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ABSTRACT

Forest Department - Wildlife - Kawal Tiger Reserve notified under Section-38 V of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 - Notification - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.II) DEPARTMENT

**G.O.Ms.No.27**

Dated: 10-04-2012

Read the following:-

1. From Deputy Inspector General, NTCA, MoEF, New Delhi, Lr.No.1-9/2011-NTCA, Dt.04.09.2011.
2. From PCCF(WL)& CWLW, Rc.No.34357/2007/WL-4, Dt.07.12.2011.
3. From PCCF(WL)& CWLW, Rc.No.34357/2007/WL-4, Dt.28.02.2012.

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**ORDER:**

The appended Notification will be published in an Extra-ordinary issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette.

2. The Commissioner, Printing, Stationery and Stores Purchase Department is requested to supply (200) copies of the printed Gazette Notification to the Principal Chief Conservator Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad and (50) copies to Government.

3. The District Collector, Adilabad District is requested to republish the Notification in the District Gazette and take necessary further action under Chapter-IV of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**M. SAMUEL**  
**Special Chief Secretary to Government**

To

The Commissioner, Printing, Stationery and Stores Purchase Department, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Collector, Adilabad District.

The Conservator of Forests (WLM), Adilabad.


Copy to the Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, CGO Complex, Lodi road, New Delhi.

Copy to the Law (B) Department.

Copy to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad.

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## KAWAL TIGER RESERVE

Kawal Tiger Reserve represents the typical floral and faunal diversity of Deccan Plateau. The Reserve nestled in the Sahyadri Mountain Ranges traverses the Adilabad district and forms excellent mosaic of wildlife habitat in the form of dense forests, grasslands, open areas, rivers, streams and water bodies. The Reserve with dense Teak (*Tectona grandis*) and bamboo (*Dendrocalmus strictus*) forests is enriched with 673 other species of plants. The varied topography, diverse habitat and climatic conditions provide habitat to a wide variety of wild animal species which include 23 orders of insects, 10 species of Amphibians, 34 species of Reptiles, 267 species of Avifauna and 75 species of Mammals like Royal Bengal Tiger (*Panthera tigris*), Gaur (*Bos gaurus*), Wild dog (*Cuon alpinus*) and Sloth bear (*Melursus ursinus*) and unique combination of herbivores represented by Antelopes and Deer. The Reserve has a high ecological value being the catchment of River Kadam, a tributary of River Godavari. The Reserve is also rich in cultural heritage with aboriginal people like Gonds, Naikpods and Kollams and their culture.

The main objective for the declaration of Kawal Tiger Reserve is *"To protect, restore, manage and maintain representative biodiversity of Deccan plateau of Sahyadri Mountain Ranges along with ecological processes and conservation of wild gene pool with a focus on Tiger and to accommodate the viable spill over population by restoring the corridor with Tadoba Andheri Tiger Reserve and protect and manage the catchment of Godavari River"*

Kawal Wildlife Sanctuary was notified as Game Reserve vide G.O.Ms.No.2753, F&AG (For.III) Dept., Dt:18.11.1965. The Govt. of AP later declared the Kawal Wildlife Sanctuary under provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 in G.O.Ms.No.92, E.F.S. & T. (For.III) Dept., Dt:14.07.1999. The Kawal Wildlife Sanctuary which spreads over an area of 892.23 Sq.Kms will form the Core of Kawal Tiger Reserve and an area

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of 1123.212 Sq.Kms of surrounding notified forests will form the Buffer of the Tiger Reserve.

The National Tiger Conservation Authority, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India has accorded approval for creation of Kawal Tiger Reserve in their reference Lr.1-9/2011-NTCA, dt:14.9.2011.

Further, the Expert Committee constituted under Section 38 V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 for the purpose, identified and recommended the area for creation of Buffer to the Core of Kawal Tiger Reserve (Area Notified as Kawal Wildlife Sanctuary). The area identified constitutes areas of notified Forest Blocks in Adilabad, Bellampalli, Jannaram & Nirmal Forest divisions of Adilabad district. The details are as per the area statement attached and as shown in the map kept in the O/o Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad.

#### Notification

In exercise of powers conferred by section 38-V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Act No.53 of 1972), the Government of Andhra Pradesh, hereby declare that the area of 892.23 Sq.Kms notified as Kawal wildlife Sanctuary in G.O.Ms.No.92, EFS&T(For.III) Dept., dt:14.7.1999 is notified as Core of Kawal Tiger Reserve , and Buffer of Kawal Tiger Reserve as specified in Schedule-I and II respectively.

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**THE SCHEDULE - I**  
(Core of Kawal Tiger Reserve)

Name of the District	:	Adilabad
Name of the Forest Divisions.	:	Parts of Jannaram & Nirmal
Name of the Mandals	:	Jannaram, Kaddam (Part), Utnoor (Part), & Sirpur(U) (Part)
Name of the Forest Ranges	:	Tadlapet (Part), Jannaram, Indanpalli, Birsaipet, Kaddam (Part) & Pembli (Part).
Core of Kawal Tiger Reserve	:	89,223 Ha. or 892.23 Sq. Km. notified and described as Kawal wildlife sanctuary vide G.O.Ms.No.92, E.F.S. & T. (For.III) Dept., Dt:14.07.1999 shall form the Core of Kawal Tiger Reserve.

**THE SCHEDULE - II**  
(Buffer of Kawal Tiger Reserve)

Name of the District	:	Adilabad
Name of the Forest Divisions.	:	Parts of Adilabad, Bellampalli, Jannaram & Nirmal.
Name of the Mandals	:	Dandepalli, Kaddam (Part), Khanapur (Part), Utnoor, Indervelly, Asifabad, Kerameri (Part), Tiryani.
Name of the Forest Ranges:	:	Parts of Asifabad, Tiryani, Tadlapet, Boath, Ichoda, Indervelly, Utnoor, Kaddam, Khanapur, Pembli
Name of the area	:	Buffer to Core of Kawal Tiger Reserve
Area of the Buffer to Core Kawal Tiger Reserve	:	1,12,321.27 Ha. or 1123.2127 Sq. Kms as shown in the area statement and described in the boundary descriptions.