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COMPLIANCE OF HON'BLE SUPREME COURT DIRECTIONS

Report No.9 of 2024 filed by the Central Empowered Committee in Suo Moto W.P. (C) No.1 of 2023

S.No.	CEC recommendations	Compliance Progress
1.	All private vehicles plying to Pandupole Hanuman Temple from all three existing gates should be stopped. Electric Shuttle Buses should be put in place for pilgrims and other visitors by the State Government, latest by 31.03.2025. This needs to be followed by exploring the different options discussed in para 44, like tramway / elevated road / motorable twin tunnel/ropeway & skywalk, based on appropriate feasibility studies and alignments, the decision on which can be taken by the State Government, after consultation with NTC A within the next year.	Government of Rajasthan has done efforts to deploy EV Vehicles on pandupole route. RSRTC has twice invited tenders on 17-04-25 and 28-8-2025 to start EV Buses on pandupole route but no private vendor participated first time and pre-bid conditions like provision of land for parking and Electric infrastructure are yet to be settled SE. JVNL Jaipur has demanded the necessary budget of Rs 12.64.93,000/- regarding 720 KW electricity provision at the EV parking station. Also as plying EV Vehicle for only two days (Tuesday and Saturday) is an non-sustainable and costly affair, it was decided by Honorable SC appointed three member committee vide MOM dated 14/11/25 that option of alternative like CNG Vehicle should also be explored and permission should be taken from Honorable SC for the same.

II.	Understandably, a proposal for starting 21 electric buses ICICI Foundation for funding. This proposal needs to be expedited and implemented as soon as possible. Fifteen buses from Sariska Gate and six buses from Tehla Gate may be started initially. The numbers may be increased as per the decision of CWLW from time to time and on a case-by-case basis. Also, apart from the ICICI Foundation, other options for engaging/acquiring Electric Shuttle Buses shall have to be expeditiously explored by the State Government.	
III.	At present, during the annual Mela days, Rajasthan State Road Transport Corporation runs buses to the Temple for pilgrims. Rajasthan State Road Transport Corporation may also now be directed to run electric buses as per the numbers decided by the CWLW. No fossil fuel-run bus shall be allowed post-31.03.2025.	
V.	The Charges per person for the Electric Shuttle Bus service should be decided by the agency that will run and maintain the bus in consultation with the Park Administration. In case any EDC is willing to run such a service, they should be given preference.	
IV.	The condition of the road should also be appropriately improved, without blacktopping it, for safe plying of Electric Shuttle Buses.	Public Works Department, Alwar have floated and opened tenders to improve the condition of the gravel road. Work is going to start soon.

VI	At present, the parking is done at Umri Tiraaha, which is nearly 3.5 km from the Pandupole Hanuman Temple and pilgrims walk on foot from Umri Tiraaha to the Temple. This practice creates additional disturbance to wildlife as well as puts human life in danger. Therefore, the proposed parking facility of EV shuttle buses shall be kept as close to the temple as possible after following due procedures, including clearances as per the existing rules.	There is ample space to accommodate 20-seater 10-15 vehicles around the temple without creating any traffic difficulties which has been earmarked for temporary parking purpose.
VII	The Silberi gate SHOULD NOT BE UPGRADED for four-wheelers and should also be closed for two-wheelers and pedestrians because of the reasons given in para 43 above.	Complied with directions
VIII	Entry into the STR of private vehicles should be banned with effect from 31.03.2025. However, sound amplification systems like DJ being used by some of the vehicles should be banned with immediate effect.	Regular checking of the DJ and sound system is being done by the Sariska Tiger Reserve authorities at entry gates.
IX	Constructions and Operations of hotels, etc. in the buffer area without statutory clearances need to be stopped with immediate effect, and appropriate action also be taken against the violators as per the existing rules and regulations by 30.09.2024.	As per District Collector report dated, 05/12/2025 The Thanagaji sub-division area, 05 cases have been identified in Pratapgarh. - In 02 cases, the competent authority has been changed. - In the remaining 03 cases, construction activity has been stopped in 02 units that were under construction, and the operation of 01 unit has been halted. In the Alwar sub-division area, 14 cases have been identified.

