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Whereas it is essential to provide a period of least disturbance in National Park and Wildlife Sanctuaries during rainy season for rejuvenation of flora and fauna, and to maintain biodiversity of the areas. Therefore, in exercise of power conferred u/s 33(c) and u/s 35(8) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 as amended up to date, it is hereby notified that the following National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries shall remain closed for visitors from 16.06.2020 to 15.09.2020, with exception of eco-tourism centers mentioned herein. Entry of visitors shall be restricted to the eco• tourism centers and during this period safari, elephant ride and entry to forest area other than mentioned herein, shall not be permitted.

| SI. No | National Park / Wildlife Sanctuaries | Eco-tourism centers exempted from closure |
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| 1 | Singalila National Park | |
| 2 | Neora Valley National Park | |
| 3 | Gorumara National Park | Kalipur Jungle Camp, Dhupjhora Eco-tourism Resort, Panjhora Jungle camp, Murti Jungle Camp, Hombill Camp and Mouchuku Dhupihora Eco-tourism Resort |
| 4 | Jaldapara National Park | South Khairbari Jungle Camp and Mendabari Jungle Camp |
| 5 | Senchal Wildlife Sanctuary | |
| 6 | Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary | |
| 7 | Chapramari Wildlife Sanctuary | |
| 8 | Buxa National Park and Buxa Wildlife Sanctuary | Buxa Tiger Reserve NIC at Rajabhatkhawa, Jainti, Santrabari and Buxaduar up to Buxa Fort, Poro eco-park and SikiaJhora eco- tourism center. |

If the above areas are declared "Containment Zones" for COVID – 19, they will remain closed also.

All concerned may accordingly be informed.

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