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Dated the 7th September 2015

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

Subject: Calculation of tourism carrying capacity- clarification thereof

Reference:

1. This Authority letter no. PS(DIR)-PT 2003 dated 9.4.03
2. NTCA Technical document no. NTCA/01/07
3. The Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part III, Section 4 dated 15th October 2012

Sir,

Reference is invited to the documents cited above. In this context, I am directed to say that the carrying capacity model circulated by the National Tiger Conservation Authority vide documents referred above is based on a six seater Maruti Gypsy.

However, it has come to the notice of this Authority, that carrying capacity calculated vide the above model is being applied to other vehicles of higher seating capacity also (e.g. Canter). It is but understood, that a larger vehicle with more seating shall cause greater impact on the core/CTH in terms of erosion, air and noise pollution, along with higher space requirements vis-a-vis distance between vehicles.

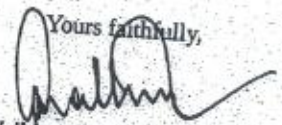
It is therefore, advised to restrict the number of vehicles based on their seating capacity vis-a-vis a Maruti Gypsy as per the following working example;

1. Vehicle X seating capacity= 18. This shall be equivalent to 3 Gypsy's
2. Vehicle Y seating capacity=12. This shall be equivalent to 2 Gypsy's

For e.g., if the carrying capacity of a tiger reserve is calculated as 36 vehicles, then 36 Gypsy's, 12 Vehicle X's and 18 Vehicle Y's are permitted.

You are requested to ensure compliance of the above to ensure minimal disturbance to the core/CTH of tiger reserves within your jurisdiction.

Yours faithfully,



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