		Final notices were issued on 25.11.2025 to 14 units of hotels/resorts/paying guest houses/restaurants operating without Trust approval and land-conversion permission in villages: Painpur, Sheodanpura, Kishanpur, and Siliseth located in the notified area of Nagar Vikas Trust, Alwar. Out of these 14 units, 03 units are registered under MSME. Proceedings in respect of 01 unit are pending separately is presently pending before the Hon'ble Court. In the remaining 10 units, UJT passed orders for seizure under the relevant rules after finding violations of Sections 90A, 91A, 91B, and 91C of the Trust Act, 1959, and Sections 72 and 73 of the Act read with Section 92A of the Town Improvement (Second Amendment) Act, 1991. In compliance with these orders, seizure proceedings were carried out in a total of 10 units (hotels/resorts/paying guest establishments/restaurants, etc.) on 04.12.2025.
X.	Point no 4 and 5 of the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 08.05.2009 (ANNEXURE R-24) should be complied with by the state government at the earliest and latest by 30.09.2024.	In compliance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated 08.05.2009, the route from Kushalgarh to Thankyou Board (Thanagaji) has been restricted for heavy vehicles. To fully implement the Supreme Court's decision, the PWD NH is working on an alternative route (Mundawara-Talvriksha-Kushalgarh-Natni Ka Bara elevated road) which will save time and consequently become a better option for locals as well. Wildlife Clearance proposal for the same has been applied by State NH for wildlife approval through the Parivesh portal.

XI.	As mentioned in point no. 3 of the said orders for general traffic on Ichla-Sariska Road (State Highway 29 A) have been closed, but a formal denotification order of the State Highway 29 A has not been issued, which sometimes creates problems for the local staff when some visitors insist on using this, as it is still a notified State Highway. A denotification order shall be issued by the State Government by 30.09.2024.	The state highway 29A has been de-notified by the PWTJ Rajasthan
XII.	In Sariska Tiger Reserve, the area of Sariska Wildlife Sanctuary (492.00 Sq Km) is smaller than the area of its declared Critical Tiger Habitat (881.11 Sq Kms). Also, given that the Critical Tiger Habitat is fragmented, this leads to both legal and management challenges. Hence, the Critical Tiger Habitat of STR should be rationalized based on the pattern of tiger breeding while ensuring that the total area of CTH after rationalization does not decrease, but rather the area of the Sariska Wildlife Sanctuary should be increased. It must be ensured that such rationalized boundaries of the Sanctuary become coterminous with the Core/Critical Tiger Habitat of the Sariska Tiger Reserve. This should be done before 30.09.2024.	1 The State Government has notified a preliminary notification of Sariska Wildlife Sanctuary encompassing the Critical Tiger Habitat as directed by the Honorable Supreme Court on 10.11.25. As per this notification, District Collector Alwar and Koppuli-Behrod have been directed to proceed as per Sections 18 to 26 of the Wildlife Protection Act 1972 while also hearing objections on the Critical Tiger Habitat of Sariska Tiger Reserve. 2. A letter of proclamation and public hearing has been issued by District Collector Alwar on 28-11-2025 in which further action will be taken after the stipulated time of 30 days and 02 months in the proclamation of the sanctuary
XIII.	ESZ of STR should be notified at the earliest and before 31.12.2024	The ESZ draft will be prepared after the final CTH and Sanctuary notification process is over
XIV	The area occupied by Pandupole Hanuman Temple at present should be demarcated, and no further extension should be allowed without proper approvals as per relevant rules. The demarcation exercise is to be completed by 30.09.2024	Complied with as directed.

