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To Chief Wild Life Wardens All States/UTs

Sub: Cost of mitigation measures due to impact of developmental activities in National Parks, Sanctuaries, their Eco-Sensitive Zones, Tiger Reserves and Tiger Corridors - reg.

Sir.

The Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life, in its 65<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021, discussed issues relating to mitigation measures that are required to be undertaken to reduce the impact of activities inside **National Parks**, **Sanctuaries**, **Eco**-Sensitive Zones, Tiger Reserves and tiger corridors. The Committee observed that the cost imposed on user agencies for implementing mitigation measures is often not based on the impact of the activities proposed in the project. The Committee also observed that instead of imposing a uniform cost on all projects, it would be more appropriate if mitigation measures are suggested by the Chief Wild Life Wardens for each project.

The Committee, therefore, decided that measures to mitigate the impact of projects should be part of project proposals. The Committee further decided that instead of imposing a fixed cost, mitigation measures and costs associated with such measures should be prescribed while recommending project proposals.

In view of the above, it is requested that project proposals submitted to the Standing Committee for its consideration should be accompanied with details of mitigation measures. It is further requested that instead of imposing a fixed cost on the user agency, the Chief Wild Life Wardens should mention the estimated cost of implementing the proposed mitigation measures.

Yours faithfully,

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