

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT

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Office of Prl.Chief Conservator
of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad.

Sri S.D.Mukherjee, I.F.S.,
Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests.

CIRCULAR NO.16/98

Sub:- Visit of members of the IBWL and Steering
Committee of Project Tiger to National
Parks & Sanctuaries - Instructions - Issued -
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Ref:- Letter from S.C.Sharma, Addl.IGF(WL),
Dated:24.6.1998 (copy enclosed).

In the reference cited, the Additional Inspector
General of Forests (WL) informed that some complaints
have been received from the non-official members of
IBWL/Steering Committee of Project Tiger regarding
proper courtesy and facilities not being extended by
the field staff during their field visits.

In this regard the Conservators of Forests (Wild
Life) are requested to issue suitable instructions to the
Divisional Forest Officers who are working under their
control to extend their full co-operation, necessary
guidance and provide accomedation for their stay duly
treating them on par with the Government Officials with
out awaiting for the orders of Chief Conservator of Forests
(Wild Life), Office of Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests
to the Non-official members of IBWL/Steering Committee
of Project Tiger during their field visits to National
Parks & Sanctuaries, as the Tour Programmes of the above
members would be approved by the Ministry of Environment
and Forests.

Sd/- T.Ramakrishna
for Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests.

To
All the Conservators of Forests (Wild Life).
The Conservators of Forests, Anantapur & Kurnool.
Copy to all the Divisional Forest Officers (Wild Life
Management).
Copy to Divisional Forest Officers, Chittoor (West &
Nandyal.
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S.C. SHARMA
Addl.IGF(WL)

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS
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June 24, 1998

Dear Secretary,

Sub:- Visits of members of the IBWL and Steering Committee of Project Tiger to National Parks & Sanctuaries.

In the recent past, we have received some complaints regarding proper courtesy and facilities not being extended to the non official members of IBWL/Steering Committee of Project Tiger during their field visits to national parks and sanctuaries. Such visits are normally undertaken on the directions of the IBWL/Steering Committee of Project Tiger or at the initiative of the members themselves. In order to avoid any misunderstanding and confusion on this account, it has been decided to follow the guidelines as set out hereunder:

- i) Visits undertaken by the members on the directions of the IBWL/Steering Committee:

In such cases, the tour programmes of the members would be approved by the Ministry of Environment & Forests, who will also meet the TA/DA expenditure on such visits. The State Govts. may kindly treat the members undertaking such visits at par with Govt. officials and charge rates that are applicable to Govt. officials on duty. Facilities like transport and accommodation, wherever required, may be provided for accomplishing the task assigned to the members by the IBWL/Steering Committee of Project Tiger.

- ii) Visits undertaken by the members on their own initiative:

This Ministry would not reimburse the TA/DA cost of such visits. The members undertaking such tours should communicate their programme to the national park/sanctuary authorities well in advance so that their field visit could be facilitated by them. The States/UTs may consider allowing the members to stay in Govt. accommodation on payment of rates as applicable to Govt. servants.

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