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AGENDA No. 1**1.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the 19th Meeting of the State Board for Wildlife**

(SBWL) held on 21st September, 2022.

The 19th meeting of State Board for Wildlife was held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Shri. Eknath Shinde, Chief Minister, Maharashtra State and Chairman of State Wildlife Board on 21/09/2022 from Mantralaya, Mumbai through video-conferencing. The minutes of meeting were approved vide Government letter no. WLP 07.22/CR.199/F-1, dated 13/10/2022. The approved minutes were circulated to the Hon'ble Members of SBWL by Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra State vide letter No. Desk-23(2)/WL/Survey/CR.54/1975, dated 19/10/2022. The members have not submitted any suggestion or objection. It is requested to accord approval to the minutes of 19th State Board for Wildlife meeting held on 21/09/2022. Minutes of the meeting of the 19th State Board for Wildlife is attached here with as **Annexure I.**

1.2 Action Taken Report on the decision taken in 19th meeting of the State Board for Wildlife held on 21/09/2022.

Action Taken Report on the decisions of the 19th meeting of SBWL is attached herewith as **Annexure. II**

AGENDA No. 3 Proposals to seek wildlife clearances for Projects in Protected Areas and Eco-Sensitive Zones/Tiger Corridors.

- 3.1 Proposal for mining at 99.95 ha. forest land Guguldoh Manganese Ore Block in village Manegaon Tal. Ramtek Dist. Nagpur [*Pench -Navegaon -Nagzira- Tiger Reserve-Umred Pauni-Karhandala Sanctuary Tiger Corridor*]

1	Name of user agency	M/S Shanti GD Spat & Power Pvt. Ltd., Raipur.
2	Date of submission by user agency	16/09/2022 and 10/02/2023
3	Whether proposal is sub-judice	No
4	Name of the Protected Area involved	The said project is not included in any protected area or Eco-Sensitive Zone, but 38.554 ha. forest area is involved in this project. The project area falls within wildlife corridor of Pench Tiger Reserve-Navegaon Nagzira Tiger Reserve and Umred-Pavani-Karhandala Sanctuary.
5	Area of the Protected Area	Nil
6	Location of the Project	Project site forest block no. 293 is in Area : Ramtech Circle : Chichda Destination: Manegaon Department : Nagpur Forest Department Nagpur
7	Details of total area required	Forest area: 99.95 ha. Revenue Area : 5.05 ha. Total : 105.00.
8	Status of ESZ, Draft/Finally notified, if any	- Proposed project is 9.10 km away from core of the Pench Tiger Reserve. 5.40 km away from the notified Eco Sensitive of Pench Tiger Reserve. - Final Notification of Eco- Sensitive Zone of Pench Tiger Reserve has been published by the Central Government on 13/09/2017. - The boundary of the Eco Sensitive Zone varies from 0.12 to 9.5 km from the Protected Area boundary.

9	Length/Area of the Project within ESZ/deemed ESZ	Out of 105.00 ha, total area 38.554 ha. of area falls within the wildlife corridor.
10	Total number of trees to be felled	A total of 35703 tree fellings are proposed for the said project, out of which 14970 tree fellings are proposed in the tiger corridor.
11	Total cost of the Project	The total estimated cost of the proposed project is Rs. 18.34 Crore, out of which Rs. 7.00 Crore is the estimated amount in the Tiger Corridor.
12	Justification of the Project	The said manganese ore zone is site specific and the density of manganese ore in the Guguldoh Manganese ore block is excellent. The forest land in the said project needs to be diverted, otherwise its manganese and mineral reserves will remain unused.
13	Recommendation of the Chief Wildlife Warden	The present proposal was received on 16/09/2022. In the 19th meeting of the State Wildlife Board, the board had discussed and given the following decision. <i>"The board directed to prepare a complete mitigation plan and submit a complete proposal from a reputed organization having expertise in this field and decided to consider the proposal after compliance of instructions."</i> As per the above decision of the board, the project authority has got prepared a mitigation plan from the Director Chandrapur Forest Academy, Chandrapur. As the project authority fulfills the conditions given by the Board, the project is being resubmitted for the decision of the State Wildlife Board with the following terms and conditions. 1. According to the decision taken by the State Wildlife Board in its 19th meeting, 4% of the project cost of the tiger corridor part should be deposited with the Pench Tiger Conservation Foundation, Nagpur for wildlife conservation and development work in the state. 2. The proposed mitigation-measures should be implemented by the project authority.

