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**Dated: 02.08.2018**

To,

1. **The Chief Wildlife Warden,  
All Tiger Range States**
  
2. **The Field Director (s),  
All Tiger Reserves**

**Sub: Proposal on amendment in the guidelines of NTCA to establish Tiger Safari in buffer and fringe areas of Tiger Reserves-reg.**

**Ref:** NTCA Technical Committee meeting held on 25.06.2018.

Sir,

Reference is invited to the subject mentioned above.

The proposal for the guidelines of NTCA to establish Tiger Safari in buffer and fringe areas of Tiger Reserves has been discussed in the 19<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee meeting of NTCA held on 25.06.2018 and it was decided to take suggestions/ comments from the CWLWs/ Field Directors from the tiger range states. The said proposal and the existing guidelines are enclosed herewith.

In this regard, I am directed to request you to provide your valuable comments through email in this matter latest by 09.08.2018 please.

Yours faithfully,

**Encl: As above**

  
(Nishant Verma)

**Deputy Inspector General of Forests (NTCA)**

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- i. PS to ADG (PT) & MS (NTCA)

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Dated: 24.07.2018

**Sub: Proceedings/Summary record of 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Technical Committee of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) held on 25.06. 2018 at New Delhi- reg.**

A copy of proceedings/ summary record of the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Technical Committee of the NTCA held on 25.06.2018 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Anup Kumar Nayak, ADG (PT) & MS (NTCA), New Delhi are enclosed herewith for kind perusal.

**Encl: As above.**

*Nishant Verma* 24/7/18  
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Deputy Inspector General of Forests (NTCA)

**Distribution:**

1. Shri Shahbaz Ahmad, PCCF (WL) / CWLW, Madhya Pradesh.
2. Shri G. V. Reddy, Addl. PCCF / CWLW, Rajasthan.
3. Shri Vincent Rahim, CCF & FD, Sanjay Dubri Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh.
4. Shri Manoj V. Nair, Scientist F, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.
5. Dr.Dhananjai Mohan, Addl. PCCF, Wildlife, Uttarakhand.
6. Shri Ghanshyam Prasad, FD, Mukundara Hills Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan.
7. Shri QamarQureshi, Scientist, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.
8. Shri Vishnupriya Kolipakam, Scientist, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.
9. Shri A K Das, Dy. Secretary, IFD, MoEF&CC.
10. Shri T. Mohan Raj. DCF (WL), Mukundara Hills Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan.
11. Shri Sanjay Kumar, DIG, NTCA, HQrs, New Delhi.
12. Shri Nishant Verma, DIG, NTCA, HQrs, New Delhi.
13. Dr. Vaibhav C. Mathur, AIG, NTCA, HQrs, New Delhi.
14. Dr. Raja Ram Singh, AIG, NTCA, HQrs, New Delhi.

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1. PS to ADG (PT) & MS (NTCA).

Minutes of the nineteenth meeting of NTCA Technical Committee held on 25.06.2018 in Conference Hall of the NTCA at New Delhi, under the Chairmanship of the ADG (PT) & MS (NTCA).

The meeting was attended by the following members:

1. Shri Shahbaz Ahmad, PCCF (WL) / CWLW, Madhya Pradesh.
2. Shri G. V. Reddy, Addl. PCCF / CWLW, Rajasthan.
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**Confirmation of minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> NTCA Technical Committee held on 26.03.2018**

**Brief:** The Chairperson informed the committee that minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the NTCA Technical Committee held on 26.03.2018 were placed on the table. No comments were received on them except with regard to the proposal marked as agenda item 1 regarding funding for the preparation of Audio Visual Learning Material (AVLMs) on SOPs for wildlife trainer/ field staff. For this, the committee recommended for amending the letter communicated to the proponent to the extent that the said work shall require compliance to the provision of the GFR and procurement rules.

**Decision:** The minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Technical Committee were confirmed with approval of the amendment of agenda item 1 of last technical committee meeting as above.

