



**GOVERNMENT OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA
FORESTRY, ENVIRONMENT & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT**

NOTIFICATION

Peshawar, Dated 13th October, 2017

SO (Estt)/FE&WD/11-47/2016:- In exercise of the powers conferred by section 49 read with section-4 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Wildlife and Biodiversity (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) Act, 2015 (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. I of 2015), the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is pleased to make the following rules, namely:

**THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA WILDLIFE
FORCE RULES, 2017**

1. **Short title, commencement and application.** --- (1) These rules may be called the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Wildlife Force Rules, 2017.

(2) These rules shall come into force at once.

2. **Definitions.**--- (1) In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say,-

- (a) "Act" means the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Wildlife and Biodiversity (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) Act, 2015 (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. I of 2015);
- (b) "Appendix" mean the Appendix appended to these rules;
- (c) "Armoury", "Arsenal" or "Mal-Khana" means a place where arms, ammunition and related equipment of the Department are stored;
- (d) "Controlling Authority" means the Divisional Wildlife Officer of the Division concerned or the Conservator Wildlife, as the case may be;
- (e) "Department" means the Forestry, Environment & Wildlife Department;
- (f) "Officer" means an officer of the Wildlife Force listed in clause (a) of the rule 3 of these rules;
- (g) "Official" means a person serving in the Wildlife Force listed in clause (b) of rule 3 of these rules; and
- (h) "uniform" means dress, articles and other related items prescribed under these rules for the members of Wildlife Force.

(2) All other words and expressions used in these rules, but not defined, shall have the same meaning as are assigned to them in the Act.

3. **Constitution of Wildlife Force.**--- (1) The Wildlife Force shall consist of officers and officials of the Department as specified below and shall include such other officers and officials of the Wildlife establishment as may from time to time be specified,-

(2) The officers of the Wildlife Force shall comprise of,—

- (i) Chief Conservator Wildlife, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa;
- (ii) Conservator Wildlife;
- (iii) Divisional Forest Officer Wildlife;
- (iv) Sub-Divisional Forest Officer Wildlife; and
- (v) Range Officer Wildlife.

(3) The officials of the Wildlife Force shall comprise of, —

- (i) Deputy Ranger Wildlife;
- (ii) Head Wildlife Watcher; and
- (iii) Wildlife Watcher.

4. **Performance of duties in uniform.**--- (1) During the performance of their official duties, as specified by Government, all officers and officials of the Wildlife Force shall be required to wear uniform, specified in Appendix-I, which shall not be given to any un-authorized person for use.

(2) The violation of sub rule (1) shall be deemed to be "misconduct" and the violator shall be liable for disciplinary action as per provisions of the Efficiency and Discipline Rules, 2011.

5. **Uniform.**--- (1) The uniform shall be made of such materials and articles which shall be approved by the Chief Conservator Wildlife and shall be procured and supplied to the officers specified for distribution amongst the members of the Wildlife Force as per entitlement.

(2) Conservator Wildlife of the respective Wildlife Circles shall inspect the uniform and satisfy himself that these are the latest issue and that obsolete patterns have since been destroyed or otherwise disposed of.

(3) No changes shall be made in the pattern or material of any articles of the uniform prescribed under these rules, except with the approval of the Chief Conservator Wildlife.

6. **Issuance of articles of uniform and equipment.**--- (1) The officer or official, as mentioned in rules-3, shall be provided with the uniform articles, free of cost on intervals specified in Appendix-1.

(2) All the articles of uniform or equipment so issued shall be the property of Government which shall be surrendered on reversion, reduction to lower rank, dismissal, removal or retirement, as the case may be.

(3) If any article of uniform mentioned in Appendix-I is held, after formal inquiry, to have been rendered unserviceable before the period mentioned in column 5 thereof, through ordinary wear and tear and not through unfair usage, it shall be replaced under the orders of the controlling Authority.

(4) If the Controlling Authority is satisfied that the officer or official to whom the articles of uniform and equipment were issued has negligently used the same, he may apportion the cost between the individual and Government, while ordering replacement.

