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Date: 15th October, 2024

To,

All Members Standing Committee of NBWL

Sub: Minutes of 80th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life-reg.

Sir/Madam,

Kindly find enclosed copy of the Minutes of 80^{th} Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 9^{th} October, 2024 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

Yours faithfully

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MINUTES OF THE 80th MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL BOARD FOR WILD LIFE HELD ON 9th October, 2024

The 80thmeeting of the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life was held on 9th October, 2024 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change. The list of participants is placed at **Annexure-I.**

The Member Secretary welcomed the participants to the meeting and informed about the number and type of proposals that were to be taken for discussion in the meeting. He then requested Deputy Inspector General of Forests (WL) to initiate discussions on the Agenda Items.

AGENDA ITEM No.1

80.1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 79th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 31st July, 2024.

The Standing Committee was informed that the 79th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life was held on 31st July, 2024. The minutes of the meeting were circulated on 28th February, 2024 amongst all the Members.

The Standing Committee was informed that Dr. H. S. Singh, Member, NBWL has given his comments regarding the proposal for use of 0.3501 ha (revised from 0.95 ha) of forest land for Temple from Balaram Ambaji Wildlife Sanctuary for religious purpose in Ukarda Village Survey No. 48 Pt., and Ranpuriya Survey no. 4 Pt in Ta-Palanpur Dist. Banaskantha, Gujarat and requested the Standing Committee to reconsider the recommendations. During the 79th meeting, the Chief Wild Life Warden, Gujarat had informed that the User Agency shall also be submitting application under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for regularization.

Dr. H. S. Singh stated that this proposal is for acquiring land of the Balaram Ambaji Wildlife Sanctuary for religious purposes. Dr. Singh mentioned that during the process of notifications of reserve forests and wildlife sanctuaries, rights and claims are enquired into and recognised in the final notifications. The right of the Applicant Agency: Pramukhshri, Mukundpuriji Maharaj Seva Trust, Palanpur on the land has not been recognised or recorded in the forest settlement report or any other government records. This is a first case in which allotment of the sanctuary land has been considered, which may act as precedence regarding demand of the Protected Area lands for the religious or any such purpose. He requested the Standing Committee to reconsider its decision to recommend the proposal in its previous meeting.

Dr. Sukumar mentioned that the proposal shall not be for acquisition of land in the sanctuary.

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Gujarat informed that the proposal was forwarded by the State Government of Gujarat with the recommendations of the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. Currently, there is no proposal for regularisation under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 with the State Government.

Inspector General of Forests, Forest Conservation Division mentioned that the rights and claims are enquired into and settled during the process of notification of sanctuaries and National Parks. There are many sanctuaries and National Parks where such rights and claims have not been settled and final notifications have not been issued. He suggested that the Ministry may issue advisory to all States/Union Territories to settle all rights and claims and issue final notifications at the earliest.

The Chairman mentioned that the recognition of rights for the other traditional forest dwellers under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 requires their residence in and dependence on the forest or forests land for bona fide livelihood needs. There are sacred caves and religious places inside forests and wildlife areas which find mention in religious texts. The followers decide to develop these areas as a matter of faith. He suggested that a Standard Operating Procedure may be formulated for submission of applications and the documents to be required at the time submission of applications for those cases of religious institutions seeking recommendations of the Standing Committee. He suggested that a committee comprising of Dr. H. S. Singh and Dr. R. Sukumar may be constituted for that purpose. Suggestions in this regard may be given to the committee.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to revoke the recommendations in respect of the proposal for use of 0.3501 ha (revised from 0.95 ha) of forest land for Temple from Balaram Ambaji Wildlife Sanctuary for religious purpose in Ukarda Village Survey No. 48 Pt., and Ranpuriya Survey no. 4 Pt in Ta-Palanpur Dist. Banaskantha, Gujarat and confirm the minutes in respect of the remaining agenda items discussed in the 78th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 28th February, 2024.

The Standing Committee further decided that a committee comprising of Dr. H. S. Singh and Dr. R. Kumar may be constituted by the Ministry for prescribing Standard Operating Procedure for submission of applications and the documents required to be submitted along with applications seeking recommendations of the Standing Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 for religious institutions inside forests and wildlife areas.

