

PARAMBIKULAM TIGER CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 01-04-2015 TO 31-03-2016

Introduction

Parambikulam Tiger Conservation Foundation was established vide G.O (MS) No.87/2013/F&WLD dated 20.09.2013 and as per Section 38 X of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, in observance of the procedures laid down in Notification No. S.O.1008 (E) dated 22.06.2007 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India.

Government of Kerala vide G.O (Rt) No.473/2013/F&WLD dated 22.11.2013 have also approved the Regulations of the Foundation. Subsequently, the Parambikulam Tiger Conservation Foundation was registered by the Board of Trustees under the Charitable and Religious Trust Act, 1920 on 6th January 2014.

Vide G.O (MS) No.38/2014/F&WLD dated 22.04.2014, Government of Kerala has also authorized PaTCoF to augment and mobilize financial resources including recycling of entry and such other fees received in Parambikulam Tiger Reserve to foster stakeholder development and eco-tourism in accordance with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and also in observance of provisions contained in G.O (MS) No.87/2013/F&WLD dated 20.09.2013. Accordingly, a Bank Account (No.33824089274) with State Bank of India at Anamalai Branch was opened in the name of Secretary, Executive Committee (Deputy Director, Parambikulam Tiger Reserve) of the Foundation. From 03.05.2014 onwards, the receipts from the Tiger Reserve are being collected in this Account.

The following two expert members have been appointed by the Government to the Governing Body of Parambikulam Tiger Conservation Foundation.

1. Shri. E. Kunhikrishnan, Professor (Rtd) Expert in the field of wildlife and biodiversity conservation
2. Shri. James Zacharias, Retired Forest Officer and Expert in the field of Social Science

The Governing Body of the Foundation in their first meeting held on 26.06.2014 approved the nomination of the following members to the Executive Committee of the Parambikulam Tiger Conservation Foundation.

a. Representatives from EDCs

1. Shri. Haridasan K, President, Earthdam EDC
2. Smt. Shyamili A, Member Sungam EDC

b. Members of Frontline staff

1. Shri. Jayaprakash, Range Forest Officer, Sungam
2. Shri. Divakaranunni.N.P. Section Forest Officer and PFM Divisional Coordinator

The Governing Body in their first meeting held on 26.06.2014, also approved the following members as representatives of Executive Committee to the Governing Body of the Parambikulam Tiger Conservation Foundation.

a. Representatives from EDCs

1. Shri. Haridasan K, President, Earthdam EDC

b. Members of Frontline staff

1. Shri. Jayaprakash, Range Forest Officer, Sungam

Activities of the Foundation

I. Administration

- a. **Meetings of Governing Body and Executive Committee:** During the reporting period, one meeting of the Governing Body (2nd meeting held on 22nd June 2015) and six meetings of the Executive Committee (5th meeting on 06.04.15, 6th meeting on 15.06.15, 7th meeting on 03.10.2015, 8th meeting on 07.01.2016, 9th meeting on 02.04.2016 and 10th meeting on 20.06.2016) were held.
- b. **Resource Mobilization:** During the reporting year, Foundation has received a total amount of Rs. 97,18,417/- by way of seed money, entry fees, revenue by way of check post receipts, tender form fee, EMD receipts and unutilised funds from ACA received by Parambikulam Tiger Reserve. Of this, an amount of Rs. 70,03,104/- has been spent for the various activities as below:

Sl. No.	Receipts		Expenditure	
	Items	Amount (Rs)	Activities	Amount (Rs)
1	Opening balance	17,18,013	Village eco-development activities	14,45,429
2	Seed money received	25,00,000	Improved protected area management & staff welfare	1,13,388
3	Receipt of EMD	52,500	Training & capacity building	10,91,432
4	Tender form Fee	8,820	Environmental education and awareness campaign	16,37,944
5	Interest received	4,64,665	Impact monitoring and research	9,04,707
6	Check post collection	33,75,152	Administrative overhead charges	14,60,204
7	Unutilized fund of ACA	15,99,267	Corpus fund	3,50,000
			Total Expenditure	70,03,104
			Closing Balance	27,153,13
	Grand Total	97,18,417	Grand Total	97,18,417

In addition, PaTCoF has made expenditure under the following heads as per the orders from Government of Kerala / Chief Wildlife Warden.