(5) Record of the articles and equipment issued to each individual shall be maintained properly.

(6) The Controlling Authority shall issue office order pertaining to disposal of uniform, articles and equipment ruined due to accident or negligence of any of the officer or official as the case may be and such uniform articles and equipment may be disposed off accordingly.

7. **Wearing of badges.**--- All officers and officials shall wear badges as specified for each of them in Appendix-II.

8. **Arms and ammunition.**--- The specifications, scale and quantity of armaments for the Wildlife Force shall be determined and altered if required from time to time, by Government.

9. **Source of supply of arms and ammunition etc.**-- (1) All items of arms and ammunitions shall be procured, subject to such laws, rules and procedures, as may be applicable to procurement of such items, from the following sources: -

- (a) Ordnance depots of the Army;
- (b) Ordnance Factories of the Defence Production Division of the Federal Government; and

Provided that where the Arms required are not available as specified vide clause (a) and (b) it may be procured from the Licensed Arms and ammunition manufactures or dealers.

10. **Distribution of arms to Wildlife Divisions.** --- (1) The Chief Conservator Wildlife may distribute arms and ammunitions amongst Wildlife Divisions and other offices as per requirements.

(2) Each Wildlife Division shall maintain proper record of the armaments and their allotment to the members of the Wildlife Force. The Conservator Wildlife shall authenticate the record, and a copy thereof shall also be kept in the armory.

11. **Description of the armament.** --- The members of Wildlife Force shall be authorized to keep armaments as per Appendix-III.

12. **Stamping of arms.**--- (1) All arms issued to members of Wildlife Force except pistol or revolver shall be stamped on the butt plate with the respective cipher and serial number of Wildlife Division concerned.

(2) Distribution to the staff within the division and movement of arms and ammunition shall be recorded in the Arms Distribution Register by the specified officer or official, as the case may be, and shall be kept by the office of the concerned Divisional Wildlife Officer, Sub-Divisional Wildlife Officer and Range Officer Wildlife as the case may be.

(3) A separate Register shall be maintained as history sheet for each type of weapon in each Wildlife Division.

(4) The member of Wildlife Force to whom any weapon or ammunition is issued, shall personally be responsible for its safety, security and authorized use.

(5) If it is found that any weapon or part thereof or ammunition is lost or damaged or replaced, the Sub Divisional Forest Officer Wildlife/Range Officer Wildlife shall make detailed entry in the history sheet of the weapon and submit a detailed report to the Divisional Forest Officer Wildlife officer concerned forthwith.

(6) An inquiry shall be conducted in such cases against the accused or defaulting officer or official, and if found guilty, disciplinary action shall be taken by the competent authority under Efficiency and Discipline Rules, 2011.

13. **Custody and care of arms and uniform articles.**--- (1) The arms, ammunition and uniform articles, when not in use, shall be kept in racks in the armory specified for the purpose, and shall be kept under the supervision of the following officers or officials.

- (a) Respective Sub Divisional Forest Officer Wildlife or Range Officer Wildlife;
- (b) Head Clerk in the Office of Divisional Forest Officer Wildlife;
- (c) Office Superintendent in offices of Conservator Wildlife, and
- (d) Office Superintendent in office of the Chief Conservator Wildlife.

(2) It shall be the responsibility of each member to whom a weapon is issued to ensure its cleaning before and after use. Periodical cleaning and oiling of arms shall also be done. The "Pull Off" of all the weapons shall be tested annually.

(3) When an officer or official to whom a revolver, pistol or rifle has been issued ceases to be a Wildlife Officer or official or ceases to belong to a rank to which revolver or pistol or rifle is issued, or proceeds on long leave, he shall return the revolver, pistol or rifle issued together with all ammunitions and accessories and uniform to the issuing Authority.

14. Receipt of arms from arsenal or supplier.--- (1) The scale and weight, as shown in the invoice of all packages received from an arsenal or supplier shall be carefully checked before the packages are taken over. If any discrepancy in scale or weight is found that package shall only be opened in the presence of the arsenal or supplier or his authorized representative.

