

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 64 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (53 of 1972), the State Government, hereby, makes the following amendments in the Madhya Pradesh Wildlife (Protection) Rules, 1974, namely : -

AMENDMENTS

In the said rules, for Rule 34, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:-

"34. Entry fee and conditions of entry permit for entry into National Parks and Sanctuaries under Section 28, into buffer areas of tiger reserves and zoo managed by Forest Department under section 64(2)(h) :

1. Entry Permit:

- 1.1 No person shall enter any National Park, Sanctuary, Buffer areas of Tiger Reserves or Zoo managed by Forest Deptt., for the purposes mentioned under sub-section (1) of Section 28, as per the conditions and on payment of such fees as prescribed in sub-section (2) of the said Section, without a valid permit issued by Chief Wildlife Warden Madhya Pradesh or by an officer authorized by him for this purpose.
- 1.2 Entry permit is individual, non-transferable and valid for entry for one time or for the period mentioned in the entry permit.

2. Exemptions in permit fee for Special Circumstances:

- 2.1 No entry fee shall be charged for entry in National Parks, Sanctuaries and Zoo for following purposes, namely:-
 - 2.1.1 study or investigation of wildlife and its ancillary objectives;
 - 2.1.2 scientific research;
 - 2.1.3 transaction of lawful business with any person residing in the National Park or Sanctuary;
 - 2.1.4 authorized study tours of the students of recognized educational institutions of the villages situated in the buffer zones of the tiger reserves and within 5 km boundary of National Parks and Sanctuaries or the

authorized study tours of the members of Eco-Development Committees;

2.1.5 authorized study tours of the students, trainees, instructors and support staff of training and research institutes of Ministry of Environment and Forest & Climate Change, Government of India or Forest Departments of various States;

2.1.6 Participants of Anubhuti programme and Mowgli festival during the programme, the winners of Wildlife Week programme, one time as a prize;

2.1.7 Entry of children upto 5 years of age visiting with their parents.

2.2 50 percent exemption in the regular entry fee shall be given to the students of recognized educational Institutes, not covered under clause 2.1.4, provided prior intimation is given for such authorized study tours. This facility for students of an institution will be provided only for one round, once during the open period of entire tourism year, that is 1st July-30th June.

2.3 Chief Wildlife Warden of Madhya Pradesh or the officer in-charge of the protected area/ zoo can give full exemption from entry fee to any person or a group under special circumstances, within the limits of maximum carrying capacity.

2.4 Eligibility and conditions of entry permits for the purposes mentioned in sub-rule 2.1.1, 2.1.2 or 2.1.3 shall be ascertained separately by the Chief Wildlife Warden based on the requirements of a particular protected area.

3. Classification and entry fee of Protected Areas for the purpose of tourism

3.1 Classification table of Wildlife Tourism Areas

Sr	Class	Details of protected area included	Class Coefficient/ Table
1	Class-1	Tourist zones extended completely in Core areas of tiger reserves including the sanctuaries notified as core and also zones which are partially in core and in buffer areas.	1
2	Class -2	Tourism zone extended completely in buffer areas of tiger reserve and Phen Sanctuary.	0.8
3	Class -3	Madhav N.P., Gandhisagar, Nauradehi, Ratapani, Kuno Palpur and Kheoni Sanctuary.	0.5

Sr	Class	Details of protected area included	Class Coefficient/ Table
4	Class -4	(i) Fossil N.P. Ghughuwa, Dinosaurs Fossil N.P. Dhar (ii) Sailana, Sardarpur, Ghatigaon, Karera, Ken Gharial, Son Gharial, National Chambal, Narsinagarh, Bagdara Virangana Durgavati, Singhori and Orchha Sanctuary (iii) All special sites/view points inside the Protected Area notified by the Authorised Officer for tourism purposes.*	0.2
5	Class -5	Only one special sites/view points inside the Protected Area notified by the Authorised Officer for tourism purposes.	0.1
6	Class -6	Van Vihar N.P., Ralamandal Sanctuary and Mukundpur Zoo	Table 3.4

3.1.1 The entry fee for any protected area or zoo, shall be decided by multiplying the rate mentioned in 3.2 and 3.3 with coefficient mentioned before the class of particular area in question. The outcome of this multiplication will be rounded off to next multiple of Rs. 5/- (for amount upto Rs. 100/-) Or Rs. 10/- (for amount equal or more than 100/-) or to get the actual entry fee.

