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National Tiger Conservation Authority

F. No. 15-7/2019-NTCA

New Delhi, the April 12, 2019

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

The undersigned is directed to refer to meeting held in context of Inter-State Tadoba-Andhari-Kawal Landscape of officials from Maharashtra and Telangana held on 03.04.2019. In this regard, the summary record of the said meeting is enclosed herewith for necessary action as appropriate.

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8. The CCF, FDCM, Chandrapur
9. The Field Director, Kawal Tiger Reserve
10. The Field Director, Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve
11. The AIGF (NTCA), Regional Office, Bengaluru & Nagpur
12. All Officers of NTCA Hqrs.

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1. PPS to DGF&SS, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
2. PS to ADG (PT) & MS (NTCA)
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**Summary record of the Inter-State meeting of officials from Maharashtra and Telangana in the Tadoba-Andhari- Kawal Landscape**

An Inter-State Tadoba-Andhari Kawal landscape meeting of the officials of Maharashtra and Telangana was held with the initiative of NTCA on 03.04.2019 at Adilabad, Telangana under the Chairmanship of ADG (PT) & MS (NTCA). The meeting was attended by the officials the details of which are at Annexure-I.

2. The Addl. PCCF (WL), Govt. of Telangana welcomed the participants and informed about the activities being taken up in the Tiger Reserves of Telangana for strengthening protection, monitoring of wild animals and habitat improvement measures. He thanked the ADG (PT) & MS (NTCA) to taking such an important initiative by organizing this landscape meeting. He requested to take up the feasibility of release of CSSPT funds into the TCFs account.

3. At the outset, the ADG (PT) & MS (NTCA) welcomed the participants and outlined the broad agenda of the meeting. He briefed about the corridors existing between Telangana and Maharashtra particularly in Tadoba Andhari and Kawal Tiger Reserve landscape an emphasized on interstate coordination between two states for tiger conservation as per the SOP of NTCA. He informed that such coordination meetings are not happening and this is the first ever interstate coordination meeting happening. Tiger landscapes cut across the national state boundaries viz. Indo-Nepal, Indo-Bhutan and Indo-Bangladesh tiger landscapes and within India, this landscape is very important for long term tiger conservation. He further informed that there are 17 different types of land use categories that are used by the tigers for dispersal. The different land covers like nallah, gullies, crop fields, culverts, ravines, rivers and river beds etc. This meeting shall provide an opportunity to know your counterparts across the state border and facilitate communication so that information on prey, predators, co-predators and movement particulars of dispersing tigers can be shared with each other. The NTCA is providing the technical and financial funding for managing the human conflict events. He highlighted on importance of tiger corridors, need for having communication and dialogue with neighboring states, how NTCA can assist the states in managing the tiger corridor and in managing the tiger conflict events and expectations from the meeting.

4. The PPCF (WL) & CWLW, Govt. of Maharashtra emphasized that the meeting was an opportunity to know the officials of both states and basically it is an ice breaking meeting. It is essential to interaction right from the lowest rung in the administration to the highest official in the department. He informed that 4 STPFs out of 8 deployed in the country have been setup in Maharashtra along. Maharashtra has 6 tiger reserves, 61 PA, around 400 work force in STPFs. There are tigers outside the protected areas and tiger reserves viz. in Tippeshwar, Pandharkawada etc. NTCA is looking far beyond tiger reserves and now funding is being provided for areas outside TRs for conflict mitigation anti-poaching operation etc. The officials from corridor landscapes have very important role to play.

5. This was followed by presentation by FD, TATR & Kawal Tiger Reserve about the landscape and the issues of landscape were presented in detail by Shri Nishant Verma, DIGF, NTCA, Hqrs, New Delhi. Shri Surender Mehra, DIGF, NTCA, Hqrs presented about the legal aspects of landscape level tiger conservation / management. This landscape level meeting is the fall out of the meeting held at NTCA Hqrs, New Delhi on 15.02.2019 to discuss tiger death in the State of Telangana. Both the FDs (TATR & Kawal) presented the action taken report / update on the decision of aforesaid NTCA meeting held at New Delhi.