(2) Every package received from arsenal or supplier shall be opened in the presence of an officer not below the rank of Range Officer Wildlife, who shall personally check the contents and sign the invoice in token after having done so.

(3) Full boxes of ammunition shall not be opened on receipt if the weight is correct and the seals intact. If the seal has been damaged in transit, the pin with which the lid is attached shall be withdrawn and the lid removed to permit inspection of the inner tin casing. In case the latter is hermetically sealed, contents shall be assumed to be correct.

15. Return of arms to arsenal or supplier.--- (1) Unserviceable tools, repairable arms, defective ammunitions, empty cartridge cases, empty oil drums and packing cases shall be returned to the arsenal or supplier after authorization by the Divisional Forest Officer Wildlife or Conservator Wildlife concerned as the case may be.

(2) In all cases when articles are returned to the arsenal or supplier, intimation shall be sent in the form of a voucher in duplicate out of which a voucher will be retained by arsenal or supplier and duplicate copy duly acknowledged shall be returned to the officer or official returning the articles.

(3) Arms, ammunition and other ordnance returned to the arsenal or supplier shall be sent through an officer or official duly authorized to do so. All articles shall be carefully packed in strong boxes, if possible in the cases in which consignments have been received, and sealed with the official seal of Divisional Forest Officer Wildlife.

(4) The procedure prescribed in sub-rule 3 shall be followed mutatis-mutandis when arms, ammunition are transferred from one Wildlife Division to another, if the same are not transferred in direct custody of Guard.

16. Precautions against the issue of dummy or empty cartridge with live cartridge.--- (1) The officer or official who issues or returns ammunition shall ensure at the time of issue and return that dummy or empty rounds may not be get mixed up with live rounds. Precautions may also be taken for prevention of substitution of local or non-governmental manufactured rounds.

(2) Upon the arsenal or supplier report, if it is found that a live or misfired round are returned with empty cartridge cases due to inadvertence of an officer or official responsible for the packing of the box, disciplinary action shall be taken against him for such inadvertence.

17. Exemption from arms license.--- (1) All members of the Wildlife Force who are issued weapons shall be exempted from arms licenses, and shall keep, carry and use the same for official purpose.

(2) Assignment booklets shall be maintained for each weapon and its holder.

18. Circumstances in which use of force and arms is allowed.--- No Wildlife Officer shall apply Wildlife Force or use arms, except as provided in section 4 of the Act.

19. **Training.**--- All members of Wildlife Force shall be gradually imparted training for handling, maintenance and use of arms, ammunition and communication devices at the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Forest School Thai Abbottabad or any other institution approved by Government.

20. **Communication and logistic system.**--- (1) The communication and logistic system shall be acquired and installed in all Wildlife Range, Sub-Divisional, Divisional, Circle and region level Offices including the vehicles and Wildlife Check Posts.

(2) To operationalize the telecommunication system qualified, specialized staff may be sanctioned and recruited in the prescribed manner

(3) The logistic systems shall be strengthened with the acquisition of additional vehicles on need basis. All operational vehicles shall bear conspicuous distinctive emblem "Wildlife" and fitted with hooters revolving with orange colored light.

21. **Union or association.**--- (1) Members of the Wildlife Force shall not individually or collectively form, join or participate in or associate with any association or union for any purpose what so-ever.

(2) All the existing associations and unions shall stand dissolved on coming into force of these rules.

