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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS
NOTIFICATION

Port Blair, dated the 29th March, 2018.

No. 49/2018/F. No. CWLW/WL/1(A).— In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 64 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972) as amended upto 2006, read with Sub-Section (29) of Section 2 thereof, the Lt. Governor hereinafter called as Administrator, Andaman & Nicobar Islands hereby makes the following Amendments to Rule 18 and 19 (A) under Chapter IV of the Principal Rules; the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Wildlife (Protection) Rules, 2008, namely:—

1. Short title and commencement :
   (i) These rules may be called the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Wildlife Protection (Amendment) Rules, 2017.
   (ii) These rules shall come into force with effect from the 1st day of April, 2018.

   AMENDMENTS

2. Rule 18 and Rule 19(A) in Chapter IV of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Wildlife (Protection) Rules, 2008 hereinafter called the Principal Rule, shall be substituted as under:

18. The fee in respect of the permit granted under Rule 17(ii) for tourism purpose under Section 28(1)(d) & 35 (8) of the Act shall be as follows:

   (i) Entry fee in Marine National Parks, other Island Sanctuary and Island National Park for the purpose of Section 28(1) (d) & 35(8) of the Act (In case of visitors not being students).

   (a) Indian Nationals :

   (i) Islanders

   (a) Belonging to PHH & AAY category No Fee
   (b) Who does not fall under PHH/AAY category ₹ 75/- per person per day

   [Note- Islander means a person who is a Permanent Inhabitant of A&N Islands
   PHH- Priority House Hold
   AAY- Antyodaya Anna Yojana]

   (ii) Non-Islanders

   (a) Adults ₹ 75/- per person per day
(b) Children (upto 12 years of age) No Fee

(b) Foreign Nationals:
(i) Adults ₹ 1,000/- per person per day
(ii) Children ₹ 500/- per person per day

(c) Students: No fees for Indian Student groups accompanied by their School/College Teachers.

(d) Foreign Yacht/Ship/Boat ₹ 5,000/- per vessel per day
(e) Indian Yacht/Boat/Ship ₹ 2,500/- per vessel per day

(ii) For other Sanctuary and National Park:

(a) Indian Nationals:
(i) Islanders
(a) Belonging to PHH & AAY category No fee
(b) Who does not fall under PHH/AAY category ₹ 50/- per person per day
(ii) Non-Islanders
(a) Adults ₹ 50/- per person per day
(b) Children (upto the age of 12 years) No fee

(b) Foreign Nationals:
(i) Adults ₹ 500/- per person per day
(ii) Children (upto the age of 12 years) ₹ 200/- per person per day

(c) Students
No fees for Indian Student groups accompanied by their School/College Teachers.

(iii) In respect of a vehicle which is:

(a) A Motor Cycle/ Scooter/ Auto/ Cycle propelled by mechanical power ₹ 20/- (Rupees twenty only) per day
(b) A Light Motor Vehicle (Car/JEEP) ₹ 30/- (Rupees thirty only) per day
(c) Other Motor Vehicles (Swaraj Mazda/ Mahindra/ Eicher/ Force Van/ Bus/ Truck) ₹ 100/- (Rupees hundred only) per day
(d) A Cycle and other manually operated conveyance FREE
(e) A boat permitted for plying for tourism purpose shall pay the following rates:

(i) A boat carrying less than 10 persons ₹ 15,000/- (Rupees fifteen thousand only) per annum.
(ii) A boat carrying between 11-50 persons ₹ 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh only) per annum.
(iii) A boat carrying between 51-100 ₹ 1,50,000/- (Rupees one lakh fifty thousand only) per annum.

Explanation:
The fees in respect of Rule 18 (v) (c) & (e) is inclusive of the entrance fee of one driver/ rider of the vehicle and crew (not exceeding 5 persons) in case of boats.
A fee of ₹ 2,000/- per person per day in respect of Indian Tourist and ₹ 5,000/- per person per day in respect of Foreign Tourist shall be charged for SCUBA diving in Marine National Park.

(v) A Registration fee of ₹ 2,000/- per annum in respect of Indian Tour Operator shall be charged for conducting activities like bird watching, nature trekking etc. inside the Sanctuaries and National Parks.

(vi) A permit referred to in Rule 17 (ii) shall be valid for the period specified therein.

19. (A) Entry in a Sanctuary or a National Park for the purpose of Section 28(1) (a), (b) and (c) and 35 (8) of the Act:

(i) Every person desiring to enter a Sanctuary or National Park for the purpose of investigation or study of the wildlife and purposes ancillary or incidental thereto or for professional photography or scientific research shall obtain a permit from the Chief Wild life Warden of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

(ii) No fee is payable for a person or group of persons for carrying out investigation or study of wildlife or conducting scientific research in a Sanctuary or National Park and the entry of vehicle or vessel used for such study/research shall be allowed free.

(iii) The fee for operating a camera shall be as follows, namely:

(a) For photography by amateurs using Still Camera /Handy Cam ₹ 50/- per Camera per day

(b) For photography by professionals using SLR Camera with Tele lens/ Camcorder etc. ₹ 500/- per Camera per day

(c) For Shooting of Documentary Films using Cine Camera:

(i) Indian Nationals ₹ 3,000/- per day
(ii) Foreign Nationals ₹ 10,000/- per day

(d) For Shooting of Feature Films and Movies:

(i) Indian Nationals ₹ 10,000/- per day
(ii) Foreign Nationals ₹ 25,000/- per day

Explanation:

(a) The fee specified in sub-rule (iii) shall be paid in advance for issue of permits.

(b) Professionals using Cine Camera for making TV Documentary Films as required in the sub-rule (iii) (c) & (d) above shall execute an Agreement as provided at Appendix-I to the Rules.

(iv) A fee of ₹ 500/- per person per day in respect of Indian Citizen and ₹ 2,000/- per person per day in respect of Foreigners shall be charged for scuba diving for underwater photography or making TV or documentary films on marine life by professional photographers using any type of cameras in addition to the fee for operating a camera as per sub rule (iii) (c) & (d) above.

By order and in the name of the Lt. Governor,
Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Sd/-
(C.R. MALLICK)
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Environment & Forests,
Andaman & Nicobar Administration.