XV.	Preparation and cooking of sawaman / bhandara in the Pandupole Hanuman Mandir premises should be strictly banned with immediate effect. The practice of pilgrims bringing bhog / prasad with them prepared outside the tiger reserve to the Hanuman temple can be allowed.	1. Honorable SC has set up a three-member expert committee comprising a CEC member, the Field Director, and the District Collector of Alwar to look into the issue and give suggestions. 2. Three meetings have been conducted by the above committee under the chairmanship of an Expert member of CEC. District Collector, Alwar, proposed the setting up of a concentrated Solar Thermal System for the cooking of bhog/prasad in the temple premises. It was decided by the committee to first ascertain the workability of such a system through a feasibility study, considering the ground conditions and the need for wildlife safety. <u>In this regard a committee was constituted by District Collector, Alwar on 1 Dec 2023 which was headed by ACF, Sariska to study feasibility of project and after inspection committee concluded that project can't be operated in core area of STR due to solar components temperature reaching upto 500°C which can harm wildlife. Substitute for Solar Concentrated System can be LPG cylinders which will be operated only after following rules made by STR administration.</u>
XVI.	Preparation/cooking of any kind of food items at the shop run by the temple trust in the temple premises should be banned with immediate effect. The sale of prepared bhog/ prasad brought from outside the Tiger Reserve can be allowed.	
XVII.	The trust should be asked to ensure a proper system of disposal of waste and treatment of wastewater emanating from the Temple. The trust should be advised to adhere to the rules, regulations, and guidelines related to wildlife protection that are applicable in the STR, and also aid and cooperate with the forest department in the implementation of the same. The Temple Trust should take necessary measures to ensure that the visiting pilgrims do not indulge in practices such as feeding wild animals, bathing in the nallas, littering with plastic and other waste, and moving outside the temple premises. The area should be declared a plastic-free zone. In this regard, the directions of the Chief Wildlife Warden, Rajasthan, issued on 30.04.2024 should be strictly followed in letter and spirit. The trust may also be asked to contribute towards the wildlife conservation activities in STR.	
XVIII.	The Temple Trust will also have to use electric vehicles from 31.03.2025 and will be allowed only after such vehicles in their possession are registered with the office of the Field	3. The Committee further noted that, since no night halt for temple staff would be permissible within the Tiger Reserve, a minimum of five 5-seater EVs

Director, STR. However, it is recommended that no entry charges be levied on such electric vehicles as are to be used by the trust for temple work. Then Temple Trust should also provide STR administration with a complete list of poojaris, sevadars, and or safaikarnis working in the temple. Any legal person, as and when found inside the STR, including inside the temple premises, should be acted upon as per the relevant provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act 1972. Except for personnel authorized by the STR administration, no personnel should be allowed to stay back in the temple premises.

would be required in the future to transport staff to and from the temple on a daily basis

4 In the meeting, Mahant of Pandupol Temple was instructed that by 10.12.2025, the Temple Trust must purchase three 5-seater electric vehicles for transportation between Sariska/Tahla Gate and the temple premises, with copies of their registration to be submitted to the Deputy Forest Conservator, Sariska. This is the last opportunity for the temple to use electric vehicles, after which entry to the temple will be completely banned if the vehicles are not in use. The temple administration has agreed to this directive.

5. The committee also advised Mahant Pandupol Temple to provide Aadhar card photo and IDs of up to 25 temple employees, sevadars, shopkeepers, priests, and cleaning staff to issue identity cards, limiting access to the sanctuary area to authorized personnel only. The names of which has been provided and IDs have been issued. Additionally, the temple was instructed to ban plastic use within the temple premises and ensure waste disposal outside the sanctuary every 15 days. Failure to do so will result in sanctions as per the rules.