**Agenda Items 1**

**Proposal received from Wildlife Institute of India, regarding proposal on elephant abundance estimation in Tiger Reserves.**

**Brief:** The committee after detailed discussions / deliberations recommended the proposal for "in-principle" approval subject to no extra cost to NTCA and taking up the proposed activities as a part of All India Tiger Estimation, 2018 project already approved.

**Decision:** Approved "in-principle", at no cost to the NTCA.

*Nishant Verma*  
24/7/18

## Agenda Items 2

**Proposal received from Chief Wildlife Warden, Rajasthan regarding proposal for reintroduction of tigers in the Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve (MHTR), Kota, Rajasthan**

**Brief:** After detailed discussions / deliberations, the committee recommended for restoration of "in-principle" approval and approval of Phase-I (two female tigers) for tiger release in southern part of MHTR subject to compliance of NTCA protocol, SOPs and Court order (if any) and phasing out chain link fencing and wall along the enclosure periphery except along railway line / roads. The committee also recommended for site inspection by the committee already constituted for this purpose (comprising of NTCA, WII & State Forest Department officials) for assessment of the compliance furnished and submitting its report before the technical committee in its next meeting.

**Decision:** Approved as per conditions mentioned above including the restoration of "in-principle" approval.

## Agenda Items 3

**Proposal received from Chief Wildlife Warden, Madhya Pradesh regarding संजय दुबरी टाइगर रिजर्व में गौर के पुनर्स्थापन बाबत।**

**Brief:** The committee recommended the proposal with no cost to the NTCA and also utilizing the earlier experience of Gaur translocation carried out at the Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve from Kanha Tiger Reserve.

**Decision:** Approved.

## Agenda Items 4

**Proposal received from Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun regarding NTCA funded project 'Long term monitoring of Tigers, Co-Predators and Prey Species in Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR) and Adjoining Landscape for no cost extension till March, 2019 & release of 5<sup>th</sup> instalment.**

**Brief:** Since the project is important for long term tiger monitoring and understanding movement of tigers outside TATR, the committee recommended for no cost extension till March, 2019 with the condition of no further extension.

**Decision:** Approved.

## Agenda Items 5

**Proposal on amendment in the guidelines of NTCA to establish Tiger Safari in buffer and fringe areas of Tiger Reserves**

**Brief:** The committee after detailed discussions / deliberations decided to defer the proposal and take suggestions/ comments from the CWLWs / Field Directors of Tiger Range States.

**Decision:** Deferred.

*Nishant 24/7/18*

**NTCA guidelines to Establish Tiger Safari in buffer and fringe areas of Tiger Reserve, 2016**

S. No.	Present provisions	Proposed amendment in the provisions
1.	<p><b>Selection of animal:</b> No tiger shall be obtained from a zoo exhibit. Wild tigers which are from the same landscape as that of the area where the tiger safari is established, falling under the following categories shall be selected:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Injured tigers (after suitable treatment)</li> <li>b) Conflict tigers</li> <li>c) Orphaned tiger cubs which are unfit for re-wilding and release into the wild.</li> </ol> <p>However, no visibly injured or incapacitated tiger shall be put in the safari. Recovered/ treated animals shall be put on display only after assessment by the NTCA. Further, no healthy wild tiger or any other animal shall be sourced from the wild as per provisions of the National Zoo Policy.</p>	<p>The selection of the animal for the tiger safari shall be done in conformity of section 38 I of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.</p>
2.	<p>Tiger Safari may be considered for establishment in the buffer and fringe areas of tiger reserves to reduce pressure of tourism from core/ critical tiger habitats and to foster awareness for eliciting public support.</p>	<p>Tiger Safari may be considered for establishment in the fringe areas outside of tiger reserves to reduce pressure of tourism from core/ critical tiger habitats and to foster awareness for eliciting public support.</p>
3.		<p>Additional Provisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ No live prey should be fed to tigers in a safari</li> <li>✓ Manpower as per Recruitment Rules</li> <li>✓ Separate infrastructure of management of Safari</li> <li>✓ Prior approval of the CZA under section 38 H (1A) before start of construction activates</li> <li>✓ Impact of safari area on the carrying capacity of the Tiger Reserve needs to be studied.</li> </ul>