



## **ABSTRACT**

Forests – Wildlife – Mudumalai Tiger Reserve – Mudumalai Tiger Reserve under Section 38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972) as amended in 2006 – Notification – Orders – Issued.

### **ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (FR.5) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.(Ms.) No.200**

**Dated:13.08.2012**

**Read:**

1. G.O.Ms.No.50, Environment and Forests (FR.5) Department dated 02.04.2007.
2. G.O.Ms.No.145, Environment and Forests Department dated 28.12.2007
3. From the Deputy Inspector General & Joint Director (NTCA), Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, National Tiger Conservation Authority, New Delhi letter No. 1-12/2008 NTCA, dated 26.5.2009.
4. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden letter No.WL5/36551/2008, dated 30.7.2009.
5. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden letter No.WL5/36551/2008, dated 28.08.2010.
6. From the Deputy Inspector General (NTCA), Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, National Tiger Conservation Authority, New Delhi letter Nio.1-10/2008-NTCA, dated 18.1.2011.
7. Government letter No.16641/FR.5/2009-11, dated 31.12.2010 and 31.01.2011.
8. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden letter No.WL5/36551/2008, dated 29.3.2011.
9. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden letter No.WL5/36551/2008, dated 25.7.2012.

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**ORDER:-**

The Government in Government Order first read above, issued notification under sub section (1) of section 38 V of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 declaring an area comprising of 32099 hectares ((i) core area is 10323 Hectares and (ii) buffer area is 21776 Hectares) as tiger reserve.

2. Subsequently, the Government in G.O. second read above declared the entire area of 321 Sq.km, i.e, 32099 hectares as critical tiger habitat in the Tiger Reserve of the State of Tamil Nadu based on the recommendation of the Tiger Conservation Authority and proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden.

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3. Subsequently, action was pursued to declare the buffer area. As per the provisions of the Act, National Tiger Conservation Authority in letter No.1-10/08-NCA dated 18.01.2011 conveyed the approval of the competent authority for declaring 367.59 Sq.km. as a buffer area of Mudumalai Tiger Reserve under section 38V of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

4. Section 38 V (1) of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 reads as follows:-

**" 38V. (1) The State Government shall, on the recommendation of the Tiger Conservation Authority, notify an area as a tiger reserve."**

As stated, the State Government shall notify an area as Tiger Reserve on the recommendation of the Tiger Conservation Authority. The explanation under the said section 38 V reads that the expression of Tiger Reserve includes core or critical tiger habitat area and buffer or peripheral area. As per the said provisions, the state shall issue only a single notification under section 38 V(1) which includes the core area or critical tiger habitat and buffer or peripheral area. Thus, in consonance with the said provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, the total area to be notified as Mudumalai Tiger Reserve are as follows:-

(1) Critical tiger habitat	- 321.00 Sq.km
(2) Buffer area	- 367.59 Sq.km
<b>Total</b>	<b>- 688.59 Sq.km</b>

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden in his letter ninth read above has sent proposal for declaration of Mudumalai Tiger Reserve under sub section (1) of Section 38 V of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972) to an extent of 688.59 sq.km.

6. The Government after careful examination and in modification of the G.O.'s first and second read above, order that the areas defined in the Schedule to the Notification appended to this order be constituted as Mudumalai Tiger Reserve under sub section (1) of Section 38 V of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972) to an extent of 688.59 sq.km.

7. The Notification shall be published both in English and in Tamil in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette.

8. The Tamil Development, Religious Endowment and Information Department is requested to send immediately a Tamil Translation of the Notification to the Works Manager, Government Central Press, Chennai-600 079 for publication in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette.

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9. The Works Manager, Government Central Press is requested to send twenty copies of each (in English and Tamil) of the Notification to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden / Government.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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The Director of Stationery and Printing, Chennai – 2.  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai – 15.  
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**Copy to:**

Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director,  
Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Ooty, The Nilgiris.  
The Collector, The Nilgiris / Ramanathapuram  
The Deputy Inspector General and Joint Director, NTCA, Government of India, Ministry  
of Environment and Forests, New Delhi-11  
The Hon'ble Chief Minister's Office, Chennai – 9.  
The Senior Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Forests), Chennai – 9.  
The Tamil Development, Religious Endowment and Information Department, Chennai-9  
The Law Department, Chennai – 9.  
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**APPENDIX.**

**NOTIFICATION.**

WHEREAS in the Environment and Forests Department Notification No.11(2)/EF/334/2007 published on page 240 of Part II – Section 2 of the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2007, an extent of 32,099 hectares was declared as a Tiger Reserve under sub-section (1) of section 38 V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972); AND WHEREAS the Government in the Notification issued in G.O.Ms.No.145, Environment and Forests Department, dated 28.12.2007 declared the area of 321 Sq.km. (32099 Hectares) as critical tiger habitat with the approval of National Tiger Conservation authority contained in letter No. 1501/11/2007 PT, dated 03-12-2007 and the said Notification was published as No.11(2)/EF/822(C)/2007 on page 1 of Part II – Section 2 of the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette Extra – ordinary dated the 31st December 2007.