1. Cattle tagging work is in progress from Animal Husbandry department, Alwar

XIX. Given the concerns associated with uncontrolled cattle grazing in Sariska Tiger Reserve, as discussed in Para 46 above, the State Government shall take strict measures to	
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	control cattle grazing and also take necessary actions to hasten the village relocation process in Sariska Tiger Reserve and finish the same in a time-bound manner. The rehabilitation of the villages in STR should take place with utmost priority, as recommended by the State Empowered Committee report. Till the voluntary relocation of villagers is accomplished, the State Government should carry out a census of the cattle actually in possession of villagers within the Sanctuary and subsequently evolve a system where the cattle of the Villages situated within the Core Area remain restricted within a predetermined boundary. No increase in this boundary is allowed. Such demarcation should be completed by 31.12.2024. Also, identity cards with each owner's cattle number should be provided to help regulate the number of cattle inside the Sariska Tiger Reserve, as recommended by the State Empowered Committee report.	2 Illegal grazing is being controlled by demarcating geographical boundaries of the village and restricting grazing to those limits regularly. 3 After incorporating the modifications in the village relocation policy, the village relocation program is being taken up again in fast-track mode. Re-survey of Sukola village has been completed, and agreement and consent have been given by the villagers. The relocation of the village of Sukola is expected in the next three months. Consequently, the Survey process of Kraska Village has been started. 4 The proposal for approval of 689 ha Gair Munkin bechad land (Rundh Gindawada), categorized under the Aravali notification dated 07/05/1992, has been sent to the Higher office, and for the allotment of the same land, the proposal has been forwarded to the Revenue Secretary by District Collector Khairthal-Tijara.
XX	A secret information system needs to be developed for the Sariska Tiger Reserve with the necessary funding avenues, as suggested by the State Empowered Committee report. This should work towards checking wildlife offenses in the Tiger Reserve area	A secret information system is already in place

XXI.	Since the different recommendations made herein concerning the management of pilgrim inflow in Pandupole, regulation of commercial activities in buffer areas, traffic diversion off the State Highway passing through Sariska Tiger reserve, village relocation process, and regulation of illegal cattle grazing do not come under the exclusive mandate of the forest department alone the state government should ensure all possible support to the concerned administration of Sariska Tiger Reserve through the involvement of the District Collector and Police in implementing the recommendations made herein.	A copy of every communication regarding the above points is being provided to the District Collector and SP Alwar, from time to time.
XXII.	The 40256.21 hectares of land notified by the Revenue Department of the Rajasthan Government should be allotted a khasra number and mutated as forest land in the revenue records by 30.09.2024. For the remaining land, the process of joint survey, submission of proposal, and issuance of notification and mutation as applicable should be done by 31.12.2024. The demarcation of the site of the boundaries of the Sariska Tiger Reserve should also be completed by 30.03.2025.	1. The revenue department has mutated 47000 ha of land in favour of the Sariska Tiger Reserve. 2. Mutation of 2147 ha of land is being processed by District Collector Koppuli-Behrod.
XXIII.	The State Government of Rajasthan must make all efforts towards habitat improvement in the STR for strengthening the food chains and pyramids for multiple reasons and corresponding benefits to the wildlife, as well as sustainable management of the Sariska Tiger Reserve.	Continuous work is being done in this regard. Weed eradication and grassland development have been done in 500 hectares during 2025-26 and 400 ha in 2024-25.

XXIV. Given the shortage of field staff as discussed in para 50 above, the state government should consider addressing this issue of shortage of staff in Sariska Tiger Reserve on a priority basis and must take the necessary measures to sanction the required number of additional staff as mentioned in the said para and undertake recruitment to fill them in a time-bound manner by 31.12.2025.	Creation and approval of additional posts as per the Tiger Conservation Plan is in process.
XXV. Given the increasing number of tigers in Sariska Tiger Reserve and the villages present in and around the tiger reserve, the chances of man-animal conflict and poaching remain high. Hence, it is very important to raise and deploy the Special Tiger Protection Force in Sariska Tiger Reserve. The issue has been discussed in detail in para 49 above. It is recommended that the State Government in compliance with the terms and conditions as mentioned in the MoU signed with NTCA, must recruit and deploy STPF for the Sariska tiger reserve in a time-bound manner by 31.12.2025.	70 Posts have been created against STPF by the Government of Rajasthan on 08-08-2025.

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