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To
All Members
Standing Committee of NBWL

Sub: Minutes of 46th Meeting of the Standing Committee of NBWL- reg.

Sir/Madam,

Kindly find enclosed copy of the Minutes of 46th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife held on **8th December 2017 at 4.00 PM in Teesta Conference Hall, I Floor, Vayu Block, Indira Paryavarn 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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are passing through a wildlife area and 20 km speed limit will be followed in the designated sensitive area.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a Committee comprising of non-official member NBWL, one representative of WII and one representative of NTCA would visit the site and submit the detailed report to the Ministry within 30 days for further consideration.

46.4.1.22 Diversion of 0.480 ha revenue land from the Son Chiriya WLS for the construction of play ground at village Dhuaa, Ghatigaon

The IGF(WL) briefed the Standing Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the use of 0.480 ha of revenue land for the construction of play ground at village Dhuaa. The project would provide sports facility for the youth in the region. He added that the State CWLW has recommended the proposal without imposing conditions.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal.

46.4.1.23 Electrification of Tok - Purti under DDUGY in District Uttarkashi, Block-Mori, Uttarakhand

The IGF(WL) briefed the Standing Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the diversion of 1.75 ha of forestland from the Govind Pashu Vihar National Park for the electrification of Tok - Purti under DDUGY in District Uttarkashi. The project would provide electricity to the households and irrigation purposes in the region. He added that the State CWLW has recommended the proposal without imposing conditions.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to recommendation of the SBWL.

46.4.1.24 Widening and Improvement of main alignment of NH-39 (Imphal – Moreh) of 29.516 km from Khongkhang to Moreh and alternate alignment of 24.340 km from Sita to Khudhengthani

The IGF(WL) briefed the Standing Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the diversion of 95.025 ha (34.675 ha from Yangoupokpi Lokchao Wildlife Sanctuary

and 61.35 ha of private land from ESZ) for widening and improvement of NH-39 (Imphal – Moreh) of 29.516 km from Khongkhang to Moreh and of 24.340 km from Sita to Khudhengthani. The project would improve the transportation facility in the State. He added that the State CWLW has recommended the proposal with the following conditions:

- [1] The legal status of Sanctuary shall remain unchanged.
- [2] Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up in degraded forests in double the proposed area i.e., 192 hectares with 10 years maintenance in and around the Sanctuary at the cost to be borne by the User Agency.
- [3] As the proposed area falls within the Sanctuary and in eco-sensitive zone, the user Agency shall pay the Net present Value (NPV) which shall be 5 (five) times of the amount fixed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and worked out by the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Tengnoupal Forest Division based on the Forest Type, Soil type, Eco-class, etc.
- [4] To mitigate the adverse impact of the project, an "Impact Mitigation and Wildlife Management Plan" has been proposed at a cost of Rs. 1320.00 lakh at the rate of 2% of the Project Cost. The cost will be borne by the User Agency.
- [5] (a) The User Agency shall bear the cost of logging and transportation of the felled trees as per estimates of DFO/Tengnoupal Forest Division and DFO/Wildlife. Minimum number of trees which are strictly essential, will be felled for the execution of the project under strict supervision of the Forest Department, (b) The felled trees shall be distributed to bonafide villagers of the proposed area in consultation with Forest Department in the manner as provided u/s 29 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- [6] All the Non-timber Forest Produce (NTFPs) removed during execution of the project shall be made available to the local people for their bonafide uses.
- [7] At least 6 (six) corridors for the movement of Wildlife of minimum 6m width are to be provided by the User Agency. The corridors shall be well demarcated on the highway by the User Agency with caution signages.
- [8] The User Agency shall not take any such activity which contravenes Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 or rules made therein.
- [9] Speed breakers near Corridors, turnings and blind turnings shall be provided at on the highway.

- [10] Caution Sign boards warning wildlife crossing shall be installed by the User Agency at all necessary point in consultation with DFO / Wildlife.
- [11] (a) Since the terrain is hilly with loose soil texture, it is necessary to undertake comprehensive soil conservation measures to make slopes stable, check soil erosion and landslides, (b) The User Agency shall make necessary provisions in their project cost and construct Retaining Walls, Breast walls, Gabion structures etc. at all necessary locations (both hill side and valley side) in consultation with CRRI (Central Road Research Institute) and the State Forest Department.
- [12] Moreover, User Agency shall also construct Storm Drains all along the proposed road with culverts at appropriate locations at their cost. The User Agency shall make necessary provisions in their project cost accordingly. They shall not take up any such construction, which diverts, stops or enhances flow of the water into or outside the Sanctuary area.
- [13] Avenue plantations, preferably with local wild fruit species along the constructed road shall be taken up at the cost to be borne by the User Agency.
- [14] Cost for demarcation of the diverted Forest Land and installation of Boundary Pillars shall be borne by the User Agency.
- [15] The User Agency shall ensure that there is no damage to surrounding forests, environment, wildlife, natural resources and other public properties.
- [16] Heavy machines and explosives shall not be used except under unavoidable circumstances and with the prior permission of the State Forest Department.
- [17] No labour camps / stores shall be established inside the Sanctuary. The user Agency shall supply fuel wood, preferably alternate fuel to the labourers working at the site to avoid damage/felling of the trees.
- [18] The muck/debris generated in the earth cutting shall be disposed off at the designated sites and in no case the muck/debris shall be allowed to roll down the hill slopes.
- [19] Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake Afforestation measures with local species at their own cost along the highways within the diverted area in consultation with the State Forest Department.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions imposed by the State CWLW.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

ANNEXURE I

1	Shri Harsh Vardhan Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change	Chairman
2	Shri Siddhanta Das, DGF&SS, MoEF&CC	Member
3	Shri Manmohan Singh Negi, ADGF(WL), MoEF&CC	Member Secretary
4	Dr V B Mathur, Director, WII, Dehradun	Member
5	Prof R Sukumar, Member, NBWL	Member
6	Dr H S Singh, Member, NBWL	Member
7	Shri R D Kamboj, Member, NBWL	Member
8	Shri Saibal Dasgupta, ADGF(FC), MoEF&CC	Invitee
9	Shri Debabrata Swain, ADGF, Member Secretary, NTCA	Invitee
10	Shri Nishant Verma, DIGF, NTCA	Invitee
11	Dr V Clement Ben, CCF & Field Director, Maharashtra	Invitee
12	Shri S K Singh, APCCF(WL), Chhattisgarh	Invitee
13	Shri Alok Kumar, APCCF(WL), Madhya Pradesh	Invitee
14	Shri A K Jha, APCCF(WL), Andhra Pradesh	Invitee
15	Shri S M Soma Shekar, PCCF(WL), Haryana	Invitee
16	Shri Bharat Jyoti, APCCF&CWLW, Bihar	Invitee
17	Shri Manoj Pant, CWLW, Jammu & Kashmir	Invitee
18	Shri D V S Khati, PCCF&CWLW, Uttarakhand	Invitee
19	Shri Soumitra Dasgupta, IGF(WL), MoEF&CC	Invitee
20	Shri S P Vashishth, DIGF(WL), MoEF&CC	Invitee
21	Shri Roy P Thomas, JD(WL), MoEF&CC	Invitee
22	Dr Pasupala Ravi, Scientist (WL), MoEF&CC	Invitee