

Project Title : Tiger Safari at Pakhro in the buffer of Corbett Tiger Reserve

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Report

The Comprehensive Guidelines of the National Tiger Conservation Authority issued in 2012 states in Para 16.21 that, " The Tiger Safaris may be established in the buffer areas of tiger reserves which experience immense tourist influx in the core/critical tiger habitat for viewing tiger. The interpretation and awareness centres would be supported in such buffer areas to foster awareness for eliciting public support." The NTCA has also given in-principle approval for the site specific proposal by their letter no. 15-1(4)/2015-NTCA, dated 5th June 2015. In accordance with the above, it is proposed to establish a Tiger Safari in the buffer area of Corbett Tiger Reserve at Pakhro block 3 and 8 comprising an area of 106.16 Hectare for which Central Zoo Authority has already conveyed approval under section 38H(1A) of Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972. The proposal has been prepared under the guidelines issued by National Tiger Conservation Authority in 2016 to "Establish Tiger Safari in Buffer and Fringe areas of the Tiger Reserves". The prior approval of Central Government under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 is being sought.

The Tiger Safari has been proposed in Pakhro Block, Compartment no 3 and 8 in the buffer of the Corbett Tiger Reserve in an area of 106.16 Hectare. The legal status of the land is Reserve Forest which has been notified as buffer area of Corbett Tiger Reserve and is not part of any Protected Area. Establishment of the Tiger Safari is an approved activity under the Management Plan/Tiger Conservation Plan (2015-16 to 2024-25) of Corbett Tiger Reserve.

So, Prior approval of Central Government is sought under Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980 for an area of 106.16 Hectare for the establishment of the proposed Tiger Safari. It is certified that for the establishment of the Tiger Safari, not more than 15% of the total area will be used for the Non forestry Purposes.


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