

RECOMMENDATION

Palamau Tiger Reserve is one among the first 9 tiger reserves of country and holds the distinction of being the first ever tiger reserve to hold a tiger census way back in 1932. In spite of such glorious history, entire state of Jharkhand had to face the sorrow of being Tiger-less in the All India Tiger Estimation Report-2018. It has witnessed both the pinnacle and bottoms during 75 years of Independence.

Tiger Reserves were constituted for special protection and conservation measures with start of Project Tiger in 1973. An inviolate area for breeding of tigers and proliferation of prey base is required, hence tiger reserves were divided into Core and Buffer areas. A core area is the sanctum sanctorum of Tiger Reserve which is to be kept inviolate for breeding of tigers and proliferation of its prey base. Which makes resettlement of villages, mainly which are situated in core area, to be of prime importance. During last 50 years, these has been resettlement of 100s of villages from core areas of different tiger reserves, including from those tiger reserves which were constituted after 25-40 years when Palamau Tiger Reserve was notified, however Palamau Tiger Reserve has failed to resettle even a single family from its core area. This has led to a situation where there is hardly any space for breeding and conservation of tigers. This is the reason, a tiger reserve, once been on top position for harboring maximum numbers of tigers, is fighting battle for it's existence.

Resettlement of villages from CTH of Palamau Tiger Reserve would make available around 335 Ha of land which would be used as meadow. Apart from this, an area more than 250 sq. Km(25000 Hectares) will be free from human disturbance, which would be available for breeding and protection of tigers, which would make it possible to recover the tiger population in Palamau Tiger Reserve.

This diversion proposal is the maiden effort to resettle villages lying in CTH. This proposal is the maiden effort of revival of tigers in Palamau Tiger Reserve and Jharkhand and also the last hope of salvaging Palamau Tiger Reserve. Not only the hope of wildlife conservationists of Jharkhand but of entire country is attached to this proposal. **Hence in the larger interest of Wildlife Conservation, proposal for diversion of 166.00 Ha of Lai-Pailapathal notified forest is Highly Recommended.**

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