



Minutes of the 12th meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), held under the Chairmanship of Shri Prakash Javadekar, Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change on 17th March, 2016 at the Mahanadi Conference Hall, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi

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The list of participants is at **Annexure-I**.

The Hon'ble MEF&CC and Chairperson, NTCA welcomed the members and initiated the discussion.

Deliberations on agenda items as indicated below:

Agenda Item No. 1

Confirmation of minutes of the eleventh meeting, including action taken

The Chairperson solicited comments on minutes of the eleventh meeting of the NTCA. The NTCA confirmed minutes of its eleventh meeting held on 28th August, 2015.

Agenda Item No. 2

Presentation on achievements of Project Tiger / National Tiger Conservation Authority by MS (NTCA)

The ADG (PT) & MS (NTCA) gave an introductory presentation to all newly appointed members of the NTCA which *interalia* included history, structure, objectives and function besides noteworthy achievements.

Agenda Item No. 3

Deliberations on 3rd Asia Ministerial Conference

Aspects pertaining to preparation of 3rd Asia Ministerial Conference were discussed at length which *inter-alia* included dias plan, speech of the Hon'ble PM, advertisement, backdrops etc.



Agenda Item No. 4

Finalisation of Awards

The members were briefed about the awards as follows, which were ratified by Authority:

S. No.	Category	Awardee TR
1.	Anti-poaching	Periyar
2.	Village relocation and resettlement	Satpuda
3.	Active management	Kanha
4.	Community participation in eco tourism	Parambikulam
5.	Conservation of species other than tiger in tiger reserves	Kaziranga

Agenda Item No. 5

Deliberations on vacancy position in Tiger Reserves

The Members were apprised about the prevailing vacancy position in Tiger Reserves and the personal intervention of the Hon'ble MEF&CC in this regard, wherein the latter had personally written to all Chief Ministers' concerned.

Agenda Item No. 6

Any other item with the approval of the Chair

Beyond the agenda items, following was discussed in the meeting:-

- (i) The Hon'ble MEF&CC raised concerns on recent tiger part seizures in Uttarakhand and directed officials to deal with the issue firmly as per extant provisions of law, despite challenges.
- (ii) The Hon'ble MEF&CC also informed that suitable habitat management activities should be carried out to reduce man-animal conflict.
- (iii) Members also discussed the need to evolve innovative methods such as incentivising people for protection to safeguard corridors. Members were apprised about the NTCA-WII study wherein all tiger corridor have been mapped at the macro level.
- (iv) While discussing the new funding pattern of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger, Hon'ble MEF&CC stated that it is the responsibility of the States to contribute 40% of the amount for greater ownership of the project.
- (v) Members apprised that periodical review of Tiger Conservation Plans (TCPs) should be carried out to monitor progress. It was informed that this process is built in and routine supervisory visits are carried out by Regional Offices of the NTCA on a periodic basis.



- (vi) The issue of service and income tax on Tiger Conservation Foundations was raised by members to which Hon'ble MEF&CC informed that he has written to the Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India in the matter.
- (vii) It was discussed that technology used for tiger Conservation should be fabricated in India and a committee should be formed by the NTCA to this effect.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the Chair to the members.



Annexure-1

List of participants

1. Shri Prakash Javadekar, Hon'ble MEF&CC and Chairman (NTCA).
2. Shri Ashok Lavasa, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
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10. Shri Mohan Chandra Malakar, Member (NTCA), H/No. 33, Sewali Path, P.O. Hatogaon, Guwahati-38. Assam. (e-mail: mc_malakar@yahoo.co.in)
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18. Dr. H.S. Negi, IGF (NTCA).
19. Shri Sanjay Kumar, DIG (NTCA).
20. Dr. Vaibhav C. Mathur, AIG (NTCA).