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To

The Chief Wildlife Warden(s)
All Tiger States

Sub: Revised guidelines of the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger.

Ref: Letter dated 21.2.2008 of even number from this Ministry.

Sir,

Kind reference is invited to the correspondence cited above, relating to the revised guidelines of the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger. The following clarification is provided relating to definition of a "family" vis-à-vis the revised / enhanced relocation package from the core / critical tiger habitats:

Definition of an eligible family

A "family" would mean a person, his or her spouse, minor sons and daughters, minor brothers or unmarried sisters, father, mother and other members residing with him/her and dependent on him/her for their livelihood. A family would be eligible for the package from only one location where it normally resides even if it owns land in other settlements requiring relocation.

The following will be treated as separate families even if they currently live together:

1. A major (over 18 years) son irrespective of his marital status
2. Unmarried daughter/sister more than 18 years of age

3. Physically and mentally challenged person irrespective of age and sex
4. Minor orphan, who has lost both his/her parents
5. A widow or a woman divorcee

All other definitions will strictly follow the provisions described in Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Rights) Act, 2006.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Dr. Rajesh Gopal)
Member Secretary (NTCA)

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1. PPS to Secretary (E&F), MoEF.
2. PPS to DGF & SS, MoEF
3. The Principal Secretary (Forest Department), All Tiger Range States
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, All Tiger Range States
5. All Field Directors including Officers in-charge of Protected Areas which have been accorded in principle approval for declaration as Tiger Reserves.