1. Funds under CBD for the conduct of closing ceremony of Wildlife Week Celebration- Rs.6,50,000/-
2. Additional Central Assistance - Rs. 1,60,28,733/-
3. Assistance from Tourism Department – Rs. 25,00,000/-.

c. **Establishment of new Office:** The Parambikulam Tiger Conservation Foundation has started working in the new office, which was established by renovating the old PWD Quarters at Parambikulam. The office is having basic facilities for carrying out the routine activities. The office was inaugurated by Sri. Somasekhar, IFS, IGF, NTCA Regional South, on 13.01.2016.

d. **Administrative support:** PaTCoF provided administrative support to the management of Parambikulam Tiger Reserve in the form of recoupable advances and technical inputs.

- e. **Staff:** The Forest Development Agency, Parambikulam has offered to hire and engage the following contracted professionals for the Foundation till the Foundation become financially sound.
- a. Conservation Biologist (1 No)
 - b. Ecotourism cum Marketing Specialist (1No)
 - c. Accountant (1 No)
 - f. Office Assistant (1 No)

The above mentioned staff were appointed on contractual basis. Currently Conservation Biologist and Office Assistant are working and other two posts are vacant for which the process of recruitment is under way.

II. Improved PA Management

As part of monitoring of wildlife and habitats of Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, the Foundation has assisted in conducting four species surveys during the reporting period.

1) Amphibian Survey :

The survey was conducted for a period of 5 days from 14.10.2015 to 18.10.2015. It was guided by the amphibian expert Dr. Anil Zachariah, and his team. Survey locations were selected to cover all the vegetation types in Parambikulam Tiger Reserve. Streams and riversides, marshy areas and other wet places were given maximum priority. Photographs of each species were collected in order to reduce the error in the identification by consulting with experts. Maximum species were identified in the field itself with the help of field guides. 26 species of amphibians belonging to nine families and two orders were recorded during this survey, which includes 8 new records to the Reserve.



2) Monitoring of Tiger, Co-predators and prey populations

Monitoring of Tiger, Co-predators and prey populations is the prime activity to assess the status of tiger population in the Tiger Reserve and adjoining landscape. The monitoring includes two aspects; (a). 8 day Protocol or sign survey and transect survey and (b). Camera-trap exercise.

a) **8 day protocol or Sign Survey & Transect Survey** was conducted from 23.11.2015 to 28.11.2015 in the entire Tiger Reserve including Core and Buffer. The survey covered 35 Blocks and 46 transects. Series of training programmes were organised for the field staff and the anti-poaching watchers to build the capacity in conducting the survey.

b) **Camera-trap exercise** was conducted from 24.02.2016 to 24.05.2016 in two phases and covering an area of 644 Sq. Km. This is the first time that the entire area under the Tiger Reserve is covered under camera-trap exercise. The cameras were fixed in 199 locations in 177 grids covering an area of 4 Sq. Km. each. A total of 37 tigers were identified from the camera trap pictures, which includes, 13 tigers identified during the previous year's exercise. Among the 37 tigers, 5 are cubs.

3) Bird Survey:

Bird survey was conducted from 12 to 15 February 2016. Volunteers from different parts of Kerala were invited to lead the survey. 13 camp sheds, representing all vegetation types in the Reserve were selected for the survey. A team



of 5 members (two bird watching experts, one forest staff and two watchers), were sent to each camp shed.

Three hours' transects were selected by the field team for each day. Data sheets with name of the transect, name of birdwatchers, name of forest trackers, starting time, ending time, starting location, ending location, date and weather conditions etc. were



during the survey.

provided to the teams. Each bird sighting was collected in prescribed datasheets along with parameters viz; time of sighting, species, number of individuals, habitat, any specific remarks and distance band. 182 species of birds were recorded

4) **Butterfly survey**



Butterfly survey was conducted in the Reserve after a period of 15 years. The last survey was conducted in 2000 by KFRI and they recorded the presence of 125 species of butterflies. The present survey was from 27 to 30 December 2015. Volunteers

having experience in butterfly surveys and identification were invited to ensure the effectiveness of the survey and to avoid the chances of misidentification. Staff, Watchers and Naturalists from the PKMTR and adjoining Divisions were also involved in the survey. As base camps for the survey, 14 camp sheds in different vegetation and elevations were selected. A team of six members including two experts in butterfly identification, two staff and two watchers were assigned for each camp sheds. Existing trek paths, foot paths, animal paths or roads were used as transects. A total of 178 species of butterflies were identified during the survey.

