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As per field verification submitted by RO(WL) Sangla vide his letter No. 485/ SL dated 18.02.2008, the proposed project site as per map shown by the user agency neither fall in Lippa-Asrang Wildlife Sanctuary as per notification dated 7.9.2001 nor excluded area notification No FFE-B-07(6) 2/99-II dated 16.3.2002 U/S 18 of wildlife protection Act, 1972. This site is downward 6 KM from Lippa-Asrang (WL) Sanctuary and 3 KM from Lippa Village upward.

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F.No.6-47/2014 WL (31st Meeting)
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Dated: 43.12.2014.

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forests,
Government of Himachal Pradesh,
Tallend, Shimla-171002.

Sub: Minutes of the 31st Meeting of Standing Committee of NBWL.

Sir,

During the 31st Meeting of Standing Committee of NBWL held on 12th-13th August 2014 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Environment, Forests and Climate Change, the following proposals pertaining to your State were considered. The relevant portion of the decision taken in respect of the proposals is reproduced below:

1. *Proposals of M/s V.K. Walia (M/s Sangrah Limestone Mine-lease area 8.0555 ha) and M/s Bhootmarhi Limestone Mine lease area 32.57 ha) distt. Sirmour, Himachal Pradesh. The proposed sites are 8.5 and 8.75 km from the Renukaji Wildlife Sanctuary.*
2. *Proposals of M/s V.K. Walia (M/s Sangrah Limestone Mine-lease area 8.0555 ha) distt. Sirmour, Himachal Pradesh. The proposed sites are 8.5 from the Renuka Wildlife Sanctuary.*

Both the proposals were taken up together for discussion.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee regarding the proposals. The representative of State Government of Himachal Pradesh mentioned that these proposals involve limestone mine for M/s Bhootmarhi Limestone mine of lease area 32.57 ha and M/s Sangrah Limestone Mine of lease area 8.0555 ha. It was also informed that the mine sites are located about 8.5 kms from the boundary of Renuka Wildlife Sanctuary. Check ESZ status please.

After discussion, considering that the mines are situated far away from the Renuka Dam and sanctuary, the Standing Committee recommended the proposals subject to the condition that 2% of the project cost shall be deposited as mitigation measures /conservation and management of wildlife of the Protected Area.

3. *Proposal for expansion of Kashlog Limestone mining project (3.3 MTPA to 5.5 MTPA) at villages Kashlog, Mangu, Patti, Chola, Gyana, Rauri and Sangoi Distt., Solan, Himachal Pradesh.*

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee regarding the proposal. The representative of the State Government of Himachal Pradesh mentioned that the proposal was

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for expansion of Kashlog Limestone mining project at villages Kashlog, Mangu, Patti, Chola, Gyana, Rauri and Sangoi in district Solan. The mining area is 1.20 km from Majathal Wildlife Sanctuary and 8.25 km from Darlaghat Conservation Reserve. He also mentioned that Government of Himachal Pradesh had proposed an eco-sensitive zone of 1.5 kms around the Majathal sanctuary except on the boundary abutting the Sutlej river.

After discussions, the Standing Committee recommended the proposal subject to the condition that 2% of the project cost shall be deposited as mitigation measures /conservation and management of wildlife of the Protected Area. The project proponents shall also take mitigation measures suggested by the Wildlife warden and WLW shall monitor the state of mitigation and order necessary measures, if and when required for maintaining the ecological status of the zone.

4. Proposal for expansion of Clinkerisation unit (1.8 MTPA to 2.6 MTPA) at vill. Rauri and Limestone Mining (5.5 MTPA to 7.6 MTPA) at vill. Kashlog, Mangu and Pati, Tehsil Arki, Distt. Solan, H.P.
5. Proposal for 1.8 MTPA Clinkerisation Plant of M/s Ambuja Cements Ltd., located at village Rauri, PO Darlaghat, Tehsil Arki, District Solan, Himachal Pradesh. The proposed proposal is 3.95 km from Majathal Wildlife Sanctuary and 7.00 km from Darlaghat Conservation Reserve.
6. Proposal for expansion of existing cement plant of M/s Ambuja Cement Ltd., (2.0 MTPA to 2.6 MTPA clinker) located at Vill., Suli, PO Darlaghat, Tehsil, Arki, Distt., Solan, H.P.

The above mentioned three proposals were taken up together for discussion.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee regarding the proposals. The representative of the State Government of Himachal Pradesh and also the representatives of the user agency explained that these proposals were for expansion of Clinkerisation unit and Limestone Mining and also for expansion of Cement Plant. The proposed site is 1.20 km and 3.95 km away from Majathal Wildlife Sanctuary and that the Darlaghat Conservation Reserve is 8.25 km from the mining area and 7.0 km from the clinker unit.