Minutes of the 20th Meeting of the State Board for Wildlife (SBWL) dated 02.05.2023

The 20th Meeting of the State Board for Wildlife was held on 2nd May, 2023 at 03.00 pm in Mantralaya, Mumbai under the Chairmanship of Shri. Eknath Shinde, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Maharashtra State. The list of members present is attached herewith as Annexure-I.

Chairman of the Board and majority of the member attended the meeting personally at Mantralaya, Mumbai, Hon'ble Shri. Sudhir Mangankar, Minister (Forest, Cultural affair and fisheries) and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HOFF) attended the meeting by video- conferencing from Van Bhavan, Nagpur. At the outset, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and Member Secretary, State Board for Wildlife welcomed Hon'ble Chairman and the Chief Minister, Maharashtra State, Vice Chairman and Minister (Forests, Cultural Affairs and Fishery) and other members of the Board. Member Secretary informed the Board that soft copy of Agenda Item and Notes were circulated in advance to members of the Board. Hard copy of Agenda and Note is circulated to members present in the meeting. The present strength of State Board for Wildlife is 17 and 14 members are present in the meeting. With the permission of Chair the meeting was started. Member Secretary put forth abstract of the agenda of the meeting before the board.

General subject	02	(Confirmation of last meeting minutes and review of action taken)
Special subject	03	(Achievement in wildlife management, constitution of Standing Committee of Board, Daand-Manmud railway project rectification of condition)
Approval of Development work	21	(9 OFC cable, 5 Road, 2 Railway, 1 Irrigation, 1 Transmission line, 1 Airport, 1 Chemical factory and 1 Mining proposal)
Subject with permission of Chair	01	(Transmission line through Thane Sanctuary)

 Hon'ble Vice Chairman of State Wildlife Board and Minister (Forests, Cultural Affairs and Fishery) informed the Board that due to some important pre-engagements he has to leave the meeting early so he want to give his views/comments on all the subject in the agenda in the start of meeting and then Board can discuss and decide the issues. Hon'ble Chairman had permitted the Vice Chairman to offer their comments/remarks/suggestion on

the all project. The Vice Chairmen offer his remark on each and every agenda item as follows;

Agenda Item	Subject	Remarks/Suggestions of Vice-Chairman
1.1	Confirmation of the minutes of Meeting of 19 th State Board for Wildlife (SBWL) held on 21 st September, 2022.	No objection to confirm the minutes.
1.2	Action Taken Report on the decision taken in 19 th meeting of the State Board for Wildlife held on 21.09 2022.	Out of 18 th approved Conservation Reserve proposal for all remaining conservation reserve should be submitted immediately.
2.	Highlights of wildlife management issues and Achievements	For increase of Tiger numbers in State and improvement of grade of Tiger Reserves Forest Department should be congratulated.
3.	Development project passing through Sanctuary, Eco-Sensitive Zone and Wildlife Corridors. Total = 21 Proposal 3.1 to 3.10 3.11 to 3.13 - 19 projects 3.15 to 3.21	There are 21 proposals for development out of which 9 of OFC 5 of Road up-gradation, 2 of Railway line, 1 of Lift Irrigation, 1 of Transmission Line, 1 of Airport and 1 of Magnesite Mine. Out of 21 Proposal I have no objection in approving 19 projects at Agenda No. 3.1 to 3.10, 3.12, 3.13, 3.14 to 3.21.
	3.11 and 3.14	Proposal No. 3.11 Bamni to Telangana Border Road widening and strengthening and proposal no. 3.14 Govindpur to Rajura Road widening and strengthening, the felling of 6805 and 5140 tree respectively are involved in the project but project authority had not indicated the

		compensatory tree planting plan. So get the plan of compensatory tree planting from project authority and till then keep both project be kept pending.
4.	Constitution of Standing Committee of State Board of Wildlife.	As the Standing Committee constitution involves the delegation of the authority of Board, more discussion and deliberation are needed at administrative level so the issue should be brought before board after due consultations.
5.	To rectify the recommendation in Dound - Munnad Railway line project.	The project of doubling of railway line from Dound to Munnad was recommended in 19 th meeting of board. The project was started before wildlife clearance, so 1% of total cost of project was imposed as penalty. Railway authority requested to imposed penalty only on the part passing through sanctuary I recommend not to accept the request of railway.

