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National Tiger Conservation Authority

F. No. 15-15/2022-NTCA

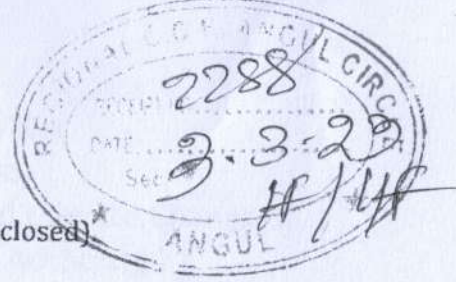
Dated: 1st March, 2023

To

The Chief Wildlife Warden(s),
All Tiger Range States

Sub: Closure of Tiger reserves for Tourists - reg.

Ref: Letter No. 15-1(7)/2015-NTCA dated 18.08.2015 (copy enclosed)



Sir,

This is in compliance with the decision No. (8) of 22nd Meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority Chaired by the Hon'ble Minister, Environment, Forest and Climate Change/ Chairman, NTCA held on 3rd January 2023 at Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Karnataka.

In addition to the reference above and its subsequent implementation, I am directed to convey that in order to facilitate the long term sustainability and well-being of the Tiger Reserves, the reserves are to be closed one day a week, preferably on Tuesday. This off day is to be particularly used for maintenance and upkeep of the Tiger Reserve infrastructure with a focus to enhance visitor's experience.

The closure day shall also enable the field staff and the reserve to offload the tourism pressure which shall serve in the multiple interests of the staff, the visitors and the Tiger Reserve.

The compliance report is requested to be submitted at the earliest.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Encl: As above

Yours sincerely,

(Md. Sajid Sultan)

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Copy for kind information/necessary action to:

1. IGF/DIG/AIGs (NTCA), Hqrs., New Delhi
2. Field Director(s), All Tiger Reserves.
3. AIGs (NTCA), Regional Office, Bangalore and Nagpur requesting to ensure compliance and follow up by 31.03.2023
4. Ms. Agatha C. Momin, Biologist (NTCA), Regional Office, Guwahati; to please follow up the matter with respective Tiger Reserves (A compliance list of Tiger Reserve please be submitted by 31.03.2023).
5. PS to ADG (Project Tiger) & Member Secretary (NTCA).

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS; ANGUL CIRCLE; ANGUL

Memo No. 821(2)/4F-WL-55/2023

Dated 04.03.23

Copy along with copy of its enclosures forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officers, Satkosia (WL)/Mahanadi (WL) Division for information and immediate necessary action. They are requested to do the needful as per instruction contained therein.

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests
Angul Circle

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Dated: 18.08.2015

To,
**All Chief Wildlife Warden,
Tiger Range States.**

Sub: Filming/Tourism in Monsoon Season in the Tiger Reserves.

Sir,

I am directed to say that the Competent Authority has approved closure of all Tiger Reserves as per recommendation of Technical Committee NTCA held on dated 28.07.2015, for a minimum period of three months, extending up to 5 months, keeping in mind the following factors:

- i. Breeding period of wild animal especially Tigers
- ii. Condition of forest roads and repair thereof
- iii. Safety of eco tourists/visitors

The period of closure for the said duration shall be decided by respective states based on local prevailing conditions.

Sd/-

(Dr. Vaibhav C. Mathur)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (NTCA)