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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject : Advisory on Waste Management in and around Protected Areas (National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries & Zoos).**

Government of India has launched Swachh Bharat Mission on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 to achieve total sanitation and cleanliness in the country by 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019. With a view to mainstream sanitation and cleanliness in and around all the Protected Areas (NPs/WLs/Zoos), the following activities may be taken up inside and around the Protected Areas:

1. Solid waste may be segregated into Bio-degradable and Non-bio- degradable components and disposed of accordingly as per the provisions of Waste Management Rules, 2016.
2. The plastic and polythene may be banned inside the PAs. Glass bottles with canvas bags may be provided to visitors against refundable security.
3. It may be ensured that rivers, streams, water holes used by wildlife are not contaminated by domestic/industrial effluents.
4. Regular sanitization drive and awareness campaigns against littering inside PAs may be carried out.
5. A Local Advisory Committee may be constituted with the participation of all stakeholders to review and monitor all tourist facilities, noise pollution norms, environmental safeguards etc. within 5 km. radius of PAs.
6. Renewal energy (Solar) for lighting purpose may be encouraged.
7. The vehicles carrying the visitors inside the tourism zone of PAs must conform to relevant pollution norms. Battery operated vehicles may be encouraged.

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All above activities may be integrated into management plan of PAs along with the budgetary requirements. Further, these activities may be incorporated in the Annual Plan of Operation (APO) of the Protected Areas while submitting the APO proposals to this Ministry for funding under Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats. States/UTs would need to submit a quarterly progress report along with photographs on actions taken in furtherance of the above activities.



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