

**F.No.6-109/2016 WL (39<sup>th</sup> Meeting)**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change**  
**Wildlife Division**

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**Dated:21.09.2016.**

To

**The Principal Secretary (Forests)**  
**Department of Forests**  
**Government of Uttarakhand**  
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**Sub: Minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Standing Committee of NBWL.**

Sir,

The 39<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife (SC-NBWL) was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2016 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Environment, Forest 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. Construction of Singoli-Bhatwari Hydroelectric Project 99 MW by M/s L&T Uttaranchal Hydropower Limited. The proposed site falls within 10 kms from the boundary of Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary.**
- 2. Construction of 171 MW Lata Tapovan Hydro Power Project of NTPC Ltd, Uttarakhand.**
- 3. Construction of 520 MW (4x130) Tapovan Vishnugad Hydroelectric Project of NTPC Ltd, Uttarakhand. The proposed site falls outside Nanda Devi National Park at a distance of 7.5 km.**

*The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposals. He mentioned that the proposals were deferred due to non-submission of ESZ proposals of Uttarakhand by State. He added that ESZ proposals have been received from the state.*

*The Chair opined that comments of Ministry of Water Resources & Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWRGJ) on the project should be obtained to see if the project is in conformity with the policy of that Ministry. Consequently, the proposal was deferred pending receipt of comments from MoWRGJ.*

- 4. Diversion of 1.610 ha Forest (Civil Land) for construction of Hapla-Guram-Nail motor road (5 km), Uttarakhand. The proposed site falls within 10 km aerial distance from the Kedarnath Musk Deer Wildlife Sanctuary.**

*The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal. He mentioned that the proposal was deferred due to non-submission of ESZ proposals by state. The state has now*

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submitted ESZ proposals. The proposal involves construction of 5 km length of motorable road within 10km default ESZ of Kedarnath Musk Deer Wildlife Sanctuary, and is for rural connectivity, which is a critical requirement of the people living in remote areas of the hill state.

After discussions, considering the public utility of the project, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with conditions prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden and SBWL.

**5. Proposal for Jakhol Sankri Hydroelectric project (51 MW), Uttarakhand by M/s Satluj Jal Vidhut Nigam Ltd. Within 10km of Govind Wildlife Sanctuary /National Park.**

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal was deferred due to non-submission of ESZ proposals of Uttarakhand by State. The ESZ proposals have been submitted by the state.

The Chair enquired if comments of the Ministry of Water Resources & Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWRGJ) on the project need be obtained to see if the project is in conformity with the Ganga rejuvenation plan. DGF & SS sought clarification from the state if the project was part of Ganga basin. Chief Wildlife Warden clarified that the project is on Tons river, which is a tributary of Yamuna and not Ganga. He clarified that the project has no linkage with Ganga related action plan of MoWRGJ.

After discussion, the Committee decided to recommend the project with conditions imposed by the State Government.

**6. Proposal for investigation and survey for diversion of 0.2883 ha of Reserved Forest Land from Gangotri National Park for construction of Sumla Check post 12<sup>th</sup> BN ITBP, Uttarakhand.**

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal. The Chief Wildlife Warden of Uttarakhand appraised that the proposal involves investigation, survey and construction of Sumla Check Post by ITBP on an area of 0.29 ha in a strategic location identified within the National Park.

After discussions, considering the strategic importance of the project, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with conditions prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

**7. Proposal for Hot Mix Plant inside Gangotri National Park for surfacing work for ITBP roads Sonam-PDA, PDA-Mendi & PDA-Sumla, Uttarakhand.**

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal. He mentioned that proposal involves establishment of Hot Mix Plant on a temporary basis for resurfacing work of ITBP roads. It was confirmed by the Chief Wild Life Warden that the plant will be dismantled after completion of the work.

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*After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the condition that the location of the plant after dismantling it will be restored adequately by the user agency, and other conditions prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.*

**8. Proposal for development of facilities for running of 18 coaches train between Haridwar to Dehradun, Uttarakhand.**

*The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that proposal involves extension of Motichur railway station to accommodate 18 Coach Trains within the land owned by Railways. Chief Wildlife Warden confirmed that the activity is to be undertaken within the land already available with the railways and no extra forest land is needed by railways for this purpose.*

*After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with conditions prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.*

**9. Diversion of 0.25 ha of forest land from Gangotri National Park for installation of Wind Mast study of wind data at Nelong (near forward post of I.T.B.P.), Uttarakhand.**

*The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and mentioned that proposal involves installation of weather data facilities, on an area of 0.25 ha, for studying the feasibility of wind power generation for ITBP check post located at a place where conventional power cannot be provided due to remoteness.*