6. After the presentations, the participants were divided into groups in accordance with the divisions falling in corridors as per the table given below:

Group No.	Officials of Divisions falling in the designated corridor	TOR prescribed to the groups
1	Tippeshwar Kawal Corridor	1. Linear infrastructure present / proposed 2. Case of human tiger negative interaction in the last one year 3. Special presence / absence of prey and predators 4. Planning to monitoring corridor 5. Any other issues
2	Tadoba-Kawal corridor 1	-do-

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3	Tadoba-Kawal corridor 2	-do-
4	Kawal- Indravati corridor	-do-

During the activities session, the groups had discussed / deliberated on the TOR in detail among themselves and presented their issues in turn.

7. Consequent to the deliberations on the issues cited above. The following decisions were taken in the meeting:

1. **Institutionalize the process of setting -up of joint action**
2. **A committee is to be constituted** involving the DFOs of FDPT Kawal Circle and adjoining Dy.CFs of Maharashtra and mandatory quarterly meetings on to be conducted.
3. **Regular exchange of information, contacts etc. between the two States.**
4. **Strengthening the monitoring in the areas outside the Tiger Reserves** where the movement of Tigers has been noticed.
5. Sharing of Criminals / Poachers database between two States.
6. The concerned SOPs of NTCA are to be complied meticulously.
7. **Capacity building / training of the field formations** for up-gradation of skills in confidential information network.
8. The **regular field visits** by the field formations to get hand on experience / information about the success management practices.
9. Submit proposals for funds under APOs of CSSPT- 2019-20 for **funding support for corridor strengthening** duly mentioning the sites of corridor, number of Tigers present, offence cases, wildlife crime control measures and details of man animal conflict.
10. **MSTriPES Patrol module implementation** to be taken up in the areas including corridors and provisions to be made in the APOs under CSSPT 2019-20.
11. **Immediately start sharing and implementing best practices at policy level and field level.** (This includes exposure visits of longer duration, handholding sessions /Training sessions by PTR/TATR for KTR staff, exchange programme of staff/officers/researchers; creation of STPF, rehabilitation package, creation Tiger cell etc.)
12. **Work towards creating at least 500 Sq. km area as an inviolate core within the core of KTR.**
13. **Facilitate dialogue with the stakeholders, development agencies in the area under reference and take efforts minimizing the degradation.**
14. **Take up Joint actions wherever or whenever needed.**

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by the Chair.

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**Meeting of Officials from Maharashtra & Telangana in the Inter-State Tadoba Andhari-Kawal Landscape**

**Dated: 03.03.2019**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda</b>
1000 – 1030 Hrs.	Registration
1030 – 1040 Hrs	Introduction of the Participants
1040 – 1050 Hrs	Welcome remarks by APCCF (Wildlife), Govt.of Telangana
1050 – 1100 Hrs	Inaugural remarks by ADG (PT) & MS (NTCA), Govt. of India
1100 – 1110 Hrs	Inaugural remarks by CWLW, Govt. of Maharashtra
1110 – 1130 Hrs	Knowing the landscape – Presentations by FD, TATR and FD, Kawal TR.
1130 – 1145 Hrs	<b>Tea Break</b>
1145 – 1200 Hrs.	Issues of the landscape – Presentation by Shri Nishant Verma, DIGF, NTCA, Hqrs
1200 – 1215 Hrs	Legal aspects of landscape level tiger conservation / management - Presentation by Shri Surender Mehra, DIGF, NTCA, Hqrs.
1215 – 1245 Hrs.	Action taken report on the decisions of NTCA meeting held on 15.02.2019 by FD, TATR & FD, Kawal TR
1245 –1300 Hrs.	Activity- Group formations (5 in no.) at Sub landscape level
1300 –1400 Hrs.	<b>Lunch Break</b>
1400 – 1515 Hrs.	Discussion / Deliberations group wise and presentations by groups
1515 – 1545 Hrs.	Summing up and way forward - working out landscape level strategy
1545 – 1600 Hrs	Concluding remarks by ADG (PT) & MS (NTCA)
1600 Hrs	Vote of thanks by AIGF, NTCA, Regional Office, Bengaluru.

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