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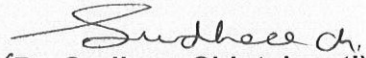
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Sub: Minutes of 75th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life-reg.

Sir/Madam,

Kindly find enclosed copy of the Minutes of 75th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 17th November, 2023 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. Sudheer Chintalapati)
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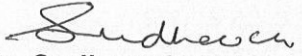
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Copy also to: Sr. Technical Director, NIC with a request to upload the minutes of the meeting on PARIVESH Portal.


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3. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue.
4. No harm to any wildlife species shall be done, if found accidentally in the project area.
5. User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, Hon'ble High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and orders of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir in this regard.
6. Waste material including muck generated during execution of proposal shall be disposed of outside the protected area.
7. The User Agency shall ensure disposal of solid waste generated during functioning of proposed amenities, outside the protected area.
8. The User Agency shall fence its area with animal proof fencing.
9. The area proposed shall not be used by the User Agency for any purpose other than proposed.
10. The land so allowed to be used shall be returned to the department free of any encumbrances when it is no longer required by the User Agency.
11. The User Agency shall have to abide by all the conditions laid down in the sanction order/approval issued by the Competent Authority.
12. The User Agency shall implement the mitigation plan submitted through the Chief Wild Life Warden.
13. The lease agreement for the area shall be renewed properly and regularly by the User Agency.
14. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government of India.

75.4.8 Proposal for use of 11 ha of forest land from Bannerghatta National Park (3.853 km) and 8.0826 ha from its Eco-sensitive Zone (2.836 km) for development of Bangalore Ring Road (STRR) Phase-II NH-948A) from Chainage 113.250 km to 119.939 km for Ramanagara to Peddamadhagondapalli Road in Ramanagara, and Bengaluru Urban Districts, Karnataka.

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The Standing Committee was informed that the is proposal for use of 11 ha of forest land from Bannerghatta National Park (3.853 km) and 5.7 ha from its Eco-sensitive Zone (2.0 km) for development of Bangalore Ring Road (STRR) Phase-II NH-

948A) for Ramanagara to Peddamadhagondapalli Road in Ramanagara, and Bengaluru Urban Districts, Karnataka.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

The Standing Committee was informed that Dr. Sukumar in his email dated 05.11.2023 has mentioned that this proposal for a major highway (ring road) around Bangalore city cuts through the Bannerghatta National Park which is home to a sizeable population of elephants. He has suggested that a site inspection of the area is carried out by a subcommittee of the Standing Committee to examine the animal passage plan prior to giving clearance for the proposal.

The Standing Committee was informed that as per the proposal and elevated corridor would laid over a length of 3.853 km in the Bannerghatta National Park and one km each on both the side of the National Park in its ESZ.

Shri H. S. Singh enquired about the height of the elevated corridor and mentioned that the it should be high enough to allow elephants to pass through it.

The Standing Committee was informed that as per the proposal, the height of the elevated corridor is 8 m and the old road cutting across the National Park shall not be used for vehicular movements.

DGF & SS observed that due to construction of elevated corridor, the existing road would be abandoned.

Member Secretary, NBWL opined that proposal would be ecologically more useful for the animal movement.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Karnataka stated that there is elephant movement and the road would be constructed on pillars. Based on the suggestion given by a committee constituted by the Central Government, the User Agency has selected this alignment out of the five. The height proposed for the elevated corridor is sufficient for the elephant movement below.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend use of 11 ha from the Bannerghatta National Park and 5.7 ha in its ESZ for the proposed project subject to the following conditions:

1. Strictly follow the Project specific conditions of the MOEF & CC and recommendations of the MOEF & CC and recommendations of the MoEF&CC's Expert Appraisal Sub Committee.
2. All the staff and workers involved in the project implementation should be informed, created awareness about wildlife, so that they would, not harm/ kill/ hunt / poach or abet in any such crimes in any way, failing which, legal course of action under the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, will be taken.
3. Care should be taken not to disturb the wildlife species and their habitat during work.
4. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in. the project area,
5. The user agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act & Rules, Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
6. No rock breaking / blasting or use of explosives shall be allowed by the User Agency for project implementation.
7. User Agency shall not alter the alignment proposed at later stages as it will result in change in area tender diversion.
8. The muck generated during the project implementation shall be taken out of the protected area without endangering the flora and fauna.
9. The work shall be taken up only under the close supervision of the jurisdictional officers & staff, to avoid any damage to the flora & fauna.
10. No tents or any other stay arrangement shall be permitted inside the protected area.
11. The old road above which this elevated corridor is proposed shall be closed for vehicular movement upon completion of the project.
12. Any other conditions imposed by divisional forest officers.
13. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government of India.

75.4.9 Proposed for use of 1.937 ha for Residential project to be developed by M/s Zanss Projects at Resurvey no. 1/34 & 1/38, Nadama Village, Thripunithura Municipality, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala at a distance of 6.09 kms away from Mangalavanam Bird Sanctuary in its default Eco-sensitive Zone.