3.1.2 * These rates are for one round and permit will be valid only for a day. In Panchmarhi, for visiting all the view points/ special sites, tourist may get permit with 3 days validity by paying double of the rate.

3.2 Entry fee for park safari by vehicle.

3.2.1 Entry fee for Tiger Reserve or other Protected Areas with tourist vehicle which is registered with protected area management.

Sr	Type of permits	Rate (Amount in Rs.)
1	Single seat permit (Light weight vehicle and Mini Bus)	250
2	Full vehicle permit (Only LMV, maximum 6 tourists)	1500

3.2.2 Entry fee for tourism by private unregistered vehicle, where such vehicles are allowed by protected area management.

Sr	Type of permit	Rates(Amount in Rs.)
1	Two wheeler (Scooter, Motor Cycle and other two wheeler motor vehicle, maximum 2 person)	1000
2	Auto Riksha (maximum 3 persons)	2000
3	Light unregistered personal vehicle	3000
4	Unregistered bus/Mini bus	6000

3.2.3 The above mentioned fee are only for entry permit. The guide fee and the vehicle charges, if registered tourist vehicle is hired for safari, are not included in the fee, will be payable before the safari entry.

3.2.4 Single seat permit holder tourist shall, in addition to the permit fee, have to pay for the hired vehicle and the guide, at the time of entry inside the park. The total hire charges for the guide and Safari vehicle will be distributed equally among the tourists present in the vehicle and payable at the time of entry.

3.2.5 Drivers and guides shall not be counted in the numbers of persons allowed in a vehicle.

3.2.6 Depending upon the local conditions of the tourism road and to ensure the tourists safety etc. the officer in-charge of the protected area shall decide class/ type of vehicle which may be allowed for entry inside PA for tourism purposes.

3.2.7 In case of non availability of registered vehicles in sufficient number or due to some other local factors, the park management after issuing an order, can allow the entry of un-registered vehicle for tourism. For the online booked permits, the difference in entry fee shall be payable by the tourists at the time of park entry.

3.2.8 For the children aged between 5-12 years entry fee for single seat permit shall be half of the fee mentioned in table-3.2.1 a seat will be provided to them in the safari vehicle. Children below five year of age will be entitled for free entry and they will share the seat occupied by their parents.

3.2.9 If a tourist has permit for complete safari round in either of tourism zone after paying entry fee for a visit by vehicle as per the class-1, class-2, class-3, class-4(ii) he may visit view point/ special site situated within the tourism zone without paying any extra fee. If any tourist want to visit only notified view point/ special site situated inside the protected area then he has to pay the fee as per the class-4(iii)/class 5 in above table. Tourist who will take such permits can visit the view point/ special site by the route and time decided by the management.

3.2.10 The officer incharge of the protected area, on receiving request from Hotel/ Resort/ Lodge operational nearby the protected area, shall register the naturalist in limited number for the Hotel/ Resort/ Lodge for one year with a registration fee per naturalist Rs 10,000/- and issue an I-card.

3.2.11 Subject to seat availability in registered tourist vehicle, these registered naturalist may enter in tourist vehicle alongwith the tourists holding valid permit, even if their name is not mentioned on the permit, as an affiliate. In such vehicles the park guides will also be present and render their services as before.

