

F. No.6-43/2007 WL-I (XIII)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment & Forests  
Wildlife Division

Paryavaran Bhawan  
CGO Complex, Lodi Road,  
New Delhi-110003  
Dated: 10.05.2011

To

The Chief Wildlife Warden,  
Govt. of Uttarakhand, 5,  
Chandravani, Mohabawala,  
Dehradun-248 001.

Sub: Summary records of the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee of  
NBWL.

Sir,

During the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Standing Committee of NBWL held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2011 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Environment & Forests, the following proposals pertaining to your State were considered. The relevant portion of the decision taken in respect of the proposals are reproduced below:

1. **Laying of 16"/8" diameter gas pipeline along the NH passing through Rajaji National Park.**

The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the proposal was for laying gas pipeline in the existing ROW of the NH-58 which involves 0.483 ha. of forest area. No additional diversion was required for laying this pipeline. The proposal had also been recommended by the Chief Wildlife Warden with the condition that GAIL would provide resources to the tune of Rs. 50,000 per annum to the Park to keep the Chilla-Motichur corridor free of weeds and other obstacles to facilitate easy movement of animals over the corridor.

The proposal was recommended by the Committee subject to the conditions stipulated by the Chief Wildlife Warden.

2. **Diversion of 19.503 ha of forest land from Rajaji National Park for the use of Shri Raghavendra Sewashram Samiti, Uttarakhand.**

The Member Secretary informed that the State of Uttarakhand had submitted this proposal for consideration of the Committee. However, the proposal had earlier been rejected by the Standing Committee of Indian Board for Wildlife and Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife. Hon'ble Supreme Court had also not agreed to the proposal.

The Chairman desired that the proposals which had earlier been rejected by the Standing Committee/Court should not be included in the agenda, unless any additional information or new facts had been provided by the State Government in respect of the proposal.

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3. Collection of minor minerals from river bed-Song-1, district Dehradun Uttarakhand.
4. Collection of minor minerals from river bed-Song-2, district Dehradun Uttarakhand.

The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the above two proposals pertained to collection of minor minerals from the river bed Song-1 and Song-2 fall within the Shivalik Elephant Reserve. The proposal was recommended subject to following conditions:

- (i) Collection of RBM will be restricted between sunrise and sunset.
- (ii) Explosives will not be used for extraction of RBM.
- (iii) No permanent structures will be allowed to be constructed.
- (iv) The employed labour force will be provided fuelwood by the project proponent avoid use of adjoining forests by them for fuelwood extraction/collection.

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

Yours faithfully

*P. N. Srivastava*  
(Prakriti Srivastava)

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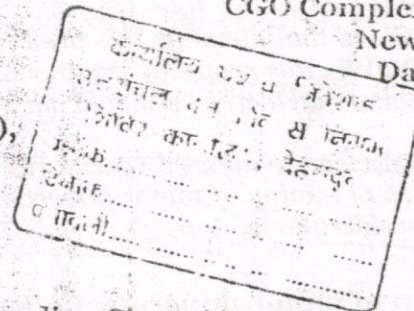
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New Delhi-110003  
Dated: 27.5.2013.



To  
The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Department of Forests,  
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87, Sachivalaya, Lajpur Road,  
Dehradun-600006.

Sub: Minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of Standing Committee of NBWL.

Sir,

During the 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of Standing Committee of NBWL held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013 under the chairmanship of the Secretary (E&F), the following proposals pertaining to your State were considered. The relevant portions of the decision taken in respect of the proposals are reproduced below:

\*1 **Proposal for collection of minor minerals: River bed Kosi, district Nainital, Uttarakhand.**

The Member Secretary informed the committee that the proposal was for collection of minor minerals from Kosi river bed. He also mentioned that the proposal was recommended by the State Board for Wildlife.

Ms. Prena Bindra mentioned that when these proposals were recommended by the SBWL, of which she was a member, it had been conditional to the fact that the state would make efforts to revive the crucial Gola corridor which was all but blocked. She stressed the urgent need to protect and revive the corridor. She said this was important also from the standpoint of escalating human-elephant conflict. She said the centre had taken much effort in the past to try save the corridor—and this needed to be revived. She urged that the Centre and the State Government should constitute a monitoring committee for this purpose.

Dr. AJT Jansingh opined that the corridor can be revived to some extent provided the wall built between the road and the Indian Oil Corporation is broken for certain distance, the river depo is shifted to some other place may be near Haldwani and the para-military camp is provided an alternate site. (Gabua forest patch in Terai West FD was originally suggested) and boulder mining in the Gola river is stopped at least for 2km in line with the corridor.

The committee after discussions, agreed to the suggestions made by Ms. Bindra. The committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the State Chief Wildlife Warden and that the centre would work with the State Government to take efforts to protect the Gola Corridor for wildlife movement, including constitution of a monitoring committee for this purpose.

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2. **Proposal for collection of minor minerals: Collection for minor mine from river Dabka, District Nainital, Uttarakhand.**

The Member Secretary informed the committee that the proposal was for collection of minor minerals from dabka river bed. He also mentioned that the proposal was 10.71 kms from Corbett Tiger Reserve and was recommended by the State Board for Wildlife.

Dr A.I.T. Johnsingh mentioned that although this project was outside the jurisdiction of the Standing Committee of NBWL, this proposal requires to be discussed due to the fact that it lies in the prime tiger habitat and therefore should not be permitted.

The Committee therefore decided to adopt a special resolution to convey to the State Government that the work of mining of minor minerals from Dabka, Nainital must not be pursued on ecological considerations.

3. **Proposal for collection of minor minerals: Collection for minor minerals from river bed-song-2, District Dehradun, Uttarakhand.**

4. **Proposal for collection of minor minerals: Collection of minor minerals from river bed Jakhan-2, district, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.**

The committee considered these two proposals together.

After discussion, the committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to the condition as may be prescribed by the State Chief Wildlife Warden and that the State Government would write prescriptions to protect the prime tiger habitat at Dabka and Gola Corridor to ensure free and safe wildlife movement, including constitution of a monitoring committee for this purpose."

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

Yours faithfully,

(Vivek Saxena)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (L)

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  - The Joint Secretary, I.A. Division, MoEF.
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