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**Government of West Bengal
Department of Forests
Aranya Bhaban, Block-LA/10A,
Sector-III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-98**

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NOTIFICATION

Awarding of **Wildlife Conservation Award** to individuals, groups, NGOs, etc. who have shown exemplary courage and valour or have done exemplary work for the protection of wildlife was under active consideration in the Department of Forests, Govt. of West Bengal for some time past.

Now, after careful consideration of the matter the Governor is pleased to issue a procedure/guideline for offering **Wildlife Conservation Award** to those who have a major impact on the protection and conservation of Wildlife in the state.

Wildlife Conservation Award -Nomination Process and Guidelines

Objective

The Wildlife Conservation Awards will be given each year for making significant contribution in the field of wildlife conservation. The award sponsored by the Wildlife Wing of the Forest Department, Govt. of West Bengal is given for recognizing the excellence of individuals and groups highlighting the dedication and devotion of those, who support the cause of wildlife conservation, raising awareness about the biodiversity of the State, challenges it faces, and the innovative efforts to meet those challenges.

Level of personnel to be covered

This award recognizes outstanding accomplishment by the Forest Officers (upto the Rank of DFO), Forest Staff, NGOs, Community, Panchayat Samity, Forest Protection Committees, Eco-development Committees, Villagers and Individuals currently working in the field.

Terms and Conditions of the Award

- (i) Nominations should strictly adhere to the guidelines of the Scheme and the eligibility criteria be specifically complied with.
- (ii) Self nomination is not acceptable.
- (iii) Nominating authorities shall ensure that no vigilance case/enquiry is pending against the officer/s nominated. Overall performance of the officer/officers should also be considered while forwarding the nomination.
- (iv) Where the nomination is in respect of a group of individuals, it should be ensured that names of all the nominees concerned are explicitly stated.
- (v) Nominations made should be self-explanatory. In case any documentation in support of the initiative is to be attached along with the nomination, the same should be brief and relevant. A legend should be provided for all abbreviations/acronyms used in the nomination and documentation.
- (vi) Whether the achievements of the nominee have been recognized earlier by any other award should be stated (If so the name of the body, name of the award and the year of the award should be given. A copy of the citation may also be enclosed).
- (vii) Any citizen of India can recommend a name. The nominations must be accompanied by the following details along with detailed Bio-data (10 copies):
 - a. Name & address of the nominee
 - b. Area of work
 - c. Significant contributions made by the nominee
 - d. Measurable impact or likely impact of the nominee's work in the field of wildlife.

Eligibility

This award should be given to, who have displayed extraordinary courage, dedication and determination in the field of wildlife conservation. There is no age limit. The following categories of awards will be given by the Department of Forests, Govt. of West Bengal:

- a) **Award for Protection & Rescue of Wildlife:** - This award will be given to Forest Staff & Officers, NGOs, Community, Panchayat Samity, Forest Protection Committees, Eco-development Committees, Villagers, Individuals and Others for outstanding field work for protection of wildlife, especially the endangered species including control and prevention of poaching of wild animals and illegal trade of wildlife and their products as well as to rescue and rehabilitation of endangered wild animals like Tigers, Leopards, Bears, Elephants, Dolphins, Tortoises, Birds etc.

- b) **Wildlife Conflict Management Award:** - This award will be given to Forest Staff & Officers, NGOs, Community, Panchayat Samity, Forest Protection Committees, Eco- development Committees, Villagers, Individuals and Others for outstanding field work for reduction of man-animal conflict and for providing assistance to the Forest Department in wildlife conflict management as well as implementation of innovative ideas regarding protection of human lives and properties from wildlife, without harming the wild animals. It would also include implementation of Joint Forest Management in an around protected areas through Eco-development works in order to reduce dependency of local fringe population on the forest resources and active participation of villagers for protection of Wildlife and its habitat.

- c) **Conservation Awareness Award** : - This award will be given to Forest Staff, NGOs, Teachers, Community, Panchayat Samity, Forest Protection Committees, Eco- development Committees, Villagers, Individuals and Others for outstanding work in the field of wildlife awareness generation and for motivation of common people towards wildlife conservation through regular campaigns using innovative medium for conservation education and extension publicity works.

Procedure for submission of nomination

The nominations should be submitted by the Divisional Forest Officer, through the Circle-in-charge (Chief Conservator of Forests / Conservator of Forests) with details of the significant contributions made by the nominee along with proper recommendation of CF / CCF. The nomination letter should be addressed to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife & Chief Wildlife Warden, West Bengal. Based on the approval / recommendation of the PCCF, WL & CWLW, WB, the Forest Department would sanction the awards to the individual.

Selection

Committee for scrutiny of nominations:

A Committee will scrutinize the application of nominations received from various quarters. The Committee will examine each case and will take decision depending on the merit of the case and nature of the contribution made by the nominee in conservation of wildlife. Decision of the Committee will be final.

The Composition of the Committee:

- 1 The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife & CWLW, WB :: Chairman of the Committee
- 2 Representative of the Forest Department, Govt. of West Bengal :: Member
- 3 The Addl. Director General/ The Inspector General of Police (Forest) :: Member
- 4 The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Director, Sundarban Biosphere Reserve, WB. :: Member,
- 5 The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, North Bengal :: Member
- 6 The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife, WB. :: Member
- 7 The Deputy Director, WLCCB, Eastern Zone, Nizam Palace, Kolkata :: Member
- 8 2 (two) nos. NGOs (attached with the activities of Forestry and Wildlife) to be nominated by the Forest Deptt., Govt. of West Bengal. :: Members
- 9 One member from State Board for Wildlife (to be nominated by the Forest Deptt., Govt. of West Bengal) :: Member
- 10 The Conservator of Forests, Wildlife (HQ.) :: Member Convener

Awards and Presentation:

Award recipients will receive a commemorative plaque, a certificate of appreciation and award of Rs. 25000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand) only in cash. The award recipients will be provided admissible travel expenses to attend the award presentation ceremony.

By order of the Governor,

Sd/-

Principal Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal,
Department of Forests

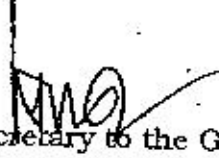
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5. The P.S to Minister-in-Charge, Department of Forests. Govt. of WB.


O.S.D & E.O Jt. Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal,
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