3.3 Entry fee for activities other than park safari by vehicle :

Sr. No	Purpose of entry	Fee per tourist
(1)	(2)	(4)
1.	Walk/Trekking/ Cycling (on specified routes earmarked by the officer in-charge of the protected area)	₹250
2.	Wildlife Viewing from specified Hide/ Machan/ Watch Tower	₹600
3.	Camping (Only in the premises earmarked by the officer in-charge of the protected area)	₹1500

3.4 Entry fee for Van Vihar National Park, Ralamandal Sanctuary and Mukundpur Zoo.

(Amt. in Rs.)		
Sr	Purpose of visit	Entry Fee for Tourists
1	Visit by walk	20/- per person
2	On Bicycle (One person)	30/- per Bicycle
3	Two wheelers (maximum 2 persons)	60/- per motor vehicle
4	Auto Rikshaw (Maximum 4 person including driver)	120/- per vehicle
5	Light Motor Vehicle (Upto 5 person capacity)	250/- Per Vehicle
6	Light Motor Vehicle (More than 5 person capacity)	400/- Per Vehicle
7	Mini bus (upto 20 person capacity)	1000/- Per Vehicle
8	Bus (more than 20 person capacity)	2000/- Per Vehicle
9	Safari by management vehicle or visit by Golf cart	50/- per person and entry fee

- 3.4.2 The rates mentioned in 3.4.1 are generic rates for class six areas mentioned in table-3.1. The officer in-charge of protected area/ zoo will decide that what activities are feasible in their area and accordingly take entry fee to issue entry permit for feasible activities.
- 3.4.3 The fee per vehicle, mentioned on Sr. 2-8 is inclusive of entry fee for the tourists. The number of tourists present in the vehicle shall not be more than the registered passing capacity of the vehicle.
- 3.4.4 The Safari fee mentioned on Sr. 9 is excluding of entry fee mentioned w.r.t. 1-8.
- 3.4.5 Minimum number of tourists, required for Safari vehicle to operate, will be decided by the management. In case of insufficient number of tourists available for Safari, the willing tourists may avail the Safari by paying the fee for minimum required persons.
- 3.5 Park visit, for limited period and routes decided by the management, on daily basis. Monthly/ yearly / life time entry fee for entry by walk or by bicycle, in Van Vihar National Park/Ralamandal Sanctuary.

Sr. No	Mode of entry	Monthly Fee	Annual Fee	Life time Fee	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1.	By walk	₹300	₹3000	24000	Per person. Regular entry pass will be issued by the Director or an officer authorized by him for this purpose.
2	Bicycle	₹450	₹4500	₹30000	

3.6 As per the peculiarities and local conditions of the area, the officer in-charge of the protected area shall decide the suitable activities for the area from the above mentioned activities and operate the same. He may also include any new activity for tourist. To introduce any new activity he shall, after deciding

the area and fee of the activity, take approval from the PCCF (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden.

4. Issuing of online permits :

4.1 For those protected areas where the number of permits available to be daily issued is fixed as per the carrying capacity calculation, the total number of daily available permits will be available online/ tourist gate as per the following percentage. Figures will be rationalise to obtain the actual number of permits as per the percentage :

Single Seat permit (Online)	Single seat permit (at the tourist gate)	Field Dir. Quota	Full vehicle permit (Online)
10%	10%	10%	Rest of the Permits

4.2 For those tourism areas where tourist carrying capacity and upper limit of permits to be issued daily is not decided, Chief Wildlife Warden may decide the carrying capacity of such areas. The officer in-charge shall decide the number of permits available for online bookings.

4.3 At the tourist gate permit will be available 5 PM onwards, a day before the Safari date. The actual time of booking shall be decided by officer in-charge of the Protected Area.

4.4 Confirmed single seat permit holders have to arrive at the assigned entry gate half an hour before the entry time and show their permit and ID Card at the counter. If they fail to reach half an hour before the entry time, their permit will be considered automatically cancelled. Such permit will be available for booking as single seat permit at the entry gate.

4.5 Full vehicle permit holders tourists, may arrive till one hour after the entry time during morning safari and till half an hour after the entry time during evening safaries, have to show their permits and ID card at the gate. If they fail to arrive by this time, their permit will be considered automatically cancelled and such permit will be available for booking as single seat permit at the entry gate. For such available permits tourists may enter the park up till next 30 minutes. Other than the

condition when the permit is issued after any pre-booked permit holder failed to arrive on time, generally tourist should not be allowed one hour after the park entry time.