Vice-Chairman State Board for Wildlife offered his remarks on all subjects and requested Board and Chairperson to take necessary decision. Vice-Chairman took leave from the meeting.

All the present member of State Board for Wildlife heard the remarks and suggestions made by Vice-Chairman and did not add any more suggestions. The Chairman after considering the suggestion of Vice-Chairman took following decisions;

Agenda Item No	Subject	State Board for Wildlife decision
AGENDA No. 1		
1.1	Confirmation of the minutes of the 19th Meeting of the State Board for Wildlife (SBWL) held on 21 st September, 2022.	Board confirmed the minutes of 19 th meeting.
1.2	Action Taken Report on the decision taken in 19 th meeting of the State Board for Wildlife held on 21-09-2022.	Pending conservation reserve area proposals should be submitted to the government immediately.
AGENDA No. 2	Highlights of wildlife management issues and achievements.	The forest department is being congratulated for increase in the number of tigers in the state and raising the status of the tiger reserve of the state.
AGENDA No. 3	Proposals to seek wildlife clearances for Projects in Protected Areas and Eco-Sensitive Zones/Tiger Corridors.	
3.1	Proposal for mining at 99.95 ha. forest land Garguloh Manganese Ore Block in village Manegaon Tal. Ramtek Dist. Nagpur [Pench -Navegaon -Nagzira- Tiger Reserve-Umred Pauni-Karhandala Sanctuary Tiger Corridor]	The Board recommended that the said proposal be submitted to the National Board for Wildlife for its approval subject to the terms and conditions laid down by the Chief Wildlife Warden.
3.2	Proposal for Laying of underground OFC from Panvel to pen for providing high speed broadband connectivity to Gram-Panchayats along the Panvel-Pen road in Raigad District (in Karala Bird Sanctuary 1.5 km) in the State of Maharashtra. [Karala Bird Sanctuary]	The Board approved the proposal as per the condition proposed by Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Maharashtra State
3.3	M. Brahmaguwan Lift Irrigation Scheme -III, Near Old Lakhmapur village, Tal. Gangapur, Dist. Aurangabad. [Jaikwadi Bird Sanctuary and it's finally notified Eco-Sensitive Zone]	The Board recommended that the said proposal be submitted to the National Board for Wildlife for its approval subject to the terms and conditions laid down by the Chief Wildlife Warden.

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3.4	Proposal for approval for laying underground optical fiber cable on NHA-353 C from Allapalli to Sironcha (Aheri and Sironcha Tehsil, District Gadchiroli). [Pranhita Wildlife Sanctuary and it's finally notified Eco-Sensitive Zone]	The Board approved the proposal as per the condition proposed by Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Maharashtra State
3.5	Proposal for approval for laying of optical fiber cable along the road from Pavani (Nagpur District) to Bhandara border in the tiger corridor area. [Pench Tiger Reseve-Umred-Paoni - Karandhla Wildlife Sanctuary -Navegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve Tiger Corridor]	The Board approved the proposal as per the condition proposed by Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Maharashtra State
3.6	Proposal for approval for laying optical fiber cable along the road from Mansar in Nagpur district to Khawasa border in Madhya Pradesh under tiger corridor and environment sensitive area (Pench tiger project) area. [Pench Tiger Reseve-Umred-Paoni - Karandhla Wildlife Sanctuary - Navegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve Tiger Corridor & ESZ]	The Board approved the proposal as per the condition proposed by Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Maharashtra State
3.7	Proposal for approval of laying optical fiber cable along Nagpur District boundary to Chicholi (Bhandara District) State Highway No. - 337 and 356 in tiger corridor area. [Pench Tiger Reserve -Navegaon - Nagzira Tiger Reserve Tiger Corridor]	The Board approved the proposal as per the condition proposed by Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Maharashtra State
3.8	Proposal for conversion of existing Railway Narrow Gauge line into broad gauge line from Nagbhid station to Irwari Station in the jurisdiction of Nagpur Division of South	The Board recommended that the said proposal be submitted to the National Board for Wildlife for its approval subject to the terms and conditions laid

