PROCEEDINGS OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS (WILDLIFE) AND CHIEF WILDLIFE WARDEN, KERALA

PRESENT: V.GOPINATHAN

Sub:

Parambikulam Tiger Reserve – Constitution of Tiger Cell – Orders issued – reg.

Read:

- 1. GO (P) 53/2009/F& WLD Dated 16.12.2009.
- 2. GO (P) 54/2009/F & WLD Dated 17.12.2009.
- 3. Technical document NTCA/01/07
- 4. Letter No. F.No1-14/2011-NTCA dated 21.03.2013 of IGF, NTCA

Order No.WL5-1620/2008 Dated 10.09..2013

Vide Government Order read as 1st above, an extent of 390.89 km² of forest areas falling in Palakkad and Thrissur Districts were notified as the Core of Parambikulam Tiger Reserve. Subsequently, vide paper read as 2nd above, an extent of 252.77 km² of forest areas falling in Palakkad and Thrissur Districts were notified as the Buffer of the Tiger Reserve. Tiger Conservation Plans (TCPs) for the Core and Buffer areas of Parambikulam Tiger Reserve for the period from 2011-12 to 2020-21 were prepared after extensive consultation with stakeholders and by adhering to the guidelines issued by the National Tiger Conservation Authority vide paper read as 3rd above. The TCPs for the core and buffer have been approved by NTCA vide letter read as 4th above.

The approved TCPs contain prescriptions for various facets of Tiger Reserve management. In the Security Plan (para 7.2.2.1: Theme Plan for Protection) in para 7.2.2.1.17 and also in para 10.1 of the TCP for the Core, it is proposed to constitute a Tiger Cell to look into the matters related to protection and intelligence gathering. The composition, duties and responsibilities and the proceedings of the Committee are also described in the above para of the approved TCP.

In furtherance of the above, I, V.Gopinathan, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala hereby constitute a 'Tiger Cell' for Parambikulam Tiger Reserve as detailed below.

Composition of Tiger Cell for Parambikulam Tiger Reserve:

- 1. Conservator of Forests/Field Director (Project Tiger), Wildlife Circle, Palakkad Chairperson
- Conservator of Forests/ Chief Conservator of Forests, Eastern Circle,
 Palakkad Member
- 3. Conservator of Forests/ Chief Conservator of Forests, Central Circle,

 Thrissur Member
- 4. Conservator of Forests (I & E), Kozhikode Member
- 5. Deputy Director, Parambikulam Tiger Reserve Member Secretary

Duties and Responsibilities of the Tiger Cell:

The Tiger Cell shall closely monitor the following activities of the Tiger Reserve.

- Monitor the investigation of cases relating to tiger and leopards.
- Conduct surveys on poached animals, identify and document trade routes and market forces.
- Monitor the compliance of patrolling in core and buffer.
- Monitor the implementation of protocol for monitoring tiger, copredator, and prey populations in landscape.
- Liaison with Crime Control Bureau and other agencies in respect of tiger/leopard poaching and intelligence sharing.
- Rewards for candid informers, excellent performance etc.
- Identify existing conflicting land-use policies affecting tiger and prey habitat and resolve through multi-sectoral dialogue.
- Monitor the cattle lifting cases by tiger.

Proceedings of the Tiger Cell:

- The Tiger Cell will meet at least once in six months.
- Tiger cell can invite experts if needed in any of its meeting.
- The proceedings of the meeting will be submitted to the Chief Wildlife Warden.

V. Gopinathan Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala

Copy to:

Chief Conservator of Forests (EC) / Conservator of Forests (WL), Northern Region, Palakkad / Conservator of Forests (Central Circle), Thrissur for information and necessary further action.

The Deputy Director, Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, for information and necessary further action

The Divisional Forest Officer, Nemmara/Vazhachal/Chalakkudy for information and necessary action.

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