- 4.6 It shall be compulsory to keep any valid identity proof (Adhar card, Passport, Driving license, PAN Card, Voter ID, any other ID issued by Central of State Govt., I Card issued by School/ College) for all Indian visitors listed in the entry permit. Entry permit will be cancelled if the identities of the persons mentioned in entry permit cannot be ascertained.
- 4.7 It shall be compulsory to keep Passport as their identity proof for all foreigners listed in the entry permit. Entry permit will be cancelled if the identities of the persons mentioned in entry permit cannot be ascertained.
- 4.8 Under the online booking system, once the all the available full vehicle permits will be booked for the particular tourism area, wait list permits will be issued online in limited numbers (10% of online permits, after rationalisation), for the willing tourists. Wait list permits will be confirmed on priority in the case of cancellation of confirmed permits. If the wait list permit not get confirmed 5 days before the Safari, it will automatically get cancelled and entry fee charged for booking will be refunded after deducting the portal fee.

5. Add on facility :

- 5.1 For those protected areas where online permits bookings facility is operational, for already booked full vehicle permit, the names of visitors can be added online, upto the maximum capacity of the vehicle, with following conditions :
 - 5.1.1 Minimum two tourists names are mentioned in the originally booked permit.
 - 5.1.2 Atleast two tourists, on whose names original permits were booked, have to be present during park visit, otherwise the permit will be considered cancelled.
 - 5.1.3 The provision of 5.1.2 will be applicable to only those permits where it carries both type of tourist, originally booked and added using this facility. Those permit where add on facility is not availed, if first two or any other tourist is absent at the time of safari, the permit will hold and the other present tourist may go for safari.

5.1.4 Only in one go, upto four add on tourists names can be added into the permit. For such addition, an extra fee equal to the cost of one permit, i.e. Rs. 1,500/- for core areas of tiger reserve and for other areas based on table 3.1 and 3.2, will be payable.

5.1.5 Add on facility will be availed only upto 2 days before the safari date.

5.1.6 Add on facility shall not be used after availing the re-scheduling facility.

6. Cancellation/ Rescheduling of entry permit :

6.1 Tourist may one time re-schedule their travel date and tourism zone (of the same protected area) on their online booked safari permit subject to availability or cancel. For such cancellation/ re-scheduling they have to pay charges prescribed in following table.

6.2 Table

Sr	Details	Amount refunded after cancellation	Amount charged for re-scheduling
1	Cancellation/Re-scheduling of permit 30 days or before Entry/ Safari date.	Complete amount of permit fee after deducting portal fee.	Only portal fee.
2	Cancellation/Re-Scheduling of permit between 29 to 15 days prior to Entry/ Safari date.	Rest of amount after deducting 50% permit fee and portal fee	50% of permit fee and portal fee.
3	Cancellation of permit between 14 to 5 PM a day prior to Entry/ Safari date.	Rest of amount after deducting 75% permit fee and portal fee.	75% permit fee + portal fee.

6.3 The online booked permits, if cancelled/ rescheduled 5 days or before the safari, the permit will be available online for booking by other tourists. In case of permit cancellation/rescheduling 5 or less days before the safari uptill 5PM a day prior to the safari date, the permit will be available at Field Director quota for booking. After 5 PM, a day prior to the Safari date cancellation/ reshcheduling will not be possible.

- 6.4 If cancellation facility is availed after re-scheduling, refund amount post cancellation will be calculated as per the applicable percentage of original permit fee (For Core areas of Tiger Reserve Rs. 1500/- or for other areas fee decided as per table 3.1 and 3.2).
- 6.5 If cancellation is availed after availing the add-on facility, refund amount post cancellation will be calculated as per the applicable percentage of original permit fee + add-on fee (For Core areas of Tiger Reserve Rs. 3000/- or for other areas fee decided as per table 3.1 and 3.2).
- 6.6 If re-scheduling is availed after availing the add on facility, re-scheduling fee will be calculated as per the applicable percentage of original permit fee (For Core areas of Tiger Reserve Rs. 1500/- or for other areas fee decided as per table 3.1 and 3.2).