III. Capacity Building and Training Programmes

A total of 17 training /capacity building programmes were conducted during the reporting period. The details are given in the table below.

Sl. No.	Date	No. of Days	Subject	Location	No. of Participants
1	12.06.15 to 13.06.15	2	Training program on legal provisions	Anappady	30
2	20.06.15 to 24.06.15	5	Training program on GIS	Anappady	20
3	24.06.15 & 25.06.15	2	Training program on Bat Ecology and Conservation.	Anappady	20
4	08.07.15 & 09.07.15	2	Training program on Soft Skill Development for Naturalists	Anappady	50
5	12.08.15	1	Workshop on Protection Strategies	Palakkad	80
6	20.08.15 & 21.08.15	2	Workshop on strengthening wildlife law enforcement and conservation in India	Anappady	60
7	07.09.15 to 10.09.15	4	Training program on Study and Identification of Moths and Butterflies.	Anappady	20
8	23.09.15	1	Workshop on Forest Rights Act	Anappady	70
9	14.10.15	1	Training on identification of common amphibians	Anappady	30
10	16.11.15	1	Training on conducting 8 Day Protocol for Tiger monitoring	Anappady	65
11	17.11.15	1	Training on conducting 8 Day Protocol for Tiger monitoring	Nemmara	35
12	18.11.15	1	Training on conducting 8 Day Protocol for Tiger monitoring	Vazhachal	80
13	19.01.16 to 26.01.16	7	Induction training for newly recruited Forest Watchers	Mukkali	33
14	20.01.16	1	Training to staff and watchers on PIPs	Parambikulam	80
15	01.02.16	1	Regional Asian Elephant and Tiger Veterinary Workshop	Wayanad	120
16	19.02.16	1	Training on Camera trapping	Parambikulam	90
17	25.02.16 & 26.02.16	2	Training programme on Court Procedure and Investigations	Anappady	23

1. **Training program on legal provisions:** The training program was conducted during 12-13 June, 2015 at Anappady. 30 Frontline staff representing different Divisions of Northern

Kerala participated in this programme. Provisions of IPC, CrPC, Evidence Act and Kerala Forest Act, 1961 and Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 were discussed. The resource persons included Range Officers, District Judge, Kollam and practicing Advocates from the High Court of Kerala.



2. **Training program on GIS:** The training program was conducted from June 20th to 24th, 2015. A total of 20 staff from different protected areas under Palakkad Wildlife Circle



participated in the training programme. Usage of GPS, and various applications of GIS software were discussed. Sri. P.A.Vinayan, WWF served as resource person.

3. **Training program on Bat Ecology and Conservation:** With the help of resource persons from National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bangalore, a two day training programme



was organized on July 24 and 25, 2015. A total of 20 participants including BFOs, Watchers and Guides from Parambikulam Tiger Reserve and other Protected Areas got a chance to

update their knowledge on bat ecology and conservation. The training consisted of both classroom and field sessions. This program introduced the participants to the Order Chiroptera, foraging and breeding ecology of bats, identifying various species of bats, using acoustics to identify the species and their population, and introduction to monitoring studies.

4. **Training program on Soft Skill Development for Naturalists.**

This program was organised on July 8 and 9, and was meant to impart soft skills for guides and naturalists and to create awareness against the usage of tobacco and drugs. Around 30 tribal youths functioning as guides and naturalists under FDA, Parambikulam, participated in this program.



5. **Workshop on Protection Strategies:**

This workshop was conducted on 12.08.2015 at Palakkad. Presentations were made by the DFOs of the Divisions under Northern Circle, Eastern Circle and Wildlife Circle on various Protection issues. Discussions were held on Developing Protection Plans and ways and means of implementing it. Sri. P.K.



Kesavan, APCCF, NR, Sri. Rajesh Ravindran, CCF, EC, Sri. Pramod G Krishnan, CF, WL and all the Divisional Forest Officers from Wildlife and Territorial Divisions under Eastern, Wildlife and Northern Circles participated in the workshop.

