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National Tiger Conservation Authority

F.No.15-31/2019-NTCA


New Delhi, the January 31, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Minutes of meeting of the 17th National Tiger Conservation Authority

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith minutes of the 17th National Tiger Conservation Authority as approved by the Hon'ble Chairman, NTCA/MEF&CC which was held on January 6, 2020 in Mahanadi Conference Hall, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh, New Delhi, for kind perusal and record.

Encl. As above



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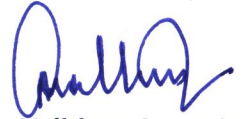
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Distribution:

All NTCA Members/Participants (as per **Annexure-1** of Minutes of the Meeting)

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6. IGF/DIGF/AIGs, NTCA HQ/Regional Offices at Bengaluru/Guwahati/Nagpur



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**Summary Record of the 17th Meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)
(held on January 6, 2020, New Delhi)**

The 17th Meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) was held on January 6 2020, under Chairmanship of Shri Prakash Javadekar, Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change/Chairman NTCA, in Mahanadi Conference Hall, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh, New Delhi.

2. The list of participants is at **Annexure-1**.
3. The meeting began with a round of introduction of NTCA members. The Hon'ble Chair introduced Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur who was recently appointed as member of the NTCA from the Rajya Sabha.
4. The Secretary, EF&CC, requested the Member Secretary, NTCA to initiate proceedings and apprise members of recent developments and asked to present action taken on points raised in the 16th meeting. The ADG (PT) & MS (NTCA) placed before the house action taken vis-a-vis decisions of the 16th Meeting of the NTCA.
5. Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy expressed displeasure at the slow pace of compliance in respect of points that were raised by him in the previous meeting. He reiterated that Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds should be leveraged to strengthen tiger conservation in the country and suggested that a sub-committee be formed in this regard. In addition, he repeated that guidelines in respect of vehicular carrying capacity should be simplified besides adding a Member of Parliament in the Local Advisory Committee (LAC).
6. The Secretary, EF&CC highlighted that activities pertaining to the forest and wildlife sectors through CSR are limited and their scope needs to factor in concerns raised by members present. He agreed to address the Ministry of Corporate Affairs in this regard. Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy expressed willingness to provide an indicative list of activities in this context.
7. The Hon'ble Chair directed the ADG (PT) & MS (NTCA) to provide relevant details in respect of all the points raised by Shri Rudy, at the earliest, prior to holding the next meeting.
8. Dr. Anish Andheria raised the issue of securing landscapes and looking beyond tiger reserves to further tiger conservation in the country and stated that the same should be adequately incorporated in Tiger Conservation Plans of tiger reserves.
9. Shri Harsh Vardhan Singh Dungarpur while stating that the Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve is "over exploited" with respect to tourism, the State of Rajasthan needs to notify areas like the Kumbalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary as a Tiger Reserve to secure inviolate areas for tigers. The Hon'ble Chair directed the Member Secretary, NTCA to seek a proposal from the State in this regard, for further requisite action.
10. In context of the School Education Programme highlighted by Dr. Earch Bharucha in the 16th meeting, the MS (NTCA) informed that a meeting in context had already been held on December 9, 2019 wherein, a framework to take the said programme was finalized.
11. The CWLW, Maharashtra gave a presentation on human-tiger conflict in Chandrapur district and its management by State Authorities with special emphasis on strengthening translocation and rescue protocols.



12. Shri B.K. Patnaik, Expert Member, informed the house of revision in voluntary village rehabilitation package under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger and the report being prepared thereof. The Hon'ble Chair, directed the MS (NTCA) to place recommendations on file for further necessary action in this regard.

13. The ADG (PT) & MS (NTCA) apprised the house of the 4th Asia Ministerial Conference on tiger conservation which is slated to be held from June 29 to July 1, 2020 at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia wherein key performance indicators shall be discussed vis-a-vis Global Tiger Recovery Programme (GTRP) targets.

14. Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy requested the Chair to direct the NTCA in the following matters:

- (i) Constitution of an award for front-line forest staff
- (ii) A report on water management in tiger reserves
- (iii) Co-opting an official from the Ministry of Tourism
- (iv) Revenue earned by tiger reserves and expenditure incurred on them
- (v) Status of tiger poaching in the country
- (vi) Status of eco-tourists visitation in tiger reserves
- (vii) Process of notifying new tiger reserves
- (viii) Provision for NTCA members to attend the 4th Asia Ministerial Conference besides international exposure visits
- (ix) Status of wildlife rescue vehicles in tiger reserves

15. The Hon'ble Chairman NTCA and Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate change directed the MS (NTCA) to finalize all pending issues raised by members and brief him and the members prior to the next meeting.

The Chair highlighted the sympathetic and positive public discourse internationally in context of forest fires in Australia, California and Brazil, in comparison to the negative publicity and unwarranted sensationalism which is associated with tigers in the news in India. He advised the NTCA to strategize on this issue and brief him accordingly.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and the Members.



S.No.	Name/Designation and Address
1)	The Minister in charge of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
2)	The Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change
3)	Diya Kumari, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)
4)	Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)
5)	Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)
6)	Shri P.R. Sinha, Former Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, House No. K-1-12, Sector -D, Prasad Lab, Kankar Bagh Colony, Patna, Bihar-800020.
7)	Dr. Tishyarakshit Chatterjee, Former Secretary, MoEF&CC, Plot No. 208-A, Road No. 14, Jubilee Hills, Telangana-500033
8)	Shri Hemendra Kothari, Chairman, DSP Black Rock, Mafatlal Centre, 10th Floor, Nariman Point, Mumbai-400021. Maharashtra
9)	Dr. Erach Bharucha, Director, Bharati Vidyapeeth Institute of Environment, Education and Research, Katraj-Dhankawadi Campus, Pune-Satara Road, Pune-411043
10)	Shri B.K. Patnaik, IFS, Retd. PCCF & CWLW, Uttar Pradesh, 105-Surekha Villa, Nigamananda Nagar-2, Bomikhal, Bhubaneswar, Odisha-751010.
11)	Shri S.S. Srivastava, IFS, Retd. PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Flat No. B-031, Raheja Atlantis, Sector-31, Gurgaon (Haryana)-122001.
12)	Shri Anish Andheria (Ph.D.), Wildlife Conservation Trust, 11th Floor, Mafatlal Centre, Nariman Point, Mumbai-400021.
13)	Shri Khageswar Nayak, Retd. Field Director, Kanha Tiger Reserve, S.V.19, Shreekhetra Vihar, Aiginia, Dist. Khurda, Bhubaneswar, Odisha-751019.
14)	Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
15)	Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
16)	Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Environment, Forest and Climate Change
17)	Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
18)	Chairperson, National Commission for the Scheduled Tribes
19)	Chairperson, National Commission for the Scheduled Castes
20)	Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj
21)	Director, Wildlife Preservation, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
22)	Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttar Pradesh
23)	Chief Wildlife Warden, Telangana

24)	Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam
25)	Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha
26)	Chief Wildlife Warden, Jharkhand
27)	Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra
28)	Joint Secretary and Legislative Counsel, Legislative Department, Ministry of Law and Justice
29)	Additional Director General of Forests (Project Tiger), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
30)	All Officers of NTCA (Hqrs.) and Regional Offices(NTCA) (Hq), Bengaluru, Guwahati and Nagpur