

GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
FORESTRY, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
DEPARTMENT

21st June 2016



NOTIFICATION

No. **SOP(WL) 12-17/2001-(IV)** In exercise of powers conferred under section 46 of the Punjab Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) Act, 1974 (II of 1974), Governor of the Punjab is pleased to make the following rules:

1. Short title, extent, and commencement.- (1) These rules may be cited as the Punjab Wildlife Private Game Reserve Rules 2016.

(2) These shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.- (1) In these rules:

- (a) "Act" means the Punjab Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) Act, 1974 (II of 1974);
- (b) "department" means the Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries Department of the Government;
- (c) "Director General" means the Director General Wildlife and Park of the department;
- (d) "license" means the license issued under the rules;
- (e) "licensee" means a person who obtain the license for establishment of farm;
- (f) "owner" includes a holder of license under the rules to operate a farm; and
- (g) "rules" means the Punjab Wildlife Private Game Reserve Rules 2016.

(2) An expression used but not defined in the rules shall have the same meaning as is assigned to it in the Act.

3. Application for license.- (1) An owner of a private land area, if desirous to dedicate the area for the purposes of private game reserve, shall make an application to the Board for declaration of the area as private game reserve.

(2) The application, for declaration of the area as private game reserve as mentioned in sub-rule (1), shall be accompanied by a management plan of the private game reserve prepared by:

- (a) an expert, chosen from a roster of experts maintained by the Director General or

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- (b) in the absence of roaster, by an expert in consultation with and duly approved by the Director General.
 - (3) The management plan shall include:
 - (a) the name(s) of the owner(s);
 - (b) the demarcation of boundaries of the private game reserve;
 - (c) the name of the game animals as specified in the First Schedule of the Act.
 - (d) the reasons for establishment of the private game reserve;
 - (e) the plans regarding predator control;
 - (f) the plan regarding artificial replenishment; and
 - (g) the measures for protection of the eco-system.

4. Issuance of the license.- (1) The Board, if satisfied that the owner fulfills all the legal requirements for being granted permission to establish a private game reserve, shall issue a license.

(2) The Board shall take a decision, mentioned under sub-rule (1), within a reasonable time but not later than ninety days from the making of the application under the rules.

5. Fee for the license.- The license shall be issued on payment of such fee as may be notified by the Government.

6. Management of the private game reserve.- (1) The owner shall manage the private game reserve in accordance with the approved management plan.

(2) Any amendment to the management plan, after the issuance of the license, shall be approved by the Board on the basis of the criteria mentioned in rule 3.

7. Assistance by the Government.- The officers of the department shall, if required by the owner on such terms and conditions as may be determined by Government, provide all possible technical assistance for the establishment, maintenance and management of the private game reserve.

8. Duty and function of the owner.- The owner shall:

- (a) erect and display boards at the entry points of the private game reserve, pointed out the areas where hunting is prohibited and other restrictions regarding hunting are applicable; and
- (b) ensure that hunting is not done in violation of the law.

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9. Authority of the owner.- The owner may exercise the authority, vested under section 33 and 34 of the Act, in respect of his private game reserve to:

- (a) prevent the commission of any offence under the Act; and
- (b) make a complaint in respect of any offence committed under the Act.

10. Authority of the Director General.- The Director General may temporarily prohibit hunting in a private game reserve, if the owner contravenes the requirements of the law, the rules and the management plan.

11. Repeal.- The Punjab Wildlife (Private Game Reserves) Rules 2002 are hereby repealed.

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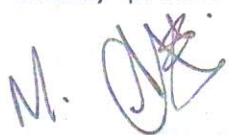
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