6. **Workshop on strengthening wildlife law enforcement and conservation in India:** This

workshop was jointly organised with TRAFFIC and WWF on August 20 and 21, 2015. This workshop had more than 60 participants from the Departments of Forests & Wildlife, Customs and Central Excise, and Police. Experts and senior officers from TRAFFIC, Police Radio Training School at Indore, Wildlife Institute of India, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, CCMB, legal luminaries and conservation advocates shared their knowledge and experience with the participants. On-field training conducted by the 'Special Task Force' who nabbed the Veerappan group was one of the major attractions of this workshop.



7. Training program on Study and Identification of Moths and Butterflies: This program,



facilitated by resource persons from BNHS and Ladybird Environment Consulting, was organised from September 7th to 10th, 2015.



The program introduced the participants to moths and butterflies, with tips for their identification, techniques for photographing and photo-documentation. There was also a demonstration sessions on light trap techniques and baiting techniques. There were 20 participants including BFOs, Watchers and Guides from Parambikulam Tiger Reserve and other protected areas.

8. **Workshop on Forest Rights Act:**

This was organized in association with WWF on September 23, 2015. Various stakeholders like FRC members, VSS President and Secretaries, Oorumoopan, Panchayat Secretary, Officers from Tribal



Department took part in this workshop. Details of claim and post claim processes involved in the settlement of Community Rights were discussed.

9. **Training on identification of common amphibians:** This training programme was conducted on 14.10.2015 as part of amphibian survey. Frontline staff, anti-poaching watchers and naturalists participated in this programme. Mr. Jobin Kuruvila, amphibian expert served as resource person. The participants were told about the basic aspects in the identification of amphibian and they were explained about common amphibian species found in Parambikulam.

10. **Induction training for newly recruited Forest Watchers:** The induction training for newly recruited forest watchers was organised by Silent Valley National Park with the



financial assistance from PaTCoF. A total of 34 newly recruited Forest Watchers from Palakkad District were given training on various aspects. The Duration of the training programme was 7 days from 19.01.2016 to 26.01.2016. Officials from Forest and Police Departments served as resource persons for the training programme.

11. **Training for conducting 8 Day Protocol as part of Tiger Monitoring:** Monitoring of Tiger, Co-predators and prey populations is the prime activity to assess the status of tiger population in the Tiger Reserve and adjoining landscape. As part of this, 8 day protocol or Transect Survey was conducted from 23.11.2015 to 28.11.2015 in the entire Tiger Reserve including Core and Buffer area of adjoining Forest Divisions. To train the staff to conduct



the survey simultaneously in all the Divisions, a series of training programmes were organized on 17, 18 and 19th of November 2015. A total of 150 field staff and anti-poaching watchers were trained.

12. **Training to staff and watchers on Camera trapping and PIPs:** Tiger Monitoring is one of the prime activities of Parambikulam Tiger Reserve. The support of the field staff is essential to carry out this activity simultaneously over a large area. In order to develop the technical competency among the field staff and watchers in handling the camera traps and other tools used in Tiger Monitoring, this training programme was organized during the month of January and February 2016. In this programme, 180 members including staff



and watchers participated.

14. Training programme on Court Procedure and Case Investigations:

This training programme was conducted at Anappady to create awareness among the field staff about the procedures to be followed in cases related to forests and wildlife, during the process of investigation and also while



dealing with the case before the court. In the 1st day of the programme, students from Govt. Law College, Thrissur conducted a moot court showing court procedures related to prosecution of wildlife offences. On the 2nd day, Public Prosecutor from JFMC, Chittur and ADCF, Malayattoor Division shared their experiences in investigation of cases related to wildlife offences. About 25 field staff participated in this training programme.

IV. Exhibitions & Awareness Programmes

1. **Conducting Fire awareness camp at Parambikulam and adjoining areas in Kavala, Kalchady, Mangalam Dam Forest Station, Thekkady Colony:** About 100 persons



including tourists, Forest Officials, Officials of other Departments of Kerala and Tamil Nadu, Naturalists, Watchers and local people were participated in the procession. The



procession started about 9 am in the morning. They carried placards and banners depicting slogans regarding forest conservation and its importance. Police officials, PHC officials and the PAP officials appreciated the importance of protection and conservation of forests. Similar type of camps conducted at tribal colonies of adjoining Nemmara Forest Division.