*After discussions, considering the importance of the project for ITBP and no negative impact involved, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions prescribed by Chief Wildlife Warden.*

**10. Permission for installation of stone crusher at km 4.400 (Priority-I) on road Naga- Nilapani/km 2.100 (priority-II) on road Nelong-NAGA for completion of surfacing works under construction road Bhaironghati-Nelong, Nelong-Naga, Naga-Sonam, Naga- Nilapani and Naga-Jadung, Uttarakhand.**

*The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves installation of stone crusher at km 4.400 (Priority-I) on road Naga- Nilapani/km 2.100 (priority-II) on road Nelong-NAGA for carrying out the surfacing works of border roads. It was clarified that no new diversion of forest is involved. Permission for temporary installation of stone crusher is needed to use the stones from the road construction work in the surfacing work.*

*After discussions, considering the strategic importance of border roads and no need of additional diversion apart from the proposal for reuse of the stones generation from the road work itself, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with conditions prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.*



11. **Proposal for re-alignment and height extension of 220 KV Jhajhra-Rishikesh (earlier 220 KV Khodri-Rishikesh Line) and 132 KV Majra-Rishikesh Line at various locations at Dehradun-Haridwar road (NH-72), Uttarakhand.**

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and mentioned that the proposal involves realignment and height extension of existing electric power transmission lines, 220 KV Jhajhra-Rishikesh and 132 KV Majra-Rishikesh Line at various locations on Dehradun-Haridwar road (NH-72). Chief Wildlife Warden informed that as a part of road development, the old existing transmission line is being replaced by new modern design masts with more height because of the flyover resulting in higher level of the road to facilitate connectivity of habitat underneath, and there is no additional land involved.

After discussions, considering the inevitability of the need, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with condition of provision of installation of reflectors and bird deflectors and looking into possibility of using insulated wires, and those prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

12. **Diversion of 0.50 ha (PDA 0.25 ha and Tirpani 0.25 ha) of forest land from Gangotri National Park for construction of Army Static Communication Network (ASCON PH-IV), Uttarakhand.**

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves construction of strategic installation (ASCON PH-IV) in an area of 0.50 ha (PDA 0.25 ha and Tirpani 0.25 ha) inside Gangotri National Park.

After discussions, considering the strategic importance of the communication network, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions prescribed by Chief Wildlife Warden.

13. **Diversion of 0.63 ha of forestland from Kedarnath Musk Deer Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of Mansoona-Gadbu Motor Road from Km.3.500 to 4.200 under P.M.G.S.Y in District Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand.**

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and mentioned that the proposal involves construction of 700 m of Mansoona-Gadbu road under PMGSY and would need 0.63 ha of forest land from Kedarnath Musk Deer WLS for diversion. CWLW informed that the road connects remote village and is being aligned along the existing paths with appropriate levelling, to provide last mile connectivity of road, causing minimum disturbance to the sanctuary environment.

After discussions, considering the public utility of the project, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.



**18. Diversion of 0.42 ha of forest land from Mussoorie Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of 600 meters motor road of Masrana- Kimoi proposed motor road, Uttarakhand.**

The Member Secretary briefed the Standing Committee on the proposal that only 600 meters of the proposed road is passing through Mussoorie Wildlife Sanctuary involving 0.42 ha of land diversion and felling of trees. The total length 8.0 km (total 5.865 ha) of motor road involves 3.78 ha forest land, 1.10 ha civil land & 0.38 ha private land. The proposed road will provide connectivity to 5 villages in the remote hilly area. He added that State Wildlife Board has recommended the proposal. He clarified that the portion involving the area of Mussoorie Wildlife Sanctuary is adjacent to eastern fringe of the WL range, and is unavoidable because of the alignment reasons in the hilly area.

After discussions, considering that connectivity to the remote hilly villages is very important for provisioning of the basic amenities, limited traffic can hardly be a barrier in wildlife conservation in such remote areas and that in the region, villages are interspersed and are part of the forest landscape, the Standing Committee agreed to recommend the proposal along with the prescribed conditions of Chief Wildlife Warden.

1. The proponent will take all necessary steps to avoid unscientific hill cutting.
2. The proposed work within the sanctuary area should be completed within a time frame mutually agreed with the Wild Life Warden.
3. No explosives will be utilized for the construction work within and in immediate vicinity of the sanctuary.

The proponent will deposit the construction cost of a double storey forest chauki at Masrana with the Wildlife Warden, at prevalent P.W.D. rates".

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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