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To
All Members
Standing Committee of NBWL

Sub: Minutes of 47th Meeting of the Standing Committee of NBWL- reg.

Sir/Madam,

Kindly find enclosed copy of the Minutes of 47th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife held on **25th January 2018 at 01.00 PM in Teesta Conference Hall, I Floor, Vayu Block, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan**, New Delhi under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Yours faithfully,

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- (7) Director, GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar, Gujarat
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transportation system in the region. He added that the State CWLW has recommended the proposal and mentioned that the proposed project is of public interest.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions and mitigation measures stipulated by the CWLW and with the condition that Wildlife Mitigation Plan will be prepared and implemented by the CWLW / State Government at the project cost and standard mitigation measures suggested by the by the WII in its document named "*Eco-friendly Measures to Mitigate Impacts on Linear Infrastructures on Wildlife*" should be adopted by the user agency in consultation with the CWLW.

- 47.4.1.14**
- (1) Electrification of Datmer under DDUGY in District Uttarkashi, Block -Mori**
 - (2) Electrification of Nuranu under DDUGY in District Uttarkashi, Block -Mori**
 - (3) Electrification of Hatwari – Estergard under DDUGY in District Uttarkashi, Block - Mori**
 - (4) Electrification of Sewa under DDUGY in District Uttarkashi, Block - Mori**
 - (5) Electrification of Gangar, Pawani and Osla under DDUGY in District Uttarkashi, Block - Mori**

The DIGF(WL) briefed the Standing Committee on the proposals and stated that the proposals involves the cumulative diversion of 6.23 ha of forestland from Govind Pashu Vihar National Park for the electrification of Datmer (of length 1.20 km), Nuranu (of length 2.82 km), from Hatwari - Estergard (of length 2.89 km), Sewa (of length 0.6 km) and from Gangar - Pawani - Osla (of length 1.4 km) under Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gram Jyoti Scheme. The project would provide electricity to the households and for irrigation purpose in the region. He added that the State CWLW has recommended the proposal without imposing conditions and mentioned that the underground laying of electric lines should be explored as an alternative and more viable option than laying overhead wires. This would reduce felling and looping of trees and reduce the risk of accidental fire, electrocution of wildlife and possible future damage to the cables from falling branches and other reasons. The State CWLW requested the Standing Committee for an overhead laying of cable on tubular steel pole with 1 meter corridor.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions and mitigation measures stipulated by the CWLW with the condition that Wildlife Mitigation Plan will be prepared and implemented by the CWLW / State Government at the project cost and standard mitigation measures suggested by the by the WII in its document

named "Eco-friendly Measures to Mitigate Impacts on Linear Infrastructures on Wildlife" should be adopted by the user agency in consultation with the CWLW.

47.4.2 Proposals for taking up activities within 10 km from the boundaries of Protected Areas

- 47.4.2.1 (1) Proposal for use of 4.50 ha land for mining activity within 10 km ESZ of Kutch Desert Sanctuary (6.06 km away from the boundary)
- (2) Proposal for use of 4.50 ha land for mining activity within 10 km ESZ of Kutch Desert Sanctuary (6.17 km away from the boundary)
- (3) Proposal for use of 2.32 ha land for mining activity within 10 km ESZ of Kutch Desert Sanctuary (6.36 km away from the boundary)
- (4) Proposal for use of 4.50 ha land for mining activity within 10 km ESZ of Kutch Desert Sanctuary (5.99 km away from the boundary)

The DIGP(WL) briefed the Standing Committee on the proposal and stated that the projects involve the mining of limestone on private revenue land of 4.5 ha, 4.5 ha, 2.32 ha and 4.5 ha respectively of Ratadiya village and are situated at the distances of 6.06 km, 6.17 km, 6.36 km, and 5.99 km respectively away from the boundary of Kutch Desert Sanctuary. He added that the State CWLW has recommended the proposal with the following conditions:

- [1] The User Agency shall not destroy wildlife habitat including fauna and flora of the Kutch Desert Sanctuary.
- [2] The User Agency shall not take up any activity/dumping material/construction/filling of land in any manner which obstructs the natural flow of water.
- [3] The User Agency shall make permanent arrangement so that no polluted water enters sanctuary or any solid/liquid waste enters sanctuary area.
- [4] The User Agency will have to create 10 m wide green belt around mining area.
- [5] The User Agency shall prepare closure plan and ensure that the mining area is brought back to its original form on completion of mining activity.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the aforesaid four proposals along with the conditions and mitigation measures stipulated by the State CWLW and if required Wildlife Mitigation Plan will be prepared and implemented by the CWLW / State Government at the project cost.