AND WHEREAS the National Tiger Conservation Authority in letter No.1-10/08-NTCA dated 18.01.2011 has conveyed the approval of the competent authority for declaring 367.59 Sq.km. (36758.626 Hectares) as the buffer area in accordance with the provisions contained in section 38 V of Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972, as amended by the Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Act, 2006 (Central Act 39 of 2006);

AND WHEREAS the core or critical tiger habitat areas of National Parks and sanctuaries, have been established, on the basis of scientific and objective criteria, that such areas are required to be kept as inviolate for the purposes of tiger conservation, without affecting the rights of the Scheduled Tribes or such other forest dwellers, and notified as such by the State Government in consultation with an Expert Committee constituted for the purpose;

AND WHEREAS buffer or peripheral area consisting of the area peripheral to critical tiger habitat or core area, identified and established in accordance with the provisions contained in the said Central Act 53 of 1972, where a lesser degree of habitat protection is required to ensure the integrity of the critical tiger habitat with adequate dispersal for tiger species, and which aim at promoting co-existence between wildlife and human activity with due recognition of the livelihood, developmental, social and cultural rights of the local people, wherein the limits of such areas are determined on the basis of scientific and objective criteria in consultation with the concerned Gram Sabha and an Expert Committee constituted for the purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub section (1) of section 38 V of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972), the Governor of Tamil Nadu, on the recommendation of the Tiger Conservation Authority, and in supersession of the Environment and Forests Department Notification No. 11(2)/EF/334/2007 published on page 240 of Part II Section 2 of the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2007 and Notification No. 11(2)/EF/822 (C)/2007 published on page 1 of Part II – Section 2 of the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette Extra-ordinary dated the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007, hereby declares that the area, the boundaries of which are specified in the Schedule below, as the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve.

**THE SCHEDULE**

1.	Name of the Tiger Reserve	Mudumalai Tiger Reserve
2.	Name of the District	Nilgiris District
3.	Name of the Taluk	Udhagamandalam, Gudalur
4.	Name of the Tiger Reserve / Forest Division in which area falls	Mudumalai Tiger Reserve and Nilgiris North Division
5.	Description of the Critical Tiger habitat area	<p>321 Sq. Km comprised in the area of Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary as notified in G.O. Development Department notification No. 38, dated 11-01-1940, Mudumalai National Park, as notified in G.O. Ms. No. 2, Environment and Forests Department dated 02.01.1990 and G.O. Ms. No. 145, Environment and Forests Department dated 28-12-2007 and recommended by the National Tiger Conservation Authority in No. 1501/11/2007 PT dated 03.12.2007 in the forest block here under:</p> <p>Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary- 21776 Ha  Mudumalai National Park - 10323Ha  Total area -32,099 Ha  (or) - 321 Sq.Km</p>
6.	Description of the Buffer area	<p>An extent of 367.59 Sq.km comprised in the peripheral and contiguous areas to Mudumalai Tiger Reserve at South Eastern boundary .viz. Territorial jurisdiction of Nilgiris North division comprising Singara, Segur Ranges and part of Nilgiri Eastern Slope Range comprising Thengumarada section, having Reserve Forests listed in <b>Annexure I</b>, and villages / hamlets listed in <b>Annexure-II</b> to be under the control of Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Udhagamandalam as stated here under.</p> <p>1) Reserve Forests 365.156 Sq.km  2) Revenue Village 2.430 Sq. km</p> <p>Total 367.586 Sq.km</p>

7.	Boundary description of the Critical Tiger Habitat	The boundaries of Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park
8.	<b>Boundary description of Buffer area</b> North South, East and West	Mudumalai Tiger Reserve boundary Upto the existing boundary of Segur and Singara Ranges and existing boundary of Thengumarada section of Nilgiri Eastern Slope Range of Nilgiris North Forest division
9.	<b>Total Tiger Reserve area</b>	(i) Critical tiger habitat - 321.00 Sq.km (ii) Buffer area - 367.59 Sq.km <b>Total - 688.59 Sq.km</b>

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**ANNEXURE-I****DETAILS OF RESERVE FORESTS IN THE BUFFER AREA**

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Name of Reserved Forests</b>	<b>Extent in Ha</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>Segur Range</b>	
1	Segur R.F	18811.424
	Total	<b>18811.424</b>
<b>II</b>	<b>Singara Range</b>	
1	Bokkapuram R.F	799.061
2	Bokkapuram addition – 1	2.067
3	Bokkapuram addition – 2	1.582
4	Bokkapuram addition – 3	1.554
5	Kallhatti	1993.387
6	Kallhatty addition	35.603
7	Kalmalai	362.634
8	Kalmalai addition	16.483
9	Segur block-2	1214.083
10	Singara	742.658
11	Singara addition	153.330
12	Norhtern Hey	1599.385
13	Vazhathottam	4.855
14	Vazhathottam-2	3.240
15	Mavanallah	11.230
16	Mavanallah – 1	0.245
17	Mavanallah block-5	3.400
18	Masinagudi – 1	4.040
19	Masinagudi – 2	0.900
20	Masinagudi – 3	4.590

21	Masinagudi – 4	6.565
22	Quit corner	7.855
23	Quit corner addition	23.755
24	Quit corner addition-2	0.690
25	Sholur	5.705
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6998.897</b>
III	<b>Nilgiri Eastern Slope Range (Thengumarada section)</b>	
	Nilgiri Eastern Slope RF	10705.305
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10705.308</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>36515.629</b>
	<b>(OR)</b>	<b>365.156</b> <b>Sq.km.</b>

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**ANNEXURE - II**

**DETAILS OF VILLAGES/HAMLETS IN SIGUR, SINGARA AND NILGIRI EASTERN  
SLOPE RANGE CONSTITUTING BUFFER AREA**

<b>SI.No.</b>	<b>Name of Revenue village</b>	<b>Name of village /hamlet</b>	<b>Extent in Ha.</b>
<b>1</b>	Kadanad	Chokkanalli	Within the Segur Reserve Forest
<b>2</b>	Kookal	Sirur	243.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>243.00</b>
		<b>Or</b>	<b>2.43 Sq.km.</b>

**BUFFER AREA - GRAND TOTAL - 36758.626 Ha.**

**Or - 367.586Sq.km.**

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