AGENDA ITEM No.2

80.2 ACTION TAKEN REPORT

Proposal for use of 12.98 ha of land from Seshachalam tiger corridor landscape between Nagarjunasagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve (NSTR) and Sri Venkateshwara National Park for development of SamarthaSadguru Sri KasnayanaAshramam at

JyothiKshetram in SAKN Mandal of YSR Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh.

FP/AP/Others/35298/2018

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 12.98 ha of land from Seshachalam tiger corridor landscape between Nagarjunasagar Srisaiam Tiger Reserve (NSTR) and Sri Venkateshwara National Park for development of Samartha Sadguru Sri Kasnayana Ashramam at Jyothi Kshetram in SAKN Mandal of YSR Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh.

As there were violations, the Standing Committee in the 73rd meeting decided that the State Government shall remove all the encroachments outside the area allowed for the User Agency, as per the reserve forest gazette notification, take action under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and submit the report by the next meeting.

The proposal was again discussed in the 79th meeting wherein the Standing Committee directed that the State Government shall take effective measures for removal of encroachments at the earliest and submit the Action Taken Report before the next meeting. The Standing Committee therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting. Further report from the State Government is awaited.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Andhra Pradesh informed that all unauthorised buildings in the area have been taken under the control of Forest Department. Those buildings which are fit for use would be used the purposes of Forest Department. Action has been taken to stop electricity supply to those buildings. Transport Department has stopped plying of buses on the road.

The Chairman directed that all the unauthorised buildings shall be demolished.

Decision Taken: After discussion, the Standing Committee directed that the State Government shall demolish all the unauthorised structures from the area and submit the Action Taken Report before the next meeting. The Standing Committee therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

80.2.2 Tribunal On Its Own Motion Regarding Non-Compliance of EC Conditions by 2000 MW Lower Subansiri Hydel Project-O. A. 18 of 2022 in the National Green Tribunal, Eastern Zone

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for modification in the conditions with regard to declaration of conservation reserve imposed by the Standing Committee while recommending the proposal for diversion of Tale Sanctuary for Lower Subhansri Hydro Electric Project by the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC).

The proposal was discussed in the Standing Committee in its 7ft meeting wherein it was decided that the committee would be constituted for site inspection and making recommendations.

The proposal was again considered in the 72nd meeting of the Standing Committee along with the report of the Site Inspection Committee wherein it was decided that a study would be conducted by WII to prepare a plan for ensuring that elephants continue to move across Panir Reserved Forest and Dulung Reserved Forest. Accordingly, the proposal was deferred.

The proposal was again considered in 73rd and 74th meetings of the Standing Committee wherein the proposal was deferred as funds were awaited from the NHPC for conducting the study.

The proposal was further discussed in 75th SCNBWL meeting wherein it was informed that the funds have been received by the WII. Field work has been completed and the report would be submitted by the end of December, 2023 to the Ministry. The WII submitted its report and the Agenda was discussed in 77th meeting of Standing Committee wherein it was decided that the Chief Wild Life Wardens of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh along with the representatives of Project Elephant Division and WII shall prepare a document for notification of the corridor.

Subsequently, a meeting between the officials of the Assam and Arunachal Pradesh to discuss the preparation of document for notification of Dulung-Subansiri Elephant Corridor. It was informed that the most of the land area in the proposed location i.e; Dulung-Subansiri EC on both the banks of the river Subansiri is Reserved Forests namely - Subansiri RF and Dulung RF to the east andwest of the river respectively within the State of Assam.

The agenda was again discussed in the 79th meeting wherein the Standing Committee decided that the State Governments of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh shall take steps of notification of elephant

corridors on their respective sides as conservation reserves.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Assam informed that the identified Dulung Subansiri elephant corridor connects Dulung RF of Lakhimpur district and Subansiri RF of Dhemaji district. Some portion of the identified corridor falls in the territory of Arunachal Pradesh across the inter-state boundary. There was traditional movement of elephants from Paneer RF of Arunachal Pradesh to Dulung RF in Assam and the above elephant corridor provided passage for their further movement from Dulung RF to Subansiri RF in Assam and vice-versa. Movement of elephants from Paneer RF to Dulung RF has stopped due to encroachment in the interstate border area including Dulung RF. The elephants are now observed using the corridor further downstream of the river Subansiri (beyond the confluence of Dirpai Nala flowing through Subansiri RF) for their movement from Dulung RF to Subansiri RF and vice-versa.