7. Regulation of vehicles entry inside the protected area for tourism

- 7.1 The officer in-charge of protected area shall register the vehicle for the tourism purposes inside his protected area for one tourism year. He shall decide the minimum eligibility standard for the vehicles and drivers depending upon the topographical peculiarities, tourism needs and other local factors of the area. He may restrict the entry of certain class of vehicle.
- 7.2 The officer-in-charge of the protected area depending upon the tourist carrying capacity, visiting trend of tourist in the area, availability of new tourism zone and after discussion with stakeholders, shall decide the number of registered vehicles. If the present number of tourist vehicle is less than such decided number then new tourist vehicle may be registered. If present number of tourist vehicle is more than such decided number then all vehicle may be registered.
- 7.3 All registered vehicle will operate under a roster system. The roster system will be managed by the association of tourist vehicle, registered before the officer-in-charge of the protected area or by the procedure decided by the management of the protected area depending upon local conditions.
- 7.4 The tourist bus operated by Madhya Pradesh Tourism or any tourist vehicle operated by the park management will be not be part of roster system.
- 7.5 The vehicle hier charges, for the registered tourist vehicle used for park visit, shall be paid by the tourist. The hiering fee for

such visit shall be decided by the officer in-charge of protected area after considering the length of road in tourism zone, safari duration and topography of the area and taking applicable rates notified by Madhya Pradesh Tourism as a base.

- 7.6 If any tourist/ group of tourist wish to visit the park by a resitered tourist vehicle other than the registered vehicle allotted to him through the roster then he has to pay the 70% of the applicable vehicle hier charges as compensation to the roster vehicle. After receiving such compensation the vehicle will be considered non-available till the completion of roster and once the roster will get completed the particular vehicle will again the available in the roster.
- 7.7 The officer-in-charge of the protected area or his representative or committee constituted by him, every year before the begining of the tourism season, shall check the fitness of all the vehicle and the minimum eligibility standard for the vehicles and drivers, before their registration as tourist vehicle.
- 7.8 For all registered vehicle a registration fee of Rs. 2,000/- will be payable. Such fee will be deposited in the park development fund of the protected area.
- 7.9 To ensure safe driving, during tourism time inside the protected area photography will be prohibited for the drivers of registered park vehicles.
- 7.10 In case of violation of conditions of any Rule or Act enforced in the tourism area by the owner/driver of the registered vehicle, the officer-in-charge of the protected area may cancel the entry permission/ registration of registered tourist vehicle for certain period or may imposed the compensation.

8. Rates for filming/ Videography/Photography:

- 8.1 Visitors are permitted to use their still or video cameras, free of cost during normal safari rounds. Tourists are allowed to use their mobile phones or similar equipment for photography. It will be mandatory for them to keep their phones in silent mode during safari. Officer in-charge of Protected Area may impose additional rules in this regard.
- 8.2 Permission for special filming / Videography/ Photography in the protected area shall be given by the Field Director in the name of the cameraman. Fee shall be based on following table:-

Duration	Indian Educational/Research Institutes; Departments and Institutes of Government of	Others	Remarks
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	India and State Government of Madhya Pradesh		
First 7 days	₹10000	₹40000	Per camera man per day
8 th to 15 th day	₹7500	₹30000	
16 th day onwards	₹5000	₹20000	

