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National Tiger Conservation Authority

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Dated 12.03.2018

To

**The Chief Wildlife Warden(s),
All Tiger Range States**

Sub: Conferring rights in Core/Critical Tiger Habitats of Tiger Reserve – reg.

- Ref: 1. This Authority's letter of even number dated 28.3.17.
2. Wildlife Division, MoEF&CC letter No. 1-23/2014-WL dated 4.1.18
(enclosed)

Sir,

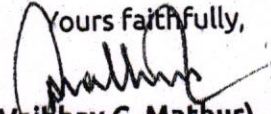
Reference is invited to the subject and letters cited above. In this context, I am directed to inform that In supersession of this Authority's letter referred at S.No. 1 above and in accordance with directions issued vide letter referred at S.No. 2 above, you are requested to kindly take action as appropriate while settling rights as per provisions of section 2 (b) read along with section 4 (2) of the Scheduled Tribes & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, in core/critical tiger habitats of tiger reserves. Definition of Gram Sabha and village as given in Section 2(g) read with Section 2(p) respectively, of the said Act shall be followed.

It may be ensured that the voluntary village rehabilitation package as provided under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger, besides other incentivized packages of the State Governments' in this regard, be explored *a priori*, so as to benefit tribal communities by increasing their exposure to welfare and development schemes of the Government.

This issues with concurrence of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. Vaibhav C. Mathur)
Assistant Inspector General (NTCA)

Copy to:

1. The Field Director(s), All Tiger Reserves.
2. The IGS/AIGs, NTCA, Regional Office, Nagpur, Bengaluru and Guwahati
3. PS to ADG (WL), MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
4. PS to Secretary, MoEF&CC.
5. PS to DGF & SS
6. ✓ The Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi.

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Dated the 28th March, 2017

To,
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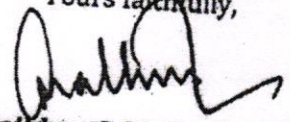
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Sir,

Reference is invited to the subject cited above. In this context, I am directed to say that in absence guidelines for notification of critical wildlife habitats, no rights shall be conferred in Critical Tiger Habitats which is duly notified under section 38 V(4)(i), of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 under the Act cited under subject.

Agencies / Departments concerned may kindly be apprised accordingly.

Yours faithfully,



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Assistant Inspector General of Forests (NTCA)

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2. All Officers, NTCA Regional Office, Bengaluru, Guwahati & Nagpur.
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