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The Chief Wildlife Warden,  
Government of Uttarakhand.,  
Dehradun.

**Approval of Tiger Conservation Plan (TCP) for the Corbett Tiger Reserve -reg.**

Your letter No. 22-11 (A) /3-6 dated 27.01.2015

The final draft Tiger Conservation Plan (TCP) prepared by the State of Uttarakhand for Corbett 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 draft, the observations of NTCA were communicated and discussed with Chief Wildlife Warden & the Field Director, Corbett Tiger Reserve, for their incorporation in the TCP.

In this context, I am directed to say that further to the compliance furnished by the State Government their letter No. 22-11 (A) /3-6 dated 27.01.2015 and based on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, the approval of the NTCA is hereby granted for the TCP of Corbett Tiger Reserve for the period from 2015-16 to 2024-25, under section 38O (1) (a) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, subject to following conditions:

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 Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

The approved TCP shall have a provision for mid-term review corresponding to the proposed period of the plan, for appropriate mid course alteration, if any, as required.

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).

Since the core/ critical tiger habitat has the status of a National Park/ Wildlife Sanctuary, all provisions under Chapter IV of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 would be applicable to such areas, in addition to sections 51 (1C), (1D) and 55 (ab), (ac).

While implementing various prescriptions of the TCP, it shall be ensured by the Tiger Reserve Administration that no violation of the provisions of the following Acts takes place:

- 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 O (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 area 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 (c) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 vide letter dated 15/10/2012.
- i. The necessary copies of the TCP will be provided to the concerned Departments / Agencies for coordinated implementation of the provisions concerned.
- j. The NTCA reserves right to review, modify and withdraw this approval at any time, if any of the conditions of approval are violated.

It is also requested to kindly submit four original copies of the approved version of the TCP duly authenticated by the State Authorities concerned at the immediate for necessary attestation by the NTCA.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Dr. H.S. Negi)

Inspector General of Forests (NTCA)

**Copy to:**

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- 2. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Uttarakhand.
- 3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (C), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office (NCZ), Pearson Road, P.O. New Forest, Forest Research Institute (FRI) campus, Dehradun - 248006.
- 4. The Field Director, Corbett Tiger Reserve, Uttarakhand.