NOTIFICATION

Revenue & Forests Department Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 032

Dated: 27th December, 2007

Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972

No WLP 10-07/CR 297/F-1--Whereas, the National Tiger Conservation Authority, (NTCA), vide its letter no. 1501/11/2007-BT(Part), dated the November 16, 2007, had requested the State Government to declare critical tiger habitats in the Tiger Reserves under section 38 (V)of the Wildlife (Protection)Act, 1972(53of1972), and,

Whereas, vide his letter no. Desk-22(6)/2007-08/6149, dated the 4th Dec, 07, addressed to Member Secretary, NTCA, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra State, had submitted a proposal in this behalf, and

Whereas, the Member Secretary, NTCA, vide his letter no. F. no. 1501/1/2007-PT (part), dated the 14th Dec, 07, addressed to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), has granted his approval thereto, and

Whereas, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) had vide his letter no. Desk-22(6)/2007-08/6259, dated the 17th Dec, 07, submitted a proposal to the State Government,

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 38 (V) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (53 of 1972), Government of Maharashtra hereby notifies the following areas of the national parks and sanctuaries comprising the Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve, Pench Tiger Reserve and Melghat Tiger Reserve (including its buffer protected

areas of Narnala, Wan and Ambabarwa sanctuaries) as 'Critical Tiger Habitats.' Tiger Reserve & Its Constituent Area Notification No. National Parks/Sanctuaries (sq. kms) Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve 1) Tadoba NP 116.55 Madhya Pradesh Act No. VII of 1955 2) Andhari WLS. 509.27 No.WLP 1085/CR-75/F-5(III) dated 25-02-1986 Total for Tadoba-Andhari Reserve 625.82 Pench Tiger Reserve 1) Pench NP 257.26 No.PGS 1375/121758/F-1 dated 22-11-1975 Total for Pench Tiger Reserve 257.26 Melghat Tiger Reserve 1) Gugamal NP 1150.03 No.WLP 1092/Pra.No.526/F-5 dated 2) Melghat WLS 15-02-1994 3) Narnala WLS 12.35 No.WLP 1096/CR-279/F-1 dated 02-05-1997 Ambabarawa WLS 127.11 No.WLP 1094/CR-123/F-1 dated 9-04-1997 Wan WLS 211.00 1. No.WLP 1097/CR-5/F-1 dated 28-07-1997 (5.14 Sq. Km) 2. No.WLP 1097/CR-5/F-1 dated 29-07-1997 (205.86 Sq. Km.) Total for Melghat TR 1500.49

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(J. P. Dange)

Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Maharashtra.