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	East Central Railway. [Umred-Paoni-Karhandla Sanctuary/Tadoba-Andhari-Umred-Paoni-Karhandla. Navegaon-Nagzira Tiger Corridor and Eco-Sensitive Zone of Umred -Paoni-Karhandla Wildlife Sanctuary]	down by the Chief Wildlife Warden.
3.9	Proposal for wildlife clearance of third railway line between Kalyan to Kasara Station of 67.62 km in Ulhasnagar, Kalyan and Sahapur Tulakas in Thane district. [Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary & it's Eco-Sensitive Zone]	The Board recommended that the said proposal be submitted to the National Board for Wildlife for its approval subject to the terms and conditions laid down by the Chief Wildlife Warden, and any mitigation suggested by the WIL
3.10	Proposal for wildlife clearance to Greenfield Airport, Chandrapur Mauza Vihirgion and Murthy falling in Deemed Eco-Sensitive Zone and Tiger Corridor. [Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve-Kawal Tiger Reserve Corridor, Kanhargaoon Wildlife Sanctuary & its Deemed ESZ]	The Board recommended that the said proposal be submitted to the National Board for Wildlife for its approval subject to the terms and conditions laid down by the Chief Wildlife Warden.
3.11	Submitting proposal for approval for 4-laning of existing NH-930 D 2-lane from Bamni to Telangana border. [Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve- Kanhargaoon WLS, Indrawati Tiger Reserve-Kawal Tiger Reserve corridor]	The Board recommended the proposal for submission to National Board for Wildlife with the conditions proposed by Chief Wildlife Warden. As this project involves felling of 6805 tree the project proponent should present details about compensatory tree plantation scheme before Hon'ble Vice Chairman State Board for Wildlife and Minister (Forest, Cultural Affairs and Fisheries) and obtain his approval.
3.12	Proposal for wildlife clearance for Construction of animal underpass at	The Board recommended that the said proposal be submitted to the National

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	Nagbhid-Bramhapuri-Armory Road, NH-353 D Km 109 & 111 falling within Tiger Corridor. (Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve -Pench Tiger Reserve -Navegaon-Nagazira Tiger Reserve and Unred Karhandla Wildlife Sanctuary-Tiger Corridor)	Board for Wildlife for its approval subject to the terms and conditions laid down by the Chief Wildlife Warden.
3.13	Proposal for wildlife clearance of expansion of Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Unit at Gut No. / S.No. 65 II.No.2 Paiki Village Gatesh Budruk, Talathi Saja Kone Taluka Wada, District Palghar, Maharashtra. (Deemed ESZ of Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary)	The Board recommended that the said proposal be submitted to the National Board for Wildlife for its approval subject to the terms and conditions laid down by the Chief Wildlife Warden.
3.14	Proposal for 4-laning of existing 2-lane from Govindpur to Rajura of NH-353 B in Maharashtra State. (Tadoba Andhari - Kawal Tiger Reserve corridor)	The Board recommended the proposal for submission to National Board for Wildlife with the conditions proposed by Chief Wildlife Warden. As this project involves felling of 5140 tree the project proponent should present details about compensatory tree plantation scheme before Hon'ble Vice Chairman State Board for Wildlife and Minister (Forest, Cultural Affairs and Fisheries) and obtain his approval.
3.15	Proposal for Upgrading of State Highway 277 (Borkhed to Varwand Road) Km. (60/00 to 67/200 totalling 7.200 km) passing through wildlife sanctuary. (Dnyanganga Wildlife Sanctuary)	The Board recommended that the said proposal be submitted to the National Board for Wildlife for its approval subject to the terms and conditions laid down by the Chief Wildlife Warden.
3.16	Proposal for laying of optical fiber cable along Kondhali-Savli Khu. Road (Nagpur	The Board approved the proposal as per the condition proposed by Principal

