

F. No. 11-584/2014-WL
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
(Wild Life Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road,
New Delhi-110003
Dated: 5th January 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Protecting the sanctity of the Wildlife Sanctuary and Eco Sensitive Zone in and around Sammed Shikharji Parvat Kshetra in Girdih district of Jharkhand state

Please refer to the Notification S.O.2795(E) dated 2nd August,2019 regarding Eco Sensitive Zone notification of Parasnath Wildlife Sanctuary.

2. Sammed Shikharji Parvat Kshetra is the world's most sacred and revered Teerth Sthan of Jain dharma. The Government recognizes its sanctity and significance for the Jain community as well as the Nation at large; and reiterates its commitment towards maintaining the same.


3. In this regard the State Government is directed to immediately take all steps necessary to strictly enforce the provisions of clause 7.6.1 of the Management Plan of the Parasnath Wildlife Sanctuary which protects the whole Parasnath Hill; categorically prohibiting amongst others, activities such as the selling of liquor, drugs, and other intoxicants; playing loud music or use loudspeakers; defiling sites of religious and cultural significance such as, sacred monuments, lakes, rocks, caves, and shrines; damaging flora or fauna; causing environmental pollution; committing injurious acts to forests, water bodies, plants, animals, or disturbing the natural tranquillity of such sites; coming with pet animals; and unauthorised camping and trekking on the Parasnath Hill. With reference to OM Pary o/Yo o-14/2010-1995 dated 21.12.2022 of Department of Tourism, Art, Culture, Sports and Youth Affairs; Govt of Jharkhand, the State Government should also strictly enforce the ban on the sale and consumption of liquor and non-vegetarian food items on Parasnath hill as provided in the said OM.

4. Furthermore, in reference to the Eco Sensitive Zone Notification S.O.2795(E) dated 2nd August, 2019, issued to protect a buffer zone beyond the sacred Parashnath Hill; the implementation of provisions of Clause 3 of the said Eco

Sensitive Zone notification is stayed forthwith, including amongst others all Tourism and Eco-Tourism activities. The State Government is directed to immediately take all steps necessary to ensure the same.

5. In addition, for effective monitoring of the provisions of the above Eco Sensitive Zone notification under sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Central Government has constituted a Monitoring Committee under clause 5 of the said notification. The State Government is directed to have two members from the Jain community and one member from the local Tribal community as Permanent Invitees to this Monitoring Committee, enabling appropriate involvement and oversight by important stakeholders.

These directions are issued under the provisions of Section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 with due approval of the Competent Authority.



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To,

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