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**Tourism rules for buffer zone of Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve.**

The Govt. of Maharashtra has issued 'Entry Rules for Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve' vide its letter no. S30/917/F.N.230/F-1, Dated 17.10.2018. These rules are explicitly applicable to core zone of the tiger reserve. Time and again a set of rules for buffer zone of the tiger reserve was also required. Hence such rules are made. Whenever any particular matter is discussed in the following rules, but not covered under the core zone rules; provision in the following rules will prevail in core zone too for that particular matter only.

**1) Guides**

- a. Every year in the month of August, guides with good qualities and who is a resident of buffer village will be registered with the Tiger Reserve for the purpose of tourism.
- b. Number of guides registered for each gate will not be more than 1.5 times of the gate entry capacity.
- c. All registered guides will be given equal opportunity of employment by following a uniform roster for entry inside tiger reserve.
- d. In order to provide bonafide employment opportunities to maximum needy persons, any person who owns a vehicle registered for tourism in this tiger reserve cannot be registered as a guide.
- e. Guides registered for a particular gate will be allowed to enter from that gate only for the purpose of tourism.
- f. All registered guides shall appear before a committee of experts drawn from Local Advisory Committee for grading. Thereafter, each guide will be provided stars based on their performance.
- g. If a registered guide, is absent for more than 30 days without a valid reason, then his/her registration will be canceled for that season.

**2) Drivers**

- a. Every year in the month of August, drivers with valid driving license and who is a resident of buffer village will be registered with the Tiger Reserve for the purpose of tourism
- b. Number of drivers registered for each gate will not be more than 1.5 times of the gate entry capacity.
- c. No person other than a registered driver can drive a tourism vehicle in the Tiger Reserve for the purpose of tourism
- d. Drivers registered for a particular gate will be allowed to enter from that gate only for the purpose of tourism.

**3) Cost of registration of drivers and guides will be borne by the Tiger Conservation Foundation.**

- 4) Vehicles
  - a. Every year in the month of September, vehicles not older than 10 years will be registered with the Tiger Reserve for the purpose of tourism
  - b. Registration charges per vehicle will be non-refundable Rs. 3,000/- for buffer and Rs. 5,000/- for core gates.
  - c. A refundable security deposit of Rs. 10,000/- for buffer and Rs. 20,000/- for core vehicle will be applicable for registration.
  
- 5) Naturalists
  - a. Resorts may register their naturalists with the Tiger Reserve for the purpose of tourism by applying in a prescribed format along with a Demand Draft of Rs. 1000/- as a non-refundable annual fee.
  - b. Full responsibility of the naturalist, in all aspects, will rest with the resort which registers him/her.
  - c. In case of any violation of act, rule, by the naturalist, he/she will be permanently de-registered. In addition to that he shall face penal action as per applicable laws, acts etc.
  - d. Registered naturalist of a resort may enter in the reserve with tourists staying in that resort, whether his name is in the entry permit or not, provided that the tourists in the vehicle are 5 or less and naturalist carries his original photo identity card.
  - e. Naturalist will not be allowed to replace a registered guide.
  - f. Acts prohibited for tourists, guides and drivers will be equally binding for the naturalist.
  
- 6) Registration for vehicle, driver, guide and naturalist will be valid till 31st of August of every year.
- 7) Every driver, vehicle owner and guide will strictly abide by the speed limit in tiger reserve
- 8) It is mandatory to maintain 20 meter distance from any animal
- 9) Neither driver, nor guide can carry camera during safari.
- 10) Acts prohibited for tourists, guides and drivers during safari are –
  - a. Carrying mobile phone, device with voice calling facility, or similar device, whether functioning or not
  - b. Carrying camera without paying charges for the same
  - c. Littering
  - d. Getting down at prohibited area
  - e. Teasing wildlife
  - f. Carrying or consuming liquor, prohibited drugs, tobacco
  - g. Entering in intoxicated state
  - h. Blocking road of wildlife and / or other vehicles
  - i. Entering into prohibited area
  - j. Feeding wildlife
  - k. Any misbehavior with forest employee
  - l. Any act causing nuisance or act causing threat to forest and wildlife
- 11) In case of violation of rules by any tourist, minimum Rs. 2000/- per person will be recovered by the Tiger Conservation Foundation in addition to penal action under applicable laws, acts, rules, if any. Depending upon the gravity of the act, lifetime ban on any tourist/s may be imposed by the tiger reserve.

- 12) If any guide violates any rule, then in addition to penal action under applicable laws, acts, rules, if any; he will be penalized as further-
  - a. First instance - suspension for 15 days
  - b. Second instance - suspension for 30 days
  - c. Third instance - permanent removal
  
- 13) If any driver violates any rule, then in addition to penal action under applicable laws, acts, rules, if any; he will be penalized as further-
  - a. First instance - suspension of driver and vehicle for 15 days
  - b. Second instance - suspension of driver and vehicle for 30 days
  - c. Third instance - permanent removal of driver and vehicle
  
- 14) Field Director will have powers to de-register any vehicle, driver, guide and naturalist or alter suspension period depending upon gravity of the violation.
  
- 15) Unauthorized vehicle will not be allowed inside Tiger Reserve. If found, minimum Rs. 2000/- per person or Rs. 5000/- whichever is more will be recovered by the Tiger Conservation Foundation in addition to penal action under applicable laws, acts, rules, if any.
  
- 16) Any person appointed at gate for discharging official duty must show his full loyalty and integrity. If found violating or helping / provoking / allowing to violate rules by any means, will be permanently removed and will not be eligible forever to work with forest department anywhere. In addition to that, he shall face penal action as per applicable laws, acts etc., if any.
  
- 17) People with valid entry permit if want to make a film may be permitted with a nominal fees of Rs. 1000/- per safari.
  
- 18) Full day photography permission may be given as per existing rules, provided that the application should be submitted in the name of Field Director, at least 4 working days in advance. However, Field Director will have the authority to condone the delay.
  
- 19) Reckless driving, undue advances towards wildlife beside road, road kills, risking human life etc. have been observed over a period on roads between Padmapur to Moharli, Kondegaon to Moharli, borda. A control over this in favor of human life as well as precious wildlife is required urgently. In view of this, restricted entry at Kondegaon, Padmapur, Borda gates is very well required. Entry charges as prescribed by the State Govt. will be applicable.
  
- 20) For smooth functioning of entry gates, all gates will be connected with an internet connection and a computer. This will help for efficient entry of tourism vehicles and curb down fake entry permits.
  
- 21) Resorts and homestays eligible for paying conservation fees must pay the fees regularly. In case of nonpayment of dues for three months or more and till full payment of dues –
  - a. List of the defaulters will be displayed publicly.
  - b. Offline entry for the tourists staying at such resorts will be denied
  - c. Tourism vehicle/s registered with Tiger Reserve will not pick up or drop the tourists at such resorts/ homestays.

- d. Tourism vehicle, naturalist of defaulter will not be allowed to enter tiger reserve
- e. Any direct, indirect benefit to the defaulter will be ceased
- f. District Collector will act as per powers vested with him/her for recovery of the government dues.

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