2. As part of **Global Tiger Day (29th July) celebration**, an awareness rally was organised at Anappady by involving the Naturalists, staff and school children. Awareness rallies were organised in Chalakkudy, Vazhachal and Nemmara also, in association with the respective Forest Divisions. Promotional materials related to this campaign were distributed to the participants during this occasion.



3. **Wildlife Quiz** programme was organised on the eve of Global Tiger Day. High School students from various schools of Chittur Taluk took part in this event. The screening round was held at Chittur Municipality Auditorium and final round was held at Anappady.



4. Awareness on Plastic reduction:

An awareness programme was organised on 28.04.15 and 29.04.2015 with the objective of reducing the usage of plastic bags and proper disposal of used bags, among the local people as well as the visiting tourists.

5. Awareness Rally During Wildlife Week Celebration:

The closing ceremony of the State Level Wildlife Week Celebration was held at Thrissur on 08.10.2015. Parambikulam Tiger Conservation Foundation organised an Awareness Rally and also Photo Exhibition on this occasion. More than 500 people like school



children, college students and members of Ecodevelopment Committees, carrying the message of wildlife conservation participated in the colourful rally.

6. Kanasangamam photo exhibition:

Kanasangamam photo exhibition was held at Kanakakkunnu Palace, Thiruvananthapuram from 18.04.2015 to 22.04.2015. In this exhibition, about 200 photographs of more than 50 professional and amateur photographers were displayed. The exhibition was open to public for almost a week. About 2000 people / day visited this Photo Exhibition.

7. Vanavismayam photo exhibition:

As part of World Environment Day 2015, the Foundation organized a photographic exhibition from June 5th to 7th, 2015 at Chembai Memorial Music College, Palakkad. Photographic skills of naturalists, watchers and front-line staff of



Parambikulam Tiger Reserve got exposed through the exhibition. About 150 photographs covering landscape, flora and fauna of the Reserve were exhibited. This exhibition was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala. About 5000 visitors visited the exhibition. The event was well-received by the media.

8. **Photo Exhibition** on the eve of Global Tiger Day was organized at the Collectorate, Palakkad. The event, in addition to photo exhibition, also attempted creating awareness through the display of educational posters.
9. **Photo exhibition at Little Flower College, Guruvayur:** As part of National Seminar on "Ecological Undertones in Literature and Popular Culture" held on 17th and 18th September 2015, a photo exhibition was organized at Little Flower College, Guruvayur.

V. Field Visits

The following exposure visit were organized during reporting period to provide exposure to various stakeholders about best practices related to conservation.



Sl. No.	Date	Participants	Place	No. of Days	No. of Participants
1	12.05.2015	Wildlife Wardens	Nature Conservation Foundation, Valparai	1	6
2	27.10.15 to 28.10.15	Anti-poaching watchers & Naturalists	Idukki, Munnar, Eravikulam	2	25
3	07.12.15 to 08.12.15	Anti-poaching watchers & Naturalists	Idukki, Munnar, Eravikulam	2	25
4	09.12.15 to 10.12.15	Anti-poaching watchers & Naturalists	Thrissur, Thattekkad, Ernakulam	2	25

5	14.12.15 to 15.12.15	Anti-poaching watchers & Naturalists	Thrissur, Thattekkad, Ernakulam	2	25
6	16.12.15 to 17.12.15	Anti-poaching watchers & Naturalists	Thrissur, Thattekkad, Ernakulam	2	25
7	19.12.15 to 20.12.15	Anti-poaching watchers & Naturalists	Idukki, Munnar, Eravikulam	2	25
8	21.12.15 to 22.12.15	Anti-poaching watchers & Naturalists	Idukki, Munnar, Eravikulam	2	25
9	09.02.2016 to 11.02.2016	Field Staff & Ministerial staff of PKMTR	Wayanad, Mudumalai and Bandipur	3	30
10	16.02.2016 to 18.02.2016	Field Staff & Ministerial staff of PKMTR	Wayanad, Mudumalai and Bandipur	3	30
11	20.02.2016 to 12.02.2016	Field Staff & Ministerial staff of PKMTR	Wayanad, Mudumalai and Bandipur	3	30
12	05.03.2016 to 07.03.2016	Staff of Field Directions office	Wayanad, Mudumalai and Bandipur	2	26

Visits made by other organizations

As part of study tour and exposure visits, Parambikulam Tiger Reserve had the following visitors during last year. Technical/professional inputs for these exposure visits were provided by PaTCoF.



