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To

All Members
Standing Committee of NBWL

Sub: Minutes of 53rd Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life- reg.

Sir / Madam,

Kindly find enclosed copy of the Minutes of 53rd Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 25th February 2019 through Video Conference under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Yours faithfully,


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- (1) Secretary, MoEF&CC
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- (3) Member Secretary, NTCA
- (4) ADGF(FC), MoEF&CC
- (5) ADGF(WL), MoEF&CC
- (6) Director, WII, Dehradun
- (7) Director, GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- (8) Prof. R. Sukumar, Member, NBWL
- (9) Dr. H.S. Singh, Member, NBWL
- (10) Pr. Secretary (Dept. of Envi., Forest, Science & Tech.), Govt. of Andhra Pradesh
- (11) Shri Noyal Thomas, IGF & Director (PE)

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- (1) PS to Hon'ble MoEF&CC
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The Standing Committee noted that the issues whether wildlife clearance cases pertaining to the State of Jammu and Kashmir, the proposals falling within notified ESZ around conservation / community Reserves and the proposals in conservation / community reserves should be considered by the National Board for Wild Life, has already been discussed under Agenda Item No. 2 and the appropriate action on the report is to be taken by the Ministry. However till the final decision is taken the Standing Committee will continue considering such proposals.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to the conditions that

- (a) The project proponent will comply with all the conditions imposed by the State Chief Wildlife Warden.
- (b) The annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions should be submitted by the project proponent to the State Chief Wildlife Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wildlife Warden to Govt. of India (GoI).

53.3.3 Construction of Bursar Hydroelectric Power Project falling within a distance of 10 km from the boundary of Kashtwar High Altitude National Park

The IGF(WL) briefed the Standing Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves use of 1149.0 ha of forestland and 61.67 ha of Govt. land for the construction of Bursar Hydroelectric Power Project with two Power Houses, Surface Power House Complex of 680 MW (4 x 170 MW) capacity on the right bank of river Marusudar near village Lopara and another 120 MW (3 x 36 MW) Dam Toe Power House at Pakal located within 10 km from the boundary of Kashtwar High Altitude National Park. He added that the State Chief Wildlife Warden has recommended the proposal with following conditions:

- (1) During construction of Bursar HEP Project, user agency shall abide by the rules and regulations of Hon'ble Supreme Court and follow provisions of the Jammu & Kashmir Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1978 (amended till date) strictly.
- (2) Noise pollution due to blasting and drilling will be as per permissible limits / standards.
- (3) The user agency will follow the eco-friendly engineering practices throughout during the construction work.

- (4) No mining operations shall be carried out within the boundary of the Kashtwar High Altitude National Park.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the project subject to the conditions that

- (a) The project proponent will comply with all the conditions imposed by the State Chief Wildlife Warden.
- (b) The annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions should be submitted by the project proponent to the State Chief Wildlife Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wildlife Warden to GoI.

53.3.4 Diversion of 12.218 ha of sanctuary land for construction of intake well, overhead tank and laying of underground water distribution pipeline for drinking water supply in 33 villages including 14 villages inside Sardarpur Kharmor Wildlife Sanctuary, Madhya Pradesh.

The IGF(WL) briefed the Standing Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the diversion of 12.218 ha of forestland from the Sardarpur Kharmor Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of intake well, overhead tank and laying of underground water distribution pipeline for drinking water supply in 33 villages. He added that the State Chief Wildlife Warden has recommended the proposal with following conditions:

- (1) 5% of total cost of the project would be deposited by the user agency in the account of Madhya Pradesh Tiger Foundation.
- (2) As per rules, NPV amount would be deposited in Madhya Pradesh CAMPA funds.
- (3) Due to the construction activity, forests / water bodies would not be disturbed and no damage would be made to the vegetation / wildlife / aquatic life.
- (4) Electric insulating wires would be used by the project proponent.
- (5) No other area other than the permitted area in the sanctuary area would be used by the user agency or its contractor.
- (6) User agency would comply the provision of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the project subject to the conditions that

- (a) The project proponent will comply with all the conditions imposed by the State Chief Wildlife Warden.