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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 Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar during 2009-10.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent authority to the continuance of the Scheme 'Project Tiger' in **Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar** at the cost of **Rs. 202.8218 lakhs (Rupees Two hundred two lakhs eighty two thousand one hundred and eighty only)** as per details given in the annexure. Of the total cost of the scheme, Rs. 111.4558 lakhs being the recurring cost of the scheme will be shared on 50:50 basis by the government of India and the **Government of Bihar**. 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. 8.00 Lakhs (Rupees Eight lakhs only)** as the 1st installment of Central Share towards the Grants-in-aid to **Government of Bihar** during the current financial year 2009-10. 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 **Valmiki 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 Bihar** 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 **Valmiki 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 Bihar** in respect of **Valmiki Tiger Reserve** may furnish their performance-cum-achievement report on or before 31.3.2010.
- (x) Noted at Serial No. 2 in the Register of Grants.
- (xi) **Valmiki 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 Bihar** 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 2009-10 and unspent balance, if any, will be refunded by **Government of Bihar** to the Govt. of India.
- (xiv) **Government of Bihar** in respect of **Valmiki 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 **Valmiki Tiger Reserve** strictly as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between National Tiger Conservation Authority, Field Director (Valmiki Tiger Reserve) and **Government of Bihar**.

4. As the annual budget of the Scheme is approved by the Central Government, the **Government of Bihar** 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 Bihar** 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 2009-10 (Plan).

9. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. 1984/AS(FA)/F/O9 dated 26.11.2009

Yours faithfully,

(S.P. Yadav)
Deputy Inspector General of Forests (PT)

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Bihar, Patna. A copy of the detailed sanctioned letter issued by the State Government in respect of this scheme for 2009-10 may kindly be furnished to this Department immediately.
2. The Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
4. The Field Director, Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar.
5. The Accountant General, Bihar, Patna.
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.

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ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION 2009-10
Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Item No. of CSS-PT Guide lines	Item of works	Division -I	Division -II	Circle	Amount recommended by MS (NTCA) for 2009-10
NON-RECURRING						
1	5.4-1.1-3	Constitution and operation of Special Armed Valmiki tiger Protection Force as mobile strike squad with ex-army personnel and local work force or State Auxiliary Police (SAP) Jawans 1 units for 8 months (August 9 to Marh 2010) i) 10 Ex-army men @ 10,000/- p.m.-8.00 lakhs ii) 10 local labourers @ 2600/- p.m. for 8 months= 2.08 lakhs	10.08	10.08		20.1600
2	5.4-1.1-1	Deployment of Ex-Army/Paramilitary personnel and local labourers for patrolling support to regular field staff (i) Committed liabilities of the financial year 2008-09 for the deployment of Ex-army men for 5 months 14 months Rs.5000 p.m. for 5 months= 14 x5000 x5=3.50 lakhs in Division-II and Rs. 1.578 lakhs in Division-I	1.578	3.5		5.0780
3		Engagment of two jeeps on hire basis for patrolling operation in the filed vehicle hire and other changes = 2 x1,80,000=3.6 lakhs fuel changes = 2 x 72,000= 1.44 lakhs= Total 5.04	5.04	5.04		10.0800
		Habitat & Wildlife Protection & Management Operations				
4	5.4-1.1-2.1	Land Protection against encroachments- Construction of permanent RCC Boundary posts @ 2200/- per unit (work execution as per detailed estimate) 100 pillars each Division	3.3	3.3		6.6000
		Procurements of Vehicles & Equipments & other items				
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5	5.4-5	Tranquilising equipment and accessories	3.00	3.00		6.0000
6	5.4-1.1-3	Computer : One computer with accessories for field data collection of wildlife monitoring and data analysis 1 unit @ Rs. 40000, One laptop with accessories for Dy. Director for analysis of wildlife data and data of micro planning 1 unit for both the Division @ Rs. 60000/-	0.60	1.00		1.6000
7		Solar lighting and charging facilities for field stations/staff quarters (10 solar lanterns @ 5,000/- and 2 lamp posts and charging units @ Rs. 50000/-) in each division	1.50	1.50		3.0000

