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GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
DEPARTMENT OF FOREST

No. FFEB-F(6)2199-II

Dated Shimla, the 7th September, 2001

NOTIFICATION 7th September, 2001.

Whereas Governor, Himachal Pradesh in exercise of powers vested in him under Section 18 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 had issued Notification No. FTS(F)6-1-89 dated 31.5.89 declaring his intention to constitute Sangla Valley Sanctuary in District Kinnaur.

And whereas proclamation as required under Section 21 of the said Act was published in the regional language and circulated in every Town and Village covered by the above Notification on 30.3.1991 and objections were received from the public within the prescribed period.

And whereas the Collector, District Kinnaur in exercise of the powers vested in him under Section 24(2) of the said Act, has carefully considered the objections raised by the interested persons and recommended deletion of private and forest land heavily burdened with rights of the local people from Sangla Valley Sanctuary and has also recommended continuance of the rights of the people as enjoyed by them as per the Forest settlement Report of Bushahr State, 1921.

And whereas after careful perusal of the report of Collector, District Kinnaur the Governor, Himachal Pradesh is satisfied that the private and forest land as recommended by the Collector District Kinnaur should be excluded from Sangla Valley Sanctuary which was notified on 31.5.1989.

And whereas the Governor, Himachal Pradesh on the basis of the report of Collector, District Kinnaur and the concurrence given by the Chief Conservator of Forests (Wild Life)-cum-Chief Wild Life Warden H.R. under the provisions of Section 24(2)(c) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 is pleased to order that the local inhabitants shall be allowed to exercise the rights conferred on them vide Forest Settlement Report of 1921 of Bushehr State as are being enjoyed by them heretofore in the above sanctuary.

And whereas the Governor, Himachal Pradesh on the basis of the recommendation of the Chief Conservator of Forests (wild Life)-cum-Chief Wild Life Warden Himachal Pradesh is further pleased to re-name Sangla Valley sanctuary as Rakchham-Chhitkul Sanctuary.

And whereas, the Governor, Himachal Pradesh considers that Rakchham-Chhitkul Sanctuary is of adequate ecological, faunal, floral, geo-morphological, natural and zoological significance;

Now, therefore, the Governor, Himachal Pradesh in exercise of the powers vested in him under Section 26-A of the said Act is pleased to declare Rakchham-Chhitkul as Wildlife Sanctuary with immediate effect for the purpose of protecting, propagating or developing Wildlife or its environment.

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The limits of the area of the Sanctuary shall be as under:-

North: The boundary starts from the point 5983m (Lat. 31°-26'-53" N Long 78°-20'-19" E) passing through high points of 5390m, 5290m to Daboling (6080m), 5635m, 5655m, 6032m, 5545m, upto Charang Ghatti ridge to point 5810m (Lat 31°-23'-23" N & long 78°-29'-49" E).

East: From the point 5810m (Lat 31°-23'-23" N & Long 78°-29'-49" E) downwards to Baspa River across Jorya Garang upto Borasu Ghatti (Lat 31°-14'-28" N & Long 78°-27'-28" E).

South: Starting from Borasu Ghatti (Lat 31°-14'-28" N & Long 78°-27'-28" E) on Himachal Pradesh-Uttaranchal border passing through Devkidhar from the high points of 5760m, 5930m, 5877m, 5480m, 5889m, Khimloga pass 5712m and further down to 5424m along Singa Ghatti upto meeting point of Shimla, Uttaranchal & Sangla tehsil, (Lat 31°-17'-00" N & Long 78°-18'-44" E).

West: From Singa Ghatti (Lat 31°-17'-00" N & Long 78°-18'-44" E) passing through high points 5260m, 5820m across Hania Glacier and then along the Siran Khad down to Chispin. From there the boundary goes upstream along Baspa river upto Rim Darang Nala then upstream along Rim Darang Nala passing through Nala to the North upto high points 3930m, then passing through Shilpya Thatch and point 4789m, crossing Shushmang Nala upto Mangsa Garang, Gor Garang 4435m, Khoraga Garang to high point 4440m and north upto peak 5983m (Lat. 31°-26'-53" N & Long 78°-20'-19" E).

Area: 304 Sq. Kms.

By Order

FC-cum-Secretary (Fts.) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.

Dated:

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