After discussions, the Standing Committee recommended the proposals subject to the condition that 2% of the project cost shall be deposited as mitigation measures /conservation and management of wildlife of the Protected Area. A system for periodic, not more than annual monitoring and review of the ecological impact will be set up by the Wildlife wing of the state for this area and appropriate mitigation measures will be taken by the project proponents as ordered by the wildlife warden after review.

7. Proposal for M/s Jaypee Himachal regarding augmentation of clinker capacity of existing Cement Plant at Bagga and enhancing the production capacity within its existing mine leasehold area of 332 ha, Himachal Pradesh.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee regarding the proposal. The representative of the State Government informed that the proposed site was 5.550 kms from the boundary of

Majathal Sanctuary and 9.9 kms from Bandli Sanctuary. It was informed that no additional area was required for this purpose.

After discussion, the Standing Committee recommended the proposal subject to the condition that 2% of the project cost shall be deposited as mitigation measures /conservation and management of wildlife of the Protected Area. The state CWLW shall set up a process of periodic; not exceeding yearly, review of the ecological status/impact of the project in the area and the instructions related to mitigation measures shall be implemented by the project proponent.

8. **Proposal for integrated Kashiang Hydro Electric Power, (IKHEP 243 MW, Stage-I, II, III & IV) Distt., Kinnaur being implemented by the HP Power Corp. Ltd. (The proposed site is 1.5 km from Lippa-Asrang Wildlife Sanctuary)**

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee regarding the proposal. The Representative of the State Government of Himachal Pradesh mentioned that the proposed site was 6 km horizontal distance from Lippa-Asrang Wildlife Sanctuary and as informed by the project proponents, the project is being taken up underground and surface activities are limited to construction phase and were of temporary in nature and that the project area is downstream to the Sanctuary.

After discussions, the Standing Committee recommended the proposal subject to the condition that 2% of the project cost shall be deposited as mitigation measures /conservation and management of wildlife of the Protected Area

9. **Proposal for mining project (area 10.25 ha) with production capacity of 54,400 TPA (Khasra No.283/3/1) on river Yamuna, distt. Sirmour, Himachal Pradesh by M/s Mahender Singh & Co. (The proposed site is within 8.5 kms from the Simbalwara National Park).**

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee regarding the proposal. The representative of the State Government of Himachal Pradesh explained about the project.

After discussion, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal as the Environment Clearance for the project was still awaited.

10. **Proposal for construction of 45 MW Rupin Hydro Electric Project in Tehsil Dodra-Kwar, Distt. Shimla, H.P. by M/s Bajrang Power & Ispat Ltd.**

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee regarding the proposal. The representative of State of Himachal Pradesh mentioned that the proposal involved construction of 45 MW Rupin Hydro Electric Project in Tehsil Dodra-Kwar. The Power House Point and Barrage site is 1.75 km and 6 km away from the Boundary of Govind pashu Vihar Sanctuary/National Park.

The Standing Committee desired to seek the opinion of the Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttarakhand on this proposal as the project site was within 10 kms. of a Protected Area of

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Uttarakhand. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttarakhand mentioned that he was in agreement with the proposal subject to implementation of a wildlife management plan.

After discussion, the Standing Committee decided that the State of Himachal Pradesh, the project proponent have consultation with Wildlife Institute of India and Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttarakhand and that the Project Proponent shall find the wildlife management plan of both Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh."

11. Proposal for diversion of 0.3514 ha of forestland falling in Majathal Wildlife Sanctuary for drawing water from Pazeena Khad in favour of Executive Engineer, I&PH Division Arki, District Solan, H.P.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee regarding the proposal. Dr. R. Sukumar desired to know whether FC clearance for the project would be involved or not and moreover, as it involved drawl of water from the Sanctuary, the proposal required a careful look. The Standing Committee, therefore, decided to defer the matter and in the meantime, to circulate a copy of the proposal to all the members"

The above recommendation(s) are subject to the existing directives of Hon'ble Supreme Court and provisions of Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully

R. Raja Sekhar 03/12/11
(Rajasekhar Ratti)

Scientist 'C'/Deputy Director (WL)

Copy to:

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
2. The Addl.Pr.Chief Conservator of Forests, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Regional Office (NEZ), Bays No.24-25, Sector 31-A, Dakshim Marg, Chandigarh-160022.
3. The Engineering Chief, Irrigation cum public health division, US Club, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.
4. The Joint Secretary, I.A. Division, MoEF & CC.
5. The Inspector General of Forests, FC Division, MoEF & CC.

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copy to CCF wildlife Shimla for information & lfa. He may ensure the compliance of the proceedings of the meeting under intimation to this office.

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