	15.00
	2. Gypsy		3 Nos.	
	3. Jeeps		9 Nos.	
	4. Mini Lorry		1 No.	
	5. Motor Bikes		10 Nos.	
<b>(d)</b>	<b>Animal control barriers</b>			
i.	<u>E.P.T. Restoration</u>			
1.	Kallahalla Wildlife Range			1.42
2.	Nagarahole Wildlife Range			0.71
3.	Metikuppe Wildlife Range			1.78
4.	Antharasanthe Wildlife Range			1.42
ii	<u>Maintenance of Solar Fence</u>			
1	Anechowkur Wildlife Range			0.90
2	Kallahalla Wildlife Range			0.90
3	Nagarahole Wildlife Range			0.47
<b>(e)</b>	<b>Removal of weeds Tourism area</b>			
	Clearance of eupatorium, parthenium and other weeds to facilitate the wildlife sightings to tourists		Kms	
	Nagarahole Wildlife Range		70	0.55
	D. B. Kuppe Wildlife Range		40	0.31
	Antharasanthe Wildlife Range		40	0.31
<b>(f)</b>	<b>Road maintenance (Clearance of side drains and application of gravel &amp; providing pitching works wherever it is necessary) The Following length of approach roads to anti poaching camps are maintained every year for tourism and protection works</b>			
1	Veeranahosahally Wildlife Range			12.00
2	Anechowkur Wildlife Range			
3	Kallahalla Wildlife Range			
4	Nagarahole Wildlife Range			
5	Metikuppe Wildlife Range			
6	Antharasanthe Wildlife Range			
7	D. B. Kuppe Wildlife Range			
<b>(g)</b>	<b>Organizing spl. Patrolling operation during monsoon including monsoon gear</b>		LS	2.00
<b>(h)</b>	<b>Improvement of Waterholes</b>			

	<b><i>Deepening, desilting and re-strengthening of bunds</i></b>			
1	Veeranahosahally Wildlife Range			10.00
2	Anechowkur Wildlife Range			
3	Kallahalla Wildlife Range			
4	Nagarahole Wildlife Range			
5	Metikuppe Wildlife Range			
6	Antharasanthe Wildlife Range			
7	D. B. Kuppe Wildlife Range			
(I)	<b>Salary of Computer operator and literate Assistant (Graduate) from April, 08 to March, 09 at D.C.F. office</b>			
1.	Computer Operator		1 No.	0.96
2.	Literate Assistant (Graduate)		1 No.	0.60
(j)	<b>Monitoring of Animal health &amp; hygiene</b>			
1.	Treatment to sick, injured and rescued wild animals and any other exigencies including special diet & drugs		LS	0.50
2.	Tranquilizing equipments & drugs		LS	0.50
(k)	Secret service fund & reward to informants		LS	1.00
(l)	Purchase of tyres and tubes to protection vehicles		LS	2.00
(m)	Purchase of batteries of protection vehicles and wireless sets		LS	1.00
(n)	Publicity materials/internet, purchase of machinery & equipments (Xerox/PCs-2/Printer-2) and maintenance of existing computers		LS	1.00
(o)	Office expenses (Purchase of stationery materials, printing charges, Xerox charges, booklets, Telephone/Electricity bills etc.)		LS	2.50
(p)	Eco-development works under 80 EDC			
a.	Rejuvenation of village tanks			15.00
b.	Construction of Check Dams			
c.	Drilling of borewells			
d.	Agro-forestry & Farm Ponds			
	<b>TOTAL OF RECURRING</b>			<b>147.90</b>
(C)	<b>ECO-DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES</b>			
1.	Census operation			4.00
	<b>TOTAL OF ECO-DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES</b>			<b>4.00</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>209.60</b>

**Detail of release during 2008-09**

**Sanction**

'A'	Non-recurring	Rs. 57.70 lakhs
'B'	Eco-development	Rs. 4.00 lakhs
'C'	Recurring	Rs. 147.90 lakhs

**TOTAL SANCTION** **Rs. 209.60 lakhs**

**Central Assistance**

100% of A	Rs. 57.70 lakhs
100% of B	Rs. 4.00 lakhs
50% of C	Rs. 73.95 lakhs

**TOTAL CENTRAL ASSISTANCE** **Rs. 135.65 lakhs**

Adjustment of unspent balance of previous financial year 2007-08 Rs. 16.348 lakhs

Amount being released as Ist Installment  
(Rs. 75.00 lakhs - Rs. 16.348 lakhs) Rs. 58.652 lakhs

**\* Ecodevelopment initiatives should be based on normative guidelines of the National Tiger Conservation Authority, Ministry of Environment and Forests, 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**