- 8.3 To decide the filming/ Videography/Photography permit fee for any protected area or zoo, the coefficient mentioned before the class of particular area in question in table 3.1 will be multiplied with rates mentioned in 8.2. For the class six areas coefficient as per class five will be used. The outcome of this multiplication will be rounded off to Rs. 5/- or its multiple to get the actual permit fee.
- 8.4 The rates mentioned in 8.2 shall be applicable only if permission is asked for filming/videography/photography beyond the time and away from the routes for ordinary tourists. This fee shall be payable in advance for the entire period of Videography/ filming/photography. This permission shall generally be issued for the open season and it can be in parts also. With the prior permission of Chief Wildlife Warden, permission for entry for the purpose of photography/ filming for special reasons can be issued during the closed period also.
- 8.5 Cameraman means a person in whose name the filming/videography/ photography permission has been issued. At the most two persons can be permitted with him to assist him, but they will not have permission for photography/filming. This team of three persons will not be required to pay any entry fee separately.
- 8.6 Permission for Videography/Filming /Photography in a National Park or Sanctuary shall ordinarily be given only for recording the natural beauty, wildlife or natural history of the area. However, the Government may permit such work for any other reason, under special circumstances, provided it does not adversely impact the ecology or wildlife of the area. Such permission shall be charged at special rates, which shall in no case be less than five times the rate prescribed under sub-rule 8.2 and 8.3, as the case may be.
- 8.7 Permission for Videography/Filming/Photography of wildlife based films made by the forest department, or filmed through other persons or institutions that will be used for research, training, extension or conservation education purpose, can be given by the Chief Wildlife Warden for which no fee shall be

charged. Copyright of all such films shall be reserved with the Chief Wildlife Warden, Madhya Pradesh.

9. Elephant Rides:

- 9.1 Subject to availability of elephants, tourists may go for elephant safari after paying the prescribed fee and on the routes decided by the in-charge officer of protected area.
- 9.2 Elephant ride will be for half an hour for which per person fee will be Rs. 1,000/-. Children up to 5 years of age shall be allowed free, along with their parents/guardians. Fee for the child between 5-12 year will be half i.e. Rs. 500/-, but But for the calculation of seat, it will be considered as a full seat.
- 9.3 Maximum four persons shall be allowed to sit on an elephant, excluding Mahout.
- 9.4 On the demand of the cameraman, who has taken permission for Videography/ Filming / Photography under sub-rule 8.2 and 8.3 of these rules, if available, the elephant can be given for three hours, on payment of following fee per elephant. For such filming, maximum one assistant will be allowed on elephant with cameraman.

(i)	For Indian educational or research institutes and Departments and Institutes of Government of India and State Government of Madhya Pradesh	₹ 6000/-
(ii)	All others	₹ 24000/-

10. Boating:

- 10.1 In all the protected areas, where there is the potential for boating in their reservoirs/rivers/waterbodies, rules for boating and the rates for different types of boating activities shall be decided by the officer in-charge of the protected area. Such activities shall be started after approval by the Chief Wildlife Warden of Madhya Pradesh.
- 10.2 Only in National Chambal Sanctuary, the fee of boating by motor boat shall be ₹ 150 per person per hour.

11. Local Guides/ Tourist assistant :

11.1 All visitors entering the protected area for the purpose of tourism and photography/filming shall be accompanied compulsorily by a nominated representative/registered local guides/tourist assistant licensed by the Director/Field Director/Officer in-charge of a forest circle, or by any other officer authorized by the Chief wildlife Warden. A local guide/tourist assistant shall either be a person who belongs to and is ordinarily resident in the district or districts in which the national park or the sanctuary is situated. The categories, qualifications and remuneration of guides/ tourist assistant shall be as follows:

11.2 Minimum Qualifications for Guides/Tourist assistant :

11.2.1 Guide category G-1 : Class 12th pass, working knowledge of English, identification of all mammals and common birds, identification of common trees and knowledge of interesting facts about them, general knowledge about forests of the National Park/Sanctuary, knowledge of animal tracks and signs, wildlife census and census figures, knowledge of interpretation centre, tourist rules, do's and don'ts, geology and geomorphology of the National Park/Sanctuary, certificate of first aid and a minimum experience of 3 years as a guide.

11.2.2 Guide category G-2 : Knowledge of wildlife, knowledge of forest roads, identification of common trees and knowledge of interesting facts about them, general knowledge about the forests and wildlife of the area, knowledge of wildlife management, animal behavior, habitat etc., knowledge of tourist rules, do's and don'ts, Eagerness to learn more about forests and wildlife.