He informed that a proposal has been submitted by the Assam Forest Department to the State Government for constitution of a Committee for survey and delineate the boundaries, holding consultation with the local communities and preparation of a proposal for declaration of conservation reserve in the elephant corridor.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Arunachal Pradesh informed that the area of elephant corridor falling in the territory of Arunachal Pradesh has been under the control of Indian Air Force. The State Forest Department has been under discussion to take the area back from the Indian Air Force.

Dr. Sukumar mentioned that the he was part of the site inspection committee constituted as directed by the Standing Committee in its 71st meeting. The elephant corridor between the Panir RF and Dulung RF is in foothills and is used by the elephants for movement from Nepal, West Bengal, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. Notification of this corridor as conservation reserve would suffice.

The Chairman directed that the exercise of declaration of conservation reserve shall be completed within two months.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that the State Government of Assam and the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh shall take steps to notify the elephant corridors on their respective sides as conservation reserves within a period of two months. The Standing Committee therefore decided to defer the proposal to the next meeting.

Proposal for use of 0.0225 ha of forest land from core zone of Namdapha Tiger Reserve for installation of mobile tower at Miao to Vijoynagar Road (UARV06) under Universal Service Obligation Fund for provision of 4G mobile services, Arunachal Pradesh.

WL/AR/Others/449442/2023

Proposal for use of 0.0225 ha of forest land from core zone of Namdapha Tiger Reserve for construction of mobile tower at Miao to Vijoynagar Road (UARV04) under Universal Service Obligation Fund for provision of mobile services, District Changlang, Arunachal Pradesh.

WL/AR/Others/449439/2023

Proposal for use of 0.0225 hectare of forest land from core zone of Namdapha Tiger Reserve for installation of mobile tower at Miao to Vijoynagar Road (UARV05) under Universal Service Obligation Fund for provision of mobile services, District Changlang, Arunachal Pradesh.

WL/AR/Others/449440/2023

Proposal for use of 0.0225 hectare of forest land from core zone of Namdapha Tiger Reserve for installation of mobile tower at Miao to Vijoynagar Road (UARV01) under Universal Service Obligation Fund for provision of mobile services, District Changalang, Arunachal Pradesh.

WL/AR/Others/449436/2023

Proposal for use of 0.0225 hectare of forest land from core zone of Namdapha Tiger Reserve for installation of mobile tower at Miao to Vijoynagar Road (UARV02) under Universal Service Obligation Fund for provision of mobile services, District Changlang, Arunachal Pradesh.

WL/AR/Others/449437/2023

Proposal for use of 0.0225 hectare of forest land from core zone of Namdapha Tiger Reserve for installation of Mobile tower at Miao to Vijoynagar Road (UARV03) under Universal Service Obligation Fund for Provision of Mobile Services, District Changlang, Arunachal Pradesh.

WL/AR/Others/449438/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that these proposals are

for use of 0.0225 ha of forest land each from core zone of Namdapha Tiger Reserve for installation of mobile tower along the Miao to Vijoynagar Road (UARV06) under Universal Service Obligation Fund for provision of 4G mobile services, Arunachal Pradesh.

The proposals have been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The proposals were recommended for approval by the NTCA.

These proposals were discussed in the 79th meeting wherein the Standing Committee decided that the proposals may be reexamined and therefore deferred the proposals for the next meeting.

The proposals were again referred to the NTCA for comments which again did not recommend them for approval. As per the proposals, these mobile towers are proposed to be installed on the ridges along the Miao to Vijaypur Road. The Chief Wild Life Warden through his letter has informed that Namdapha Tiger Reserve lies on the Indo-Myanmar border and the villages Vijaynagar and Namdapha are having road connectivity through Namdapha Tiger Reserve only.