Sl. No.	Name of Organization	Date of visit	No. of Participants
1	Field Staff of Kudremukh National Park, Karnataka Forest Department	28.06.2015 & 29.06.2015	32
2	Drivers EDC members of Silent Valley National Park	10.07.2015 & 11.07.2015	25
3	Students from College of Forestry and Research Institute, TNAU, Mettupalayam	26.07.2015	52

4	Forestry College, KAU, Mannuthy	03.11.2015	32
5	Beat Forest Officer Trainees, SFTI, Walayar	09.11.2015	36
6	Ministerial Staff of Silent Valley National Park	21.11.2015 & 22.11.2015	35
7	Range Forest Officer Trainees, Telungana State Forest Training Institute, Dullapilly, Hyderabad	11.11.2015	68
8	Section Forest Officer Trainees, SFTI, Arippa	12.11.2015	40
9	EDC members of Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary	15.12.2015 & 16.12.2015	42
10	Beat Forest Officer Trainees, SFTI, Walayar	04.01.2016 & 05.01.2016	45
11	Frontline staff of Mizoram Forest Department	25.01.2016 & 26.01.2016	20
12	State Forest Service Officers from CASFOS, Coimbatore	28.01.2016	40

VI Ecodevelopment Activities

Following activities were carried out during the reporting period in the various settlements of the Tiger Reserve.

1. Financial assistance was given for the installation of Solar Lighting System in classrooms of Govt. Lower Primary School, Thekkady.
2. Foundation has engaged a teacher at the Govt. Tribal Lower Primary School, Sungam, to support educational activities of the tribal students.
3. Parambikulam being a remote area, the tribals living here face difficulty in availing the services provided by various Govt. organizations. For instance, a person to register himself in Employment Registration office, has to spend the entire day at the employment office at Chittur. To facilitate employment registration of the educated tribal youth, Foundation has organized Employment Registration Camp at Parambikulam, wherein 152 youths got benefited.



4. Parambikulam Tiger Conservation Foundation has organised Postal Savings and Insurance campaign in association with Postal Department in February 2016 to spread the awareness about Savings and insurance among the tribal people.
5. Providing Educational Assistance: Following activities were carried out as part of educational assistance programme of the Foundation.
 - Provided 100 copies of educational package of tribal dialect, designed by Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation, to the pre-nursery kids of different tribal colonies of Parambikulam.



- Provided financial assistance to 30 youths to take up 3 months Vocational training course conducted by ICICI Academy for Skill, Coimbatore.



- Provided utensils and storage bins to the Kitchen and Dining hall and furniture to the reading room of Sungam Pre-metric hostel.



6. **Skill Development Programme:** As part of skill development programme for the tribal youths, the following training programmes were organised.

- 15 days Training on Heavy Vehicle Driving for Tribal youths on May 2015 at Kollengode.
- Two days Training on Soap making at IRTC, Mundur – 06.11.2015 & 07.11.2015 – 10 participants
- Crochet Art Training to 15 tribal ladies from different tribal colonies. The crochet products produced by the trained ladies are now being sold at Vanasree Ecoshop at Anappady.
- Organized study tour for 60 members of Buffer EDCs to Sargalaya Craft village, Irungal and MSSRF and Uravu, Wayanad, to provide exposure for the members on handicraft making and organic farming.



- Supplied tools and implements for the handicraft unit
- Training on Mushroom cultivation for the EDC members at RATTC, Malampuzha on 02.12.2015 & 03.12.2015



- Training on Bamboo handicraft was organised for EDC members at Uravu, Wayanad from 12.01.2016 to 21.01.2016. Twelve EDC members were trained in this programme.

VII. Staff welfare

As part of the staff welfare activities, four LPG connections were given and field ration is being provided to the staff working in Division and Range offices.