APPENDIX-I

**Articles of uniform and
Equipments to be issued to members of the Wildlife Force (Rule-5 & 6)**

S.No.	Name of Article	Entitlement	Quantity	Time Period
1.	Woolen Jersey (Black Colour)	Officers	Two	Two years
2.	Shirt of Plain Cloth (Olive Green Colour)	-do-	Two	Two years
3.	Pantaloon of Plain Cloth (Olive Green Colour)	-do-	Two	Three years
4.	Barrette Cap or Serge Cap or P-cap (Black Colour) with badges	-do-	Two pairs	One year
5.	Shirt of Plain Cloth (Olive Green Colour)	Officials	Two	Four years
6.	Pantaloon of Plain Cloth (Olive Green Colour)	-do-	Two	Four years
7.	Cap and P-cap with badges	-do-	Two pairs	Two years
8.	Stick (to be taken by officers)	Officers	One	One year
9.	Socks (Black Colour)	Officers and Officials	Three pairs	One year
10.	Boots (Brown Colour)	Officers	One pair	One year
11.	Boots (Black Colour)	Officials	One pair	One year
12.	Haver sack (Olive Green Colour)	Officers and Officials	Two	One year
13.	Shalwar Qameez of Plain Cloth (Militia Colour)	Officials	Two	One year
14.	Shoulder Badges	Officers and Officials	Two pairs	Ten years
15.	Cap Badges (White Metallic Wildlife)	-do-	Two pairs	Ten years
16.	Whistle	Officials	One	Ten years
17.	Stars	-do-	Two Sets	Ten years
18.	Lane-yard for whistle	-do-	One	Ten years
19.	Lane-yard for revolver or pistol	-do-	One	Three years
20.	Belt (Brown colour)-Belt Clip with Wildlife Department Insignia.	Officers	one	Five years
21.	Belt (Black colour)-Belt Clip with Wildlife Department Insignia.	Officials	One	Eight years
22.	PT Shoes	Officers and officials	Two pairs	One year
23.	Waterproof Coat (Olive Green Colour).	-do-	Once	Five years
24.	Jersey (Olive Green Colour).	Officials	Two	Three years
25.	Black shoes, Jersey (Olive Green Colour), badges, cap, Malitia clothes set	Driver, Naib Qasid, Mali, Chokidar, Dak Runner, Barrier Man	One set	As may be described in SOP

APPENDIX-II

Badges for Uniforms of Wildlife Force (rule-7)

S.No.	Designation of Officer/ Official	Detail of Badges	Time Period
1.	Chief Conservator Wildlife (BPS-20)	Cross swords with one pip and green collar ribbons	On appointment
2.	Conservator Wildlife (BPS- 19)	Crescent with a mounted star and three pips and green collar ribbons	On appointment
3.	Divisional Wildlife Officer (BPS-18)	Crescent with a mounted star with one pip	On appointment
4.	Sub-Divisional Wildlife Officer (BPS-17)	two pip	1 st year of service
		three pips	2 nd year of service
		Crescent with a mounted star	3 rd years
5.	Range Officer Wildlife (BPS-16)	Three stars	On appointment
6.	Deputy Ranger Wildlife (BPS-11)	Two stars	On appointment
7.	Head Wildlife Watcher (BPS-09)	One star	On appointment
8.	Wildlife Watcher	One "V" shape,	On completion of five year service
		Two "V" shape	on completion of ten years service
		Three "V" shape black colour to be worn on both sleeves midway between the elbow and shoulder pointing towards the elbow	on completion of fifteen years
9.	All Ranks	National flag to be worn between elbow and shoulder on the sleeve	On appointment

*APPENDIX-III***Armament authorized to members of Wildlife Force as per (rule-11).**

1.	Rifle AK-47 (7.62mm)	Wildlife Watcher, Head Wildlife Watcher, Chowkidar and Barrier-man
2.	Rifle MP 5 (9mm)	Wildlife Watcher, Head Wildlife Watcher
3.	Rifle SMG (9mm)	Wildlife Watcher, Head Wildlife Watcher
4.	Pistol (30 Bore)	Range Officer Wildlife and Deputy Ranger
5.	Pistol (9mm)	Sub-Divisional Wildlife Officer, Divisional Wildlife Officer, Conservator Wildlife and Chief Conservator Wildlife
6.	Roshnai Pistol	Sub-Divisional Wildlife Officer and Range Officer Wildlife
7.	12 Bore Shotgun Repeater/Double Barrel	Chowkidar, Barrier-man

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