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	& Wardha District) passing through Eco-Sensitive Zone and Corridor. [Inside the Buffer of Bor Tiger Reserve overlapping ESZ and Corridor]	Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Maharashtra State
3.17	Proposal for lay underground optical fiber cable along New National Highway No. Gondia District 543 within Deori to Barnhani (Deori to Amgaon) route passing through Eco-Sensitive Zone. [Navegaon - Nagzira-Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve Tiger Corridor and Eco Sensitive Zone]	The Board approved the proposal as per the condition proposed by Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Maharashtra State
3.18	Proposal for lay underground optical fiber cable along State Highway Deori-Navegaon to Chichgarh T-Point passing through Eco-Sensitive Zone. [Navegaon Wildlife Sanctuary, Eco Sensitive Zone and Tiger Corridor]	The Board approved the proposal as per the condition proposed by Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Maharashtra State
3.19	Proposal of upgrading of existing State Highway 282 (Dadgaon to Pimpalgaon road) passing through wildlife sanctuary. [Karanja Sahal Wildlife Sanctuary]	The Board recommended that the said proposal be submitted to the National Board for Wildlife for its approval subject to the terms and conditions laid down by the Chief Wildlife Warden.
3.20	Proposal for laying 132 KV electric line from Mul substation to Sikom Chandrapur substation passing through Eco-Sensitive Zone & Tiger Corridor. [Eco-sensitive Zone and tiger corridors of Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve]	The Board recommended that the said proposal be submitted to the National Board for Wildlife for its approval subject to the terms and conditions laid down by the Chief Wildlife Warden.
3.21	Proposal to laying optical fiber cable along Gadchiroli-Karwal-Pendari road in Gadchiroli district passing through Tiger Corridor. [Corridor of Tadoba-Andhari	The Board approved the proposal as per the condition proposed by Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Maharashtra State

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	Tiger Reserve]	
4	Constitution of Standing Committee of State Board for Wildlife, as per Wildlife (Protection) Act amendment 2022.	After a thorough discussion at the administrative level as to which powers of the State Wildlife Board should be delegated to the Standing Committee, a detailed proposal should be placed in the next meeting of the Board.
5	To rectify the recommendation in Dound - Manmad Railway line project.	As decided in the 19 th State Board for Wildlife meeting, a penalty of 1% of the total project cost was imposed. The Railways authority request that the penalty should be levied only on the cost of project passing through the sanctuary. The Board rejected the request.
6	Other Agenda with the permission of the Chair	
6.1	Proposed 220 KV DC Kalwa-Salsette Transmission Line for seeking recommendation of Standing Committee of NBWL/SBWL. <i>[Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary and it's ESZ]</i>	The Board recommended the proposal for submission to National Board for Wildlife with the conditions proposed by Chief Wildlife Warden. The subject was put up before board with permission Hon'ble Chair. The project is for enhancing electric supply to Mumbai City by converting existing 110 KV transmission line to 220 KV transmission line. Only 62 meters length passes through Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary and no tower needs to be erected. The project is of public interest and hence early completion is necessary. Hon'ble Chairman gave his consent to recommend the project however he said

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		that the proposal should be placed before Hon'ble Vice Chairman for his approval and only after that the project should be forwarded to National Board for Wildlife for final approval.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair and the members.

Annexure - I20th Meeting of State Board for Wildlife Dated 02/05/2023.List of the Members Present in the Meeting.

Sr. No.	Name & Designation	Designation
1	Hon'ble Shri. Eknath Shinde, Chief Minister, Maharashtra	Chairman
2	Hon'ble Shri. Sudhir Mungantiwar, Minister (Forests, Cultural Affairs and Fisheries), Maharashtra	Vice-Chairman
3	Shri. B. Venugopal Reddy, Principal Secretary (Forests), Revenue and Forest Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai	Member
4	Principal Secretary, Tribal Development Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai	
5	Dr. Y.L.P. Rao, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur	
6	Smt. Jayashri Bhoj, Managing Director, Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation	
7	Dr. Atul Patane, Joint Commissioner, Fisheries Development Department	
8	Shri. Abhijit Shivdhare, Additional Inspector General of Police (Law & Order), Mumbai	
9	Shri. Yogesh Warkad, Regional Deputy Director, WCCB, Mumbai, Representative of Director of Wildlife Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.	
10	Dr. Bilal Habib, Scientist - E, Representative of Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun	
11	Dr. A. Bennamin, Representative of Botanical Survey of India	
12	Dr. Aparna Kalawate, Scientist - E, Representative of Zoological Survey of India	
13	Shri. S. S. Narvade, Representative of Bombay Natural History Society	
14	Dr. Anish Andheria, Representative of Wildlife Conservation Trust	Member-Secretary
15	Shri. Mahesh Gupta, Chief Wildlife Warden & Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra State, Nagpur	

