Government of Madhya Pradesh

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In exercise of the powers conferred by sub section (1) and clause (h) of Sub-Section (2) of Section 64, read with Section 28 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

Following Sub Rules of rule-34 of Madhya Pradesh Wildlife (Protection) Rule, 1974 (As amended and published in M.P. State Gazetteer Extraordinary 29th May 2018) shall be amended as follows:

- 1) The Sub rule-2 (1)(d) under the Sub Rule-2: **Exemptions in permit fee for Special Circumstances** is inserted with the phrase (Other than Van Vihar). After the insertion Sub rule-2 (1)(d) will be as follows:
 - Sub Rule-2(1)(d) Authorized study tours of the students from recognized educational institutions of the villages situated in the buffer zones of the tiger reserves and within 5 km boundary of National Parks (Other than Van Vihar) and Sanctuaries or the authorized study tours of the members of Eco-Development Committees;
- 2) Sub rule-2 (2) under the Sub Rule-2 : **Exemptions in permit fee** for **Special Circumstances** is replaced by following:
 - Sub Rule-2(2)
- 50 percent exemption in the regular entry fee shall be given to the students of recognized educational Institutions, not covered under clause (d) of Sub rule (1). For the core areas of the tiger reserves such exemption will be given only when prior permission is taken one week before for such authorized study tours. This facility for students of an institution will be given only once during the open period of entire tourism year, that is 1st July to 30th June.

- Table-3(2)(b) under <u>Sub Rule-3</u>: <u>Classification of areas and entry</u> <u>fee for the purpose of tourism.</u> is replaced by following table
 - (b) Entry fee for tourism by private unregistered vehicles, where such vehicles are allowed by the management.

Sr.	Type of permit	Rates
No.		(Amount in Rs.)
1	Two wheeler (Scooter, Motor Cycle and other two wheeler motor vehicle, maximum 2 persons)	Rs. 500
2	Auto Rickshaw (maximum 3 persons)	Rs. 1000
3	Light motor vehicle (maximum 6 persons)	Rs. 1500
4	Bus/Mini bus	Rs. 3000

- Table under the <u>Sub Rule-3(3)</u>: <u>Classification of areas and entry</u> <u>fee for the purpose of tourism is replaced by following table</u>:
 - (3) Entry fee for activities other than park safari by vehicle:

(a) Fee Table

Sr. No	Purpose of entry	Fee per tourist
1.	Walk/Trekking/ Cycling	Rs. 150
	(on specified routes earmarked by the officer incharge of the protected area)	
2.	Wildlife Viewing from specified Hide/Machan/ Watch Tower	Rs. 300
3.	Camping (Only in the premises earmarked by the	Rs. 750
	officer in-charge of the protected area)	

- 5) Sub Rule-3 (5): The column No. 5 containing the **provisions of** life time fee is repealed.
- 6) Sub Rule-5: Sub-rule 5(e) in the Sub-rule (5) is amended as follows:

Sub Rule-5(e): Add on facility can be availed only on permits issued after seven days from the start of booking for a particular Safari day. Add on facility can be availed on permits only 30 days or before the Safari date.

- 7) In the Sub Rule-7: **Regulation of vehicles entry inside the protected area for tourism-** New provision under Sub Rule-7(11) is inserted as below:
 - Rule-7(11) Diesel or Petrol vehicles fulfilling the criteria decided by the Chief Wildlife Warden may be registered as tourist vehicles. All such tourist vehicles will be eligible for tourism registration upto 10 years from their original 1st year of registration. Only for tourism year 2019-20, if they qualify all fitness norms then they will be eligible for registration upto 11 years.
- 8) Sub Rule-8(5) under Sub Rule-8: **Rates for filming/Videography/Photography** is replaced by following:
 - Sub Rule-8(5) Cameraman means a person in whose name the filming /videography/ photography permission has been issued. At a time three persons may be permitted to assist him. The Cameraman and the assistants will have permission for photography/filming. Such team of four persons will not be required to pay any entry fee separately.
- 9) Table under the Sub Rule-11: Guide and tourist assistant is substituted by following table:
 - (3) Fees for hiring guides/tourist assistant shall be as follows:

Sr.	Category	Guide/ Tourist assistant Fee (Rupees)		
No.		Excursions	Trekking/	Camping (two
		in Vehicles	Cycling	day and one
		(one round)	(per day)	nights)
1	G-1	Rs. 600	Rs. 1200	Rs. 2400
2	G-2	Rs. 480	Rs. 960	Rs. 1920
3	Tourist assistant	-	Rs. 600	Rs. 1200

^{*} For Pachmarhi guide fee will be Rs 600 per day for the visit of all tourist points for trained registered guides.

10) Sub Rule-11(4) is inserted under the Sub Rule-11: Guide and tourist assistant.

Sub Rule 11(4): To ensure better wildlife experience for the tourist, every protected area will register trained guides. Areas where carrying capacity is defined, the management will ensure that every tourist must enter with trained guides only. Management may register as many

trained guides as 1.5 times of the carrying capacity of the area. Areas where the carrying capacity is not fixed and there is daily fluctuation of number of tourists, the management will register guides as per the minimum tourist influx in the area.

11) Sub Rule-12(8) is inserted under Sub Rule-12: Regulation of Tourism period, area

Sub Rule-12(8): In the Van Vihar National Park, post sunset night safari may be operated for limited duration for this Rs 100 per person permit fee will be payable. The detailed conditions for the same will be decided by Director Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal.

12) Sub Rule-15(11) is amended after amendment the new Sub Rule-15(11) will be as follows:

Sub Rule-15(11): In addition to government holidays of Holi & Deepawali, the Tiger Reserves, National Parks, Sanctuaries and Zoos will be closed for tourism on Wednesday afternoon. However the buffer areas of Tiger Reserves will remain open all over the week for tourism. If required the officer-in-charge of the protected area/zoo may change the date/time of weekly closure as per local conditions after approval from the Chief Wildlife Warden, M.P.

By order in the name of the Governor of M.P.

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