	5.4-1	Constitution of Veterinary and Emergency Capture and Care unit				
8		Installation of deep freezer with power backup and other related accessories	0.00	5.00		5.0000
		Infrastructure Development				
9	5.4-1.1-3(buffer) & 2 (core)	Building-Barracks and Patrolling camps and Check Nakas				
10		Anti poaching camps @ 1.00 lakhs each x 4 nos.	2.00	2.00		4.0000
11		Construction of new naka at Rampur Naka and Madanpur Naka 2 Naka @ Rs. 1,25,000/-	0.00	2.50		2.5000
12		Project Allowance : Total 152 Personnel -Ministerial & office staff, Drivers, Surveyor, Forest Guards, Foresters, RoFs, ACFs, DFOs, as per the rates pf NTCA for year 2008-09 & 2009-10	6.500	6.948	1.500	14.9480
		TOTAL (NON-RECURRING)				78.966
ECO-DEVELOPMENT						
13	5.4.3-1	Co-existence Plan Formulation incorporating Micro-Plans for EDC villages under the Eco-Development process	1.00	1.00		2.0000
14		Relief or Assistance for damages by wildlife				
15		Relief/Assistance for loss of human lives and injuries	1.00	1.00		2.0000
16		Relief/compensation for casualty for loss and injuries of livestock in fringe villagers.	0.50	0.50		1.0000
17		Supplying good quality fruit grafts to the local villagers living adjacent to the wildlife sanctuary areas, The plants are to be planted in the raiti areas and to be maintained by the villagers themselves. This year target 8000 units@ Rs. 50 each	2.00	2.00		4.0000
18		Vaccination of about 15000 cattle heads in the fringe villages around the wildlife sanctuary for FMD and H.S. 10000 cattle in Div.-I and 5000 cattle in Div. -II	1.00	1.00		2.0000
Patrolling against Wildlife Crimes and Offences						
19	5.4-1.1-2	Operating of Intelligence Gathering-Confidential funds	0.20	0.20		0.4000
		TOTAL (ECO-DEVELOPMENT)				11.4000
RECURRING						
Habitat & Wildlife Protection & Management Operations						
1	5.4-1&2	Habitat improvement treatments				

2		Treatment (uptooting and bringing down from canopy) of areas infested with Micania, Eupatorium and other invasive weed species incl. demarcation, materials, etc. This year's targets under this scheme: 60Ha. @ 75m/days/Ha i.e. Rs. 7000/- per hectare	2.10	2.10	4.2000
3		Maintenance of the 12 old Naka and barrier @ Rs. 10000 each.	0.20	1.00	1.2000
		Open woodland & Grassland/Meadow development			
4		Development of grasslands by manipulation of vegetation in grassy patches This year's target:-30 ha+ 50 ha. Costing: @ an average rate of 60-65 m/d i.e. per ha (Rs. 5500 per ha) Operation: Area delineation, control burning of ground vegetation, removal of tree regeneration and pole crops, removal of weeds and invasive species.	1.65	2.75	4.4000
5		Improvement of grassland habitat by fencing with bamboo, removal of non grassy species, control burning and ploughing wherever applicable This year's targets:40 ha For a grassland of about 10 ha unit: Fencing with strong bamboo posts: Rs. 250000 ploughing of the unit: Rs. 25000 weed Removal and control burning: Rs. 40000 Total- Rs. 315000 per patch of 10 hec tares (one unit) Patches of 5 ha may also be taken up depending upon the field conditions with proportionate cost structures.	6.30	6.30	12.6000
	5.4-2.4	Habitat restoration of xerophytes areas by management of soil and moisture conservation measures-			
6		Masonry Check dams in the peripheral/ Buffer areas			
		Small unit of check dam of size (10' x 4'x 6')This year target: 40 units @ Rs. 15000 each	3.00	3.00	6.0000
	5.4-1.2-4	Fire Protection measures & Operations			
7		Preventive measure-Fire line cutting-clearing and control burning			
		300 km and 9 m wide and 250 km along roads with 3 m wide Fore 9m width of fire line 30 , man days per km and for 3 m wide fire line 10 maydays per km are required	5.118	5.118	10.2360
		Control intelligence, containment and aspersion of fire by fire-watchers and fire fighting squads	2.7768	3.471	6.2478

