

GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
FORESTRY, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
DEPARTMENT

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NOTIFICATION

No. SOP(WL) 12-17/2001-(IV) In exercise of the 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 and commencement- (1) These rules may be cited as the Punjab Urial Conservation, Protection and Trophy Hunting (Committees) 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) "committee" means a committee consist of an association of landowners of a particular area constituted under rules;
- (c) "Director General" means the Director General Wildlife and Parks to the Government;
- (d) "fund" means conservation fund created by the members of the committee for carrying out any welfare project in the area falling in the demarcated urial protection zone; and
- (e) "rules" means ~~the~~ Punjab Urial Conservation, Protection and Trophy Hunting (Committees) 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. Registration of the committee.- (1) The land owners of a conservation and trophy hunting zone, fulfilled the eligibility criteria for the members and office bearers, may make an application to the Director General for:

- (a) the registration of the committee; and
- (b) declaration of their area as urial conservation and trophy hunting area.

(2) The applicant land owners shall have the ownership of one fourth area of the proposed area for the urial conservation and trophy hunting area.

4. Application for the registration.- The application for registration of the committee shall include:

- (a) composition of the committee;
- (b) ownership's documents of land;
- (c) computerized national identity card of the applicants;
- (d) certificates of educational qualifications of the applicants;
- (e) proof of wildlife conservation and wildlife activities management by the applicants; and
- (f) demand draft amounting to one hundred thousand rupees drawn in the name of the Director General.

5. Period for registration.- The Director General may, on the fulfillment of prescribed conditions, register the committee for conservation and trophy hunting of urial in a particular area for an initial period of five years.

(2) The renewal of the registration of the committee shall be subject to payment of ten thousand rupees to be deposited in the name of the Director General.

(3) The first renewal of the registration of the committee shall be after a period of two years from the date of registration of the committee.

(4) For next three years, there shall be annual renewal of registration of the committee.

(5) The validity of registration shall be subject to good performance, submission of annual audit reports and effective conservation efforts of the committee.

6. Constitution of the committee.- (1) The committee shall consist of the following:

- (a) President;
- (b) General Secretary;
- (c) Finance Secretary; and
- (d) ten to fifteen others members.

(2) The meeting of committee shall be headed by the President and minimum three fifth of the members shall comprise the quorum for a meeting of the committee.

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(3) The meeting of a committee shall be held quarterly for discussing and resolving all issues including the substantial interest of the members.

7. Eligibility criteria of the office bearers.- (1) The President, General Secretary and the Finance Secretary of the committee shall:

- (a) possess Secondary School Certificate;
- (b) have experience in wildlife protection, conservation or proper trophy hunting;
- (c) be above twenty five years of age;
- (d) not be convicted by the Court of law;
- (e) be resident of the area; and
- (f) be land owner in the area and holding land since last five years.

(2) The share of the office bearers in the land owned by him for the purpose mentioned in sub-rule (1) shall not only consist of shamlat.

(3) The office bearers of the committee shall be elected every year by the members of the committee in presence of a representative of the Director General.

(4) The Director General shall notify the result of an election of the office bearers of a committee.

8. Eligibility criteria of the members.- (1) The members of the committee shall:

- (a) be literate;
- (b) have experience in wildlife protection, conservation or proper trophy hunting;
- (c) be above twenty one years of age;
- (d) not be convicted by the Court of law;
- (e) be resident of the area
- (f) be land owner in the area and holding land since last five years.

(2) The share of the office bearers in the land, owned by him for the purpose mentioned in sub-rule (1), shall not only consist of shamlat.

9. Functions of the President.- The President of the committee shall be the administrative head of the committee and all official correspondence shall be made in the name of the President.

10. Declaration of boundaries.- The Government may, by a notification in the official Gazette, declare the territorial boundaries of an urial conservation and trophy hunting area.

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11. Prohibition.- A committee, if is not registered under the rules, shall not operate in any area especially urial conservation and trophy hunting area.

12. Funds sharing.- The funds accruing as a result of trophy hunting shall be shared between the committee and the Government in the ratio of 80:20 respectively.

13. Utilization of funds.- For the transparent and effective working of a committee, the expenditures from eighty percent funds, received by the committee from trophy hunting, shall be incurred by the committee in the following manner:

- (a) sixty percent budget of the committee may be incurred on the development activities which includes:
 - (i) forest plantation;
 - (ii) pasture maintenance;
 - (iii) water ponds;
 - (iv) disease control;
 - (v) animal counting;
 - (vi) predator control;
 - (vii) signage;
 - (viii) mapping;
 - (ix) development of campsites and check posts;
 - (x) re-introduction of endemic wildlife species in habitat; and
 - (xi) works for general benefit for the community like water supply, sewerage, roads electrification, telephone.
- (b) forty percent budget may be incurred on non-development activities which includes;
 - (i) salaries of wildlife watchers;
 - (ii) weapons and ammunition;
 - (iii) stationery for office works;
 - (iv) utility bills;
 - (v) communication system; and
 - (vi) cost of local jeep for patrolling.

14. Establishment of camp sites or check posts.- (1) A committee shall, for proper watch and ward, develop minimum of two to three camp sites or check posts in the urial conservation and trophy hunting area.

