

**Circular related to Recognition of Forest Rights
under the Scheduled Tribes and Other
Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of
Forest Rights) Act, 2006 in Tiger Reserves**

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The Chief Wildlife Warden (s),
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Sub: Identification / notification of core/critical tiger habitats and relocation of people from such areas, and identification / notification of buffer or peripheral areas under section 38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

- Ref:**
1. This Ministry letter No. 1501/11/2007-PT (Part) dated 16.11.2007.
 2. This Ministry's letter No. 1501/11/2007-PT (Part) dated 3.12.2007.
 3. This Ministry's letter No. PS-MS(NTCA)/2007-Miscle. dated 31.1.2008. *p-338/c*
 4. This Ministry's letter(s) No. 3-1/2003-PT dated 21.2.2008, 26.2.2008, 25.2.2008, 27.2.2008 and 19.3.2008. *p-274/c p-289/c*

Sir,

The process of relocation of people living in the core / critical tiger habitats of tiger reserves has been elaborately dealt with under section 38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. Detailed guidelines in this regard, interalia, have already been issued vide reference(s) cited above.

As you are aware, the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 has come into force with effect from 31.12.2007, and the rules framed under the said Act are in force with effect from 1.1.2008. Hence, the relocation of villages from core / critical tiger habitats may be carried out keeping in view the overall interest of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

Further, identification of core/critical tiger habitats in new tiger reserves, after the coming into force of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 would involve action as contained in section 38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, read with the provisions contained in the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

It is also requested that the buffer or peripheral areas of tiger reserves may also be identified/delineated/notified as per 38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, as suggested, vide reference 1st and 3rd cited, at an early date under intimation to this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

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