

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

ABSTRACT

Forests – Wildlife – Identification of ‘Critical Wildlife Habitat’ – Under Schedule Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 – Constitution of State Level Committee – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (FR.5) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (Ms.) No.29

Dated: 2.4.2008

Read:

1. From the Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests D.O. letter No. 1-39 /2007-WLI (Pt) dated 30.8.2007 and 10.10.2007.
2. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden letter No.WL1/60555/07, dated 1.11.2007.

ORDER:

The Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, in their letter first read above, has stated that the draft rules under the Scheduled Tribes and Other traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, has already been notified and that one of the important features of the Act is, identification and notification of Critical Wildlife Habitats. For identification of Critical Wildlife Habitats, a State Level Committee is proposed. On the basis of the recommendations of the State Level Committee, the Ministry of Environment and Forests will determine and notify the Critical Wildlife Habitats. There will be a Central Committee to oversee the process of identification of Critical Wildlife Habitats in each State. While the Central Committee will be formed by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, the State Level Committees may be constituted for the respective state below:

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| 1 | Chief Wildlife Warden | Chairman |
| 2 | Representative of MOEF, Government of India
(To be nominated by the Ministry of Environment and Forests) | Member |
| 3 | Representative of Ministry of Tribal Affairs,
(To be nominated by Ministry of Tribal Affairs) | Member |

4	Two State Level Experts in the field of Wildlife	Member
5	One local representative in the field of Sociology/Conservation or a representative of the Gram Sabha as a Co-opt Member	Member
6	Manager of the concerned Protected Area	Member-Secretary

2.The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, when consulted, has stated in his letter second read above that the Government of India has nominated Regional Wildlife Deputy Director, Chennai and Secretary, Tribal Department, Government of Tamil Nadu as Members for category 2 and 3 of the Committee. For category 4 of the Committee, he has proposed the Chief Conservator of Forest (Bio Diversity) and Conservator of Forest (Forest Consolidation) as State Level experts. He has further stated that there are 25 sanctuaries/parks in the State and he proposed local members for each of the 25 sanctuaries besides proposing concerned Wildlife Warden/District Forest Officer as Member Secretary.

3. The Government have examined the recommendation of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Chief Wildlife Warden in regard to the Constitution of the above Committee. They have decided to Constitute the State Level Committee consisting of officials alone and after its formation, the Committee would decide about the nomination of local representatives for each of the 25 sanctuaries/parks besides appointing the concerned wildlife Warden as Member Secretary. Accordingly, the Government constitute the State Level committee for identification and notification of the "Critical and Wildlife Habitats" under Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers Act, 2006 with the composition of the following officials as recommended by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests:

I	The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden	Chairman
II	Regional Wildlife Deputy Director, (Wildlife Preservation) Chennai. (Nominated by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India)	Member
III	The Secretary, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Tamil Nadu (Nominated by Ministry of Tribal Development, Government of India)	Member

- IV Two State Level Experts in the field of Wildlife
a. Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Members
b. Conservator of Forests (Forest Consolidation),

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

R. RAJAGOPAL
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai-15.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15.
The Secretary , Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, Chennai-9.
The Regional Deputy Director (Wildlife Protection), Chennai-90

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All Sections in Environment and Forests Department, Chennai-9.
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Section Officer.