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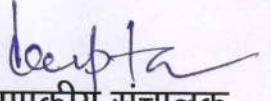
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निसर्ग पर्यटन आराखडा तयार करणेबाबत मार्गदर्शक सुचना यासोबत पाठविण्यांत येत आहेत. तरी सोबतच्या मार्गदर्शक सुचनाप्रमाणे यापुढील राज्यस्तरीय/जिल्हास्तरीय निसर्गपर्यटन आराखडे तयार करून सादर करण्यांत यावे.

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Methodology to be followed for project preparation for development of Eco tourism sites in the State of Maharashtra.

A) General :-

1. The eco tourism project should be comprehensive and should not depend only on funds available in the current financial year but should be a complete project envisaging comprehensive development of a site as a regional, national or International eco tourism destination.
2. The project should be for 3 to 5 years and yearly outlay should be projected in detail. The proposed source of funds should also be mentioned clearly.
3. The revenue generated from eco-tourism and percentage of revenue to be spent for conservation measures for the site should be projected.
4. Biophysical impact of tourism in protected areas should be studied by way of monitoring & base line data collection. Likely impact on wildlife, vegetation, water quality, erosion should be assessed. The impact should be minimized by direct management techniques like zoning, compulsory guides, law enforcement & fines, limitation of duration of visits, spatio-temporal distribution of visitors and applying carrying capacity pre reservation systems. Indirect management systems like interpretation, patrols, monitoring of vehicles & pollutions levels, interaction with tour operators & hoteliers and display boards should also be resorted to.
5. Impacts of eco-tourism & its development in Buffer Zone should be assessed. Building & other constructions to be carried should be eco friendly. Sewage treatment & watershed protection should be ascertained. Eco-tourism project should be prepared in consultation with qualified & approved consultants. RFP should be floated for national and international level eco-tourism destinations for appointment of consultants for project preparation.
6. The project should be self sustainable after completion. Once the project is completed it should produce enough revenue to sustain itself. Mechanism should be proposed in the project report for handing over the project after completion to local JFM or some other

local body. Department should withdraw gradually from a completed project and build the capacity of the local body to take over day to day running of the project.

B) **Biodiversity Conservation** :- All the works which are to be carried out for eco tourism destination should not in any way subvert conservation efforts. Honeycombing of forest areas due to encroachment, building & other activities should not be allowed. The freeway to animals should be ensured and corridors of wildlife movement should remain unaffected Degree of threat to the biodiversity of the area should be assessed regularly & mitigation measures should be implemented. Influx of tourists should not in any case compromise safety of natural resources. In fact the revenue generated from the tourists activity should partly be used for conservation measures.

C) **Livelihood Creation** :-

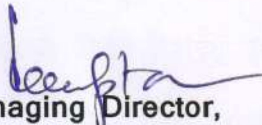
1. Efforts to create stakes of local people in ecotourism destination development should be made in the project. Local stakeholder should get opportunities as guides, vehicle owners, home stays etc. Regional stakeholders like tour operators, resort owners etc. should also be involved in development of ecotourism activities. The involvement of local & regional stake holders should be such that the eco tourism should become self regulatory & sustainable.
2. Availability of credits for micro & small businesses at community or individual level should be ensured.
3. Trainings for small business should be imparted through project funds.
4. Impact of eco tourism on present earnings of local people should be assessed periodically
5. Local people/women folk should perceive development of project as business or earning opportunity.
6. Enhancement of collective benefits likes skills, education, health, road net work, water, communication, cash credits & collective income due to the project should be assessed from time to time.

D) **Nature education & awareness:** -

1. The awareness of tourist should be increased after visiting eco tourism areas. The tourists should get new experiences on repeated visits.
2. Interpretive activities pogrammes capable of enhancing awareness and understanding based on co-operation between natural areas & private sector should be initiated.
3. Capacity building of staff by way of training should be part of project report.
4. Provisions of trained guides/naturalists for visitors and tourists for proper interpretation and information dissemination.

The chapters in the eco tourism project should be as follows :

1. Short history & historical importance with photos.
2. Existing infrastructure, tourist destinations etc.
3. Required infrastructure & its justifications.
4. Forestry activities to be taken in forest areas and other activities to be taken in non forest areas.
5. The demand of funds should be made in two parts (Along with the source of funds)
 1. Forest areas
 2. Other areas
6. The comprehensive eco tourism plan should have a chart showing year wise & work wise requirement of funds. No new item, not included in the eco tourism project will be permitted later on so the plan, should be prepared assuring all future requirements/ necessities.
7. The chapters discussed above in paras A, B, C, D should also be reflected in the eco tourism project.
8. Yearly funds flow chart should be attached.
9. Photographs if any for projected works.


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