

Government of West Bengal
Department of Forests
Aanya Bhawan, Block LA-10A, Sector-III
Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700 106

No. 1059-FOR

Kolkata, the 16th September, 2021

ORDER

Whereas in order to contain spread of COVID-19 pandemic, the State Government vide No.618-ISS/2M-22/2020 dated 30.04.2021 had notified certain restriction measures in terms of the provisions under Disaster Management Act, 2005 read with West Bengal Epidemic Disease, COVID-19 Regulations 2020;

Whereas after review of the current situation of COVID pandemic, the State Government has relaxed restrictions through a series of orders, the latest one being Order No.753/VI-ISS/2M-22/2020 dated 28.08.2021 of the Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal;

Whereas this Department, vide order No.938-For/FR/O/N/6M-10/2020 dated 19.08.2021, has already allowed the opening of Parks and Gardens maintained under the Recreational Forestry Wing;

Now, in the light of the Chief Secretary's orders mentioned above, the following relaxations are made to this Department's Order 581-For/FR/O/N/6M-10/2020 dated 30.04.2021 :-

- a) All National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, Tiger Reserves and Conservation Reserves of the state of West Bengal along with Safaris and rides, if any, except those located in Sundarban Biosphere Reserve, will be opened from 16th September, 2021.
- b) All National Parks, Sanctuaries and Tiger Reserves located in Sundarban Biosphere Reserve along with Safaris and rides, if any, will be opened from 1st October, 2021.
- c) The Wildlife Wardens / Divisional Forest Officers shall be competent to impose suitable restrictions and safety norms as they deem fit.

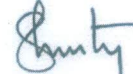
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- d) Wearing of masks, maintenance of physical distancing and hygienic protocol must be followed at all times.
- e) DFOs/DCFs/DFDs of the respective parks and gardens shall be responsible for observance of all COVID safety measures including regular sanitization, vaccination of employees and for compliance of directives and COVID appropriate norms.

This order issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.



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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to the :-

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- 2) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, WL & CWLW, W.B.
- 3) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (CAMP), W.B.
- 4) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, General, W.B.
- 5) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (General), W.B.
- 6) Managing Director, W.B. Forest Development Corporation Ltd.
- 7) Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority
- 8) Member Secretary, West Bengal State Forest Development Agency
- 9) Chief Conservator of Forests, Conservation & Extension, W.B.
- 10) P.S. to Hon'ble MIC, Department of Forests, Govt. of West Bengal
- 11) Sr P.S. to Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Forests, Govt. of West Bengal



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