11.2.3 Tourist assistant : Any local person willing to work as tourist assistant with tourists who are trekking or camping insight protected area.

11.3 Fees for Guides/ Tourist assistant : Fee for hiring guide/tourist assistant shall be as follows

Sr.	Category	Guide/ Porter Fee (Rupees)
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No.				
		Excursions in Vehicles (one round)	Trekking/ Cycling (per day)	Camping (two day and one nights)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	G-1	₹500	₹1000	₹2000
2	G-2	₹360	₹700	₹1400
3	tourist assistant	-	₹500	₹1000

11.3.1 In case when engaged for the whole day guides shall be paid at the rates for trekking/cycling.

11.3.2 Fees for Guides engaged at special scenic spots: For places such as Raneh Falls of Ken Gharial Sanctuary, Pandav Falls of Panna National Park etc., where the guides are engaged for a shorter duration, the respective protected manager shall fix the proportional rates based on local conditions.

12. Regulation of Tourism period, area :

12.1 Ordinarily there shall be no closed period for Van Vihar National Park, Madhav National Park, Fossil National Park Ghughwa, Dinosaur Fossil National Park, Ralamandal Sanctuary, Sailana Sanctuary, Sardarpur Sanctuary, Orchha Sanctuary, Raneh Falls of Ken Gharial Sanctuary, Pandav Falls of Panna National Park, Tourist spots of Pachmarhi, Chidikhoh (Narsinagar Sanctuary), Bhimbathika, Barrusot and Delawadi in Ratapani Sanctuary, Mukundpur Zoo, Buffer areas of Tiger Reserve. CWLW, on the recommendation by the officer in-charge of protected area, may declare any area to be opened all year round but But this will not be done until the adverse impacts of such have been assessed and effective management system has been put in place to mitigate such adverse impacts.

12.2 Except above, for all the other places inside National Parks and Sanctuaries, period between 1st July and 30th Sept. shall be the prohibited period for tourism or photography and the rest period of the tourism year shall be the open period for tourism and photography. The officer in-charge of protected area, depending upon the prevailing weather conditions and other locality factors, shall open limited areas/forest roads for tourism between 1st to 15th October.

- 12.3 Excursions by vehicles inside National Park/Sanctuary shall be based on the timings of sunrise and sunset and shall be modified accordingly. Actual entry and exit times shall be notified and placed on the notice board at the entry gate and printed on the permits. In the tourism zone situated within the buffer area of tiger reserves, tourist may come half an hour after the time notified for tourism zone in core area.
- 12.4 For other tourism activities inside National Park/Sanctuary timings, between sunrise and sunset, shall be decided and notified by the officer in-charge of the area.
- 12.5 Depending upon the local conditions the officer in-charge of the protected area may change the entry/ exit timing for a day or for a duration.
- 12.6 Routes open for tourism and maximum number of vehicles of various types to be permitted on these routes shall be decided by the officer in-charge of the protected area according to local circumstances.
- 12.7 If required, the officer in-charge of the protected area can specify any regions or routes closed for specified period for the persons entering the PA for the purposes mentioned under Section 28 (1).

13. Special Fees:

The officer in-charge of a protected area shall have the power to impose special rates, for any sensitive or premium areas/routes/activities, through a written order, in order to regulate the impact on wildlife and environment resulting from the tourist traffic, after giving at least two month notice, in consultation with the Chief Wildlife Warden.

14. Sharing of tourism income with the local communities:

Since the tourism in and around tiger reserves and other protected areas is sustained primarily from the non-consumptive use of wildlife resources and the local communities are the ones that bear the cost of conservation in terms of lost incomes, cattle depredation by carnivores and crop damage by wild herbivores; one third of all tourism receipts deposited in the development fund of that protected area in a year shall be shared with the Eco Development Committees of that protected area.

