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To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests)
Department of Forests
Government of Uttar Pradesh
Secretariat, Lucknow-226001.

Sub: Minutes of the 37th Meeting of Standing Committee of NBWL.

Sir,
During the 37th Meeting of Standing Committee of NBWL held on 26th February 2016 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Environment, Forests and Climate Change, the following proposals pertaining to your State were considered. The relevant portion of the decision taken in respect of the proposals is reproduced below:

"1. Diversion of 3.571 ha of reserve forest land falling in Sohela Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of Rapti Main Canal passing through Tulsipur Range, district Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh.

IG WL briefed that the proposal was deferred due to absence of the representative of the State in the 36th meeting. CWLW explained that out of total 125 km stretch of the Rapti main canal, 0.81 km (from Km 71.49 to Km 72.03) falls in Tulsipur Range of Sohela Wildlife Sanctuary. After discussions the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal with condition that user agency shall provide landscaped over bridges as animal crossings over the canal within the Sanctuary in consultation with Forest Department, Uttar Pradesh and also conditions prescribed by CWLW as below.

1. User agency will ensure that none of their employees/workers shall indulge into any kind of wild life/forest offence causing any loss of flora & fauna in the surroundings.
2. Forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than for the purpose recommended.
3. No tree cutting and soil digging will be allowed in sanctuary/Forest area other than workable area during the construction work.
4. The user agency should not divert any waterways and ignite any fire inside the sanctuary adjacent to the area to be diverted.
5. The slope of the ramp should be properly designed (around 1:20) to ensure wild animals do not fall in the canal.
6. The user agency should ensure in case of any exigency, water can be pumped from the canal for wildlife purpose without any charge.
7. The user agency will create four waterholes between Km 71.490 to 72.300 (Two on either side of the canal) for the wildlife. The size and site of these waterholes will be suggested by the Divisional Forest Officer/protected area manager of the Sohela Wildlife Division, Balrampur.

The instructions/orders passed by the State Govt/Central Govt. and the directions passed by Hon'ble High Court/Supreme Court from time to time regarding such projects shall be complied with.
No labor camp shall be established within the sanctuary area.

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CWLW
Sohela Wildlife Sanctuary
Rapti Main Canal
37th Meeting
26 Feb 2016
Uttar Pradesh
Forest Dept

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1. User agency will ensure that none of their employees/workers shall indulge into any kind of wild life/forest offence causing any loss of flora & fauna in the surroundings.

1. User agency (PWD, U.P. Etawah) shall provide the funds for reduction in negative impact for conservation & eco-development activities of Wild Life.
2. The land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
3. The instructions/orders passed by the State Govt./Central Govt. and the directions passed by Hon'ble Courts from time to time regarding such project shall be complied with.
4. A Bolero vehicle shall be provided to the Chambal Wildlife Division for the protection and conservation of the wildlife.
5. Four differential GPS instruments shall be provided for the survey and demarcation of the boundaries of the Chambal WLS.
6. No labour camp shall be established within the Sanctuary area.
7. Extraction of local river sand shall not be allowed in any circumstances and not be used in construction.
8. In any case the proposed site shall not be used for any purpose other than the specified one.

IG WL briefed the Standing Committee that the proposal for use of revenue land in the National Chambal Wildlife Sanctuary was deferred in the 36th meeting due to absence of the representative of the local people. CWLW explained that the proposed high level bridge provided rural infrastructure to the local people. After discussions, considering that it was a public utility over revenue land over a tributary of Chambal, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal with the conditions prescribed by CWLW as below.

3. Diversion of 7.3445 ha private land for construction of high level bridge and approach road across Kuwari River at Bithauli-Chaurela road near village Chaurela in district Etawah, Uttar Pradesh.

1. Protection and mitigation measures for wildlife should be ensured as per standard practice in such cases.
2. Land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
3. The instructions/orders passed by the State Govt./Central Govt. and the directions passed by Hon'ble High Courts/Supreme Court from time to time regarding such project shall be complied with.
4. User agency will ensure that the project personnel engaged in the project shall observe the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 & Rules made thereafter.
5. Construction waste materials will not be thrown inside the sanctuary area or movement corridor of wildlife.
6. The project proponent shall provide the cost for plantation/forestation work by planting the native species in the area adjacent to project area in the sanctuary.
7. No labour camp shall be established in the sanctuary/forest area or other sensitive area.
8. Two GPS sets shall be provided to the Amroha Forest Division for the survey and demarcation of the sanctuary boundaries.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal with conditions prescribed by CWLW as below:

2. Proposal for Retail outlet (by Essar Oil Ltd) on private land khasra no.248 at village Kalai (within the boundary of Hastinapur Wild Life Sanctuary Area, Amroha forest Division), Tehsil-Dhanurra Uttar Pradesh.
- IG WL briefed that the retail outlet of petrol pump is proposed in a private land within the notified area of the sanctuary.

9. The user agency will set up a check post near the site and hand it over to National Chambal Wildlife Division, Agra so that the movement of illegal sand and other forest produce can be controlled. This will also secure the wildlife in the area".
The above recommendation(s) are subject to the existing directives of Hon'ble Supreme Court and provisions of Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully

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3. The Joint Secretary, I.A. Division, MoEF & CC.
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