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Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
National Tiger Conservation Authority
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To,
The Chief Wildlife Warden,
Government of Andhra Pradesh
Hyderabad

Sub: Approval of Tiger Conservation Plan (TCP) for the Nagarjunasagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve Tiger Reserve, Andhra Pradesh– regarding.

Ref: Field Director, NSTR letter 1414/2021/TO, dated 04.09.2025

Sir,

The draft Tiger Conservation Plan (TCP) prepared by the State of Andhra Pradesh for Nagarjunasagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve ***under sub-section (3) of Section 38V of Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972,*** was submitted to this Authority requesting for approval under section 38O (1) (a) of the said Act.

After examination of the said TCP by the NTCA, observations were communicated to the Chief Wildlife Warden, Andhra Pradesh & Field Director, Nagarjunasagar Srisailam Tiger Reserves, for their incorporation in TCP.

In this context, I am directed to say that further to the compliance furnished by the State Government and based on the recommendation of the technical committee and ratification by the Authority, ***approval of the NTCA is hereby granted for the TCP of Nagarjunasagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve for the period from 2023-24 to 2032-33 under section 38O (1) (a) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972***, subject to following condition:

a. No deviation shall be made from the prescriptions of the TCP, read with conditions stipulated here-in, without prior approval of the NTCA u/s 38O (1) (a) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972.
b. The approved TCP shall have a provision for mid-term review corresponding to the proposed period the plan for appropriate mid-course alteration, if any, as required.
c. The State Government shall comply with the guidelines and advisories issued by the NTCA/ Project Tiger from time to time and the commitments made in the tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).
d. Since the core/critical tiger habitat has the status of a National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary, all provision under Chapter IV of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 would be applicable to such areas, in addition to section 51 (1C), (1D) and 55 (ab), (ac).
e. At no stage of implementation of various prescription of the TCP relating to the tiger reserve, shall overrule the provision of:

i. The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972
ii. The Indian Forest Act, 1927
iii. The Biological Diversity Act, 2002

iv. The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
v. The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
vi. The National Forest Policy, 1988
vii. The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006
viii. Directives issued from time to time by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

f. Deviations, if any with respect to the provisions under section 38 0 (1) (b) & (g) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 observed/ cognized at any point of time should be brought forward for necessary evaluation and assessment of such cases/ instances by the National Tiger Conservation Authority and State Government joint team for strict compliance as well as to decide upon the future course of action under the provisions of the said Act.
g. The following need to be ensured while executing forestry operations in the buffer are of the Tiger Reserve:

i. To ensure minimum 'patch disturbance' and minimum human-wildlife conflicts, forestry operations should be restricted only in those coupes which are due for the current year.
ii. Compliance of section 38V (2) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 should be strictly ensured.
iii. No working or camping should be permitted in the area after sunset.
iv. Daily monitoring of the tiger movement, water points and cattle kill should be done and recorded.

h. The Tourism activities should be strictly managed/regulated as per the comprehensive guidelines issued by the NTCA under section 38O (1) (c) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 vide letter dated 15.10.2012, and under no circumstance should night tourism, monsoon tourism and tourism in village rehabilitated sites be carried out.
i. The necessary copies of the TCP will be provided to the concerned Department/ Agencies for coordinated implementation of the provisions concerned.
j. The NTCA reserves right to review modify and withdraw this approval at any time i.e. various maps indicative etc., if any of the conditions of approval are violated.
k. Final TCP should have all necessary annexure viz maps etc. duly signed by competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

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1. The Principal Secretary of Forests, Government of Andhra Pradesh.
2. IGF (NTCA), Regional Office, Bengaluru.
3. The Field Director, Nagarjunasagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve, Andhra Pradesh with a request to submit copies of Tiger Conservation Plan for due signature of competent authority.
4. All Officers, NTCA, Hqrs, New Delhi.