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OFFICE ORDER

Sub: Launching of Bengal Nature Trails in the different parts of the state

Where as, it has been decided by the Forest Directorate to launch "Bengal Nature Trails" in different parts of the state to provide environmental education and awareness in conservation of natural resources and to inculcate the spirit of proximity to the wilderness, for efficient management of the nature trails, the following guidelines and parameters should be strictly followed:

I. Development of the Nature Trails:

- i) The path of the 'Nature Trails' should be clearly demarked in the field
- ii) Basic cleaning and clearing of the path including bush removal should be done. Direction Boards should be erected to the extent possible.
- iii) Basic amenities like toilet facilities & potable water should be provided en route.
- iv) Proper 'Information Hoardings; should be erected at the starting point for information to the visitors.
- v) Proper Guides should be identified for each Trail from the local JFMC and the same should be properly trained to conduct the visitors during the Nature Trails.

II. Publicity & Marketing:

WBSFDA should take necessary steps for publicity and marketing of the trails.

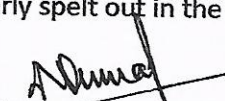
The capacity each trail for a day should be 50 No. to start with. Once the operations are stabilised, the concerned Circle In Charges can regulate the capacity as deem fit.

Entry fee for each trail per pax is Rs.50/-. WBSFDA should take necessary action to provide online and offline booking facilities and maintain separate accounts for the collection of the amount. The amount, thus collected, may be disbursed to the division on monthly basis for maintaining the nature trail facilities.

III. Operation of the Nature Trails:

DFO should take all necessary steps for smooth and efficient operation of the nature trails. Each group of visitors should be accompanied by guides, who will make sure that all Dos' and Don'tsof the programme are strictly followed. Before starting of the Nature Trail, an orientation class should be conducted by a Forest Officer/Staff so that the details can be explained to the visitors. Publicity material should be made available to the visitors. Proper care should be taken in cases of emergency situations and the responsibility of management of each nature trail should be clearly spelt out in the filed level.

This order will come into immediate effect.


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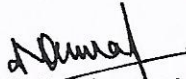
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