8		1. This activity will involve deployment of fire watchers, Fore this 40 watchers in Dive.-I and 50 watcher in Div.- II for 90 days of fire season are to be deployed on daily wages basis in each division Total 90 fire watcher @ Rs. 2314/- P.M.=6.24780 lakhs				
	5.4-6	Wildlife & habitat monitoring				
		Engagement of wildlife Trackers				
9		Wages of 28+36=64 wildlife trackers for 12 months 2009-10 @ Rs. 2600 P.M.	8.736	11.232		19.9680
10		Committed liabilities of 68 wildlife trackers for five months for this year 2008-09 @ Rs. 2400 pm	3.6	4.56		8.1600
11		Transect line clearance & maintenance 28+36=64 transect lines, 1 transect of 4 Km length per sub-beat in 36 sub-beats @ 50 m/days per transect line + material cost = Rs. 5000/- per transect line	1.4	1.8		3.2000
		Waterholes - monitoring, maintenance, renovation/creation				
12		Creation of new water holes 10+10=20 @ Rs. 20000 = 2.00 lakhs and maintenance of old water hole 11+14=25 @ Rs. 5000=0.70 lakhs				5.2500
		Facilities & Services				
		O & M of Vehicles, Boats and Elephants				
13	5.4-1.1-3	4-wheel Vehicle & Mo-bikes (Jeep-3, Gypsy-2, Tractor-6, Tata 407-2, & Motor bike-10)	4.000	4.000		8.0000
14		1 Boat	0.000	0.350		0.3500
15		Elephants - Operation and Maintenance of the shed, equipments, purchase of materials (except feed) etc @ Rs. 0.60 Lakhs)	0.600	0.600		1.2000
16		Construction of new a new shed for elephant @ Rs. 1.50 Lakhs	1.500	0.000		1.5000
17		Wages of mahouts and assistant and field outfits wages @ 3300 Pm and field outfits 2@ 2000=0.832	0.832p	0.832		1.6640
18		Medical check up of the elephant Rs. 0.10 Lakhs for each elephant	0.100	0.100		0.2000
		O &M of Communication Systems				
19		Engagement of Wireless operators cum assistants	2.52	2.52	0	5.0400
20		Maintenance of Wireless communication network	0.5	0.5	0	1.0000
21		Purchase of 4 nos. new wireless set for vehicle @ Rs. 15000/- each	0	0.60	0	0.6000
22		Engagement of Data operator @ 5000/- at Field Director office and 3500 at Dy. Director office level	0.42	0.42	0.60	1.4400

23		Operation & Maintenance of Power Backup operational costs @ of provision of 50000/- lump-sum for each Division and Circle Office, Field Director Office	0.50	0.50	0.50	1.5000
24		Special Monsoon season Festival periods and New Year Occasion patrolling and regulation operations - Provision of extra manpower on wage from local villagers and hiring of vehicle and contingencies for patrolling during monsoon and special occasions like Diwali, Holi, New year, etc.	1.50	1.50		3.0000
		Staff Welfare & Facilities				
25		Supply of Field Outfits to field staff -125 in nos. Field outfit to frontline staff and wildlife trackers @ Rs. 1000/- per person. Which includes first aid kit/medicines mosquinets, torch light, kerosen & other field outfits?	1.00	1.25		2.2500
		Awareness and Publicity and Co-ordination-Networking				
26		Signages/Signboards in Peripheral and Buffer, and Core boundary areas 25 signages of size 5' x 4' @ Rs. 6000 each in both the division.	0.40	0.60		1.0000
27		Workshop and seminars: One workshop @ Rs. 20000 one for frontline staff and another for SSB and seminars of local EDC member @ Rs. 20000 each for both the division	0.4	0.4		0.8000
28		Brouchures and Hand bills	0.1	0.1		0.2000
29		Development of Home page (website) of the Valmiki Tiger Project	0.00	0.25		0.2500
		Total Recurring				111.4558

Rs. In lakhs

S.No	Item	Sanctioned	Central Assistance
1	Non-Recurring	78.9660	78.9660
2	Recurring	111.4558	55.7279
3.	Eco-development	11.4000	--
	Grand Total	201.8218	134.6939

(I)	Total Sanction	Rs. 201.8218 lakhs
(II)	Central Assistance	Rs. 134.6939 lakhs
(III)	Ist release	Rs. 108.00 lakhs
(IV)	Adjustment of utilized amount of previous Financial year 2008-09	Rs. 100.00 lakhs
(V)	Net release (108.00 lakhs-100.00 lakhs)	Rs. 8.00 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**