15. Miscellaneous:

- 15.1 Any other tourism service or activity, not mentioned in these rules, or has been mentioned but not yet started from the management point of view, can be started with the prior permission of the Chief Wildlife Warden, Madhya Pradesh. But this will not be done until the adverse impacts of such activities have been assessed and effective management system has been put in place to mitigate such adverse impacts.
- 15.2 Free entry will be given to locals and all willing tourist for the "An evening with *Junglewala*", a programme initiated to develop better understanding about the conservation related issues among the locals and also the tourists.
- 15.3 The Chief Wildlife Warden shall limit the number of vehicles entering a protected area, on the basis of its carrying capacity. In addition, he shall also decide the separate carrying capacities for other activities such as boating, trekking, camping, elephant ride, nature trail etc.
- 15.4 The entry/excursion or the use of any route or place by any person or by all persons can be prohibited by the officer in-charge of the protected area under unavoidable circumstances from wildlife conservation or management point of view.
- 15.5 Detailed guidelines for filming, boating, wildlife viewing by vehicles, elephant rides, trekking, nature trail, camping and use of watch tower/hides/machans etc. and any other activity which can be started in future, shall be issued by the Chief Wildlife Warden, which will form part of these rules.
- 15.6 No conferences, gatherings, meetings etc. can be organized inside National Parks/Sanctuaries except under specific orders of the Government. This restriction shall not apply to the meetings of the Madhya Pradesh State Wildlife Advisory Board, meetings of Forest Officers of Madhya Pradesh, training programs or workshops for Forest Officers and trainees belonging to institutions imparting training in forest and wildlife conservation and management.

- 15.7 Unauthorized display, sticking or pasting of advertisements, signboards, banners and charts etc. in any Protected Area shall be prohibited.
- 15.8 No person shall destroy, damage or deface any writing or signs etc. on any tree, bridge, rock, fence, seat, notice board, trash box or any other article or place, in any Protected Area.
- 15.9 Use of spot lights to see wildlife for the purposes of tourism and photography/filming is banned.
- 15.10 Procedure for action against any person who violates any condition of entry permit or any instruction issued by the management.
- 15.10.1 Officer not below the rank of Range Officer shall be entitled to recover compensation of Rs. 2000/- from any person who has entered the protected area for tourism, and has violated any conditions of entry permit or instructions given by the management, besides this competent forest officer may take legal action as per Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (53 of 1972) and any other legal provisions, against any such person who has violated provisions of the said act or any other rules. Officer in-charge of the protected area can also ban his entry for the remaining period of his entry permit, either in part or in full. Such compensation will be recovered from the person as per the detailed instructions issued by the CWLW.
- 15.10.2 For any violation by the camera man or his assistant of the photography/filming team, in addition to the legal action by the competent forest officer, their entry can be banned for the part or full period of the remaining permission period by the officer in-charge of the protected area.
- 15.10.3 For any violation by the driver/boatman of the registered vehicle/boat and the guide present in it, along with the legal action by the competent forest officer, officer not below the rank of Range Officer shall be entitled to recover compensation of Rs. 2000/- and their entry, as well as the entry of their vehicle/boat for seven days in the case of first violation, for one month in the case of second violation and in the case of third violation their entry for the rest of the tourism year (1st July to 30th

June next calendar year), be prohibited inside the protected area in addition to other legal actions. Registered vehicles/boats and their driver/boatman and naturalist/guide who have been punished thrice during the previous two years, can be banned from entering the National Park or sanctuary for next two years by the officer in-charge of the protected area. CWLW will issue detailed instructions to receive such compensation from the person.

15.10.4 Any habitual offender or a person involved in any gross misconduct or breach of rules can be barred from entering the National Park or sanctuary by the officer in-charge of the protected area.

15.10.5 No action of barring the entry of a person under this sub-rule shall be taken unless a proper opportunity of hearing has been given to the affected person.

15.11 All protected areas will remain closed for tourism and videography/filming/photography on the Government holidays of Dipawali and Holi. Besides this, the other days on which protected areas will remain closed for tourism and videography/filming/photography will be decided by the State Government.

15.12 Rates imposed by this notification will be valid till next notification.

**By order and in the name of the
Governor of Madhya Pradesh**