Dr. Sukumar mentioned that this is the only road connecting these villages. The Standing Committee in the past has granted approval for improvement of this road in the past. He suggested that the cases of installation of mobile towers may be examined on case to case basis. Under inevitable circumstances, in order to provide communication network, the approval of Standing Committee may be granted. The travel on this 160 km stretch of road requires mobile connectivity.

The Chairman suggested that the principle would always be avoidance of core areas of tiger reserves for installation of mobile towers. However, in exceptional circumstances, to provide connectivity in interior areas, along international borders, in case there are no alternatives available, the installation of mobile towers in core areas of tiger reserves may be recommended. These proposals therefore may be recommended. However, this shall not be treated as precedence.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committeenoted that these projects are proposed to be situated near international border and no other alternative means of communication is available along this road, which invokes special considerations. The Standing Committee therefore decided to approve these six proposals use of 0.0225 ha of forest land each from core zone of Namdapha Tiger Reserve for installation of mobile tower along the

Miao to Vijoynagar Road (UARV06) under Universal Service Obligation Fund for provision of 4G mobile services, Arunachal Pradesh subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
- a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
- b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
- c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
- d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
- e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area in accordance with the procedure.
- 2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
- 3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
- 4. The towers shall be installed along the Miao to Vijoynagar Road.
- 5. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
- 6. The mitigation plan submitted along with the proposal shall be implemented.
- 7. During construction in the sanctuary area, the User Agency shall not destroy or change or regulate the wildlife habitat.
- 8. The User Agency shall not harm, exploit or destroy any wildlife in the sanctuary area and shall strive to ensure the same.
- 9. No plastic, solid or liquid waste or sewage shall be thrown inside the sanctuary. The labour camps would be established outside sanctuary limits.
- 10. No work shall be executed between sunset and sunrise.
- 11. Construction of any approach road shall not be allowed.

- 12. No debris shall be dumped in the sanctuary. The construction debris shall be disposed of outside the sanctuary and at a safe distance.
- 13. Solar power and/or silent generator would be used for operation of the station. Erection of electric cable/wire/transmission lines through the sanctuary shall not be allowed.
- 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.

This approval shall not be treated as a precedence for proposals for installation of 4G mobile towers in core zones of the Tiger Reserves.

80.2.9 Construction of an Affordable Group Housing in village Dhorka, Sector-95, Gurugram, Haryana of Signature Infra build Pvt Ltd. The project site is located in the revenue estate of Village-Dhorka, Sector-95, Gurugram, Haryana on a land measuring 5.1125 acres regarding.

FP/HR/Others/4493/ 2019.

Affordable Group Housing Colony Project at Revenue Estate of Village-Dhorka, Sector-95, Gurugram, Haryana by M/s Sternal Buildcon Private Limited. The total area of project site is 2.96 ha. - regarding.

FP/HR/Others/5208/2020.

Proposal for use of 3.67 ha land for Affordable Group Housing Colony by M/s Mega Infratech Pvt. Ltd. at Village- GarhiHarsaru, Sector 95 B, Gurugram at a distance ranging from 4.12 to 4.33 kilometer from the boundary of Sultanpur National Park within its Eco-Sensitive Zone.

WL/HR/Others/420554/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposals at agenda item nos. 80.2.9 and 80.2.10 were first considered in the 67th meeting of the Standing Committee. The proposal at agenda item no. 80.2.11 was first discussed in the 75th meeting of the Standing Committee. In the 79th meeting, the Standing Committee decided to seek action taken report against the violations noted in the committee report. The Standing Committee also decided that the Regional Office shall monitor the action taken by the State Government against the violations and submit monthly report to the

Ministry.

The Chairman mentioned that a Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Inspector General of Forests (Wildlife) which has submitted its report based on scientific study. The committee found violations in the area and made recommendations. There shall be compliance of the recommendations made by the committee in its report.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Haryana mentioned that the Monitoring Committee of the Eco-sensitive Zone is required to take action against the violations. Action against violations is still pending in majority of cases. The Chief Wild Life Warden, Haryana informed that a report in the matter has been submitted to the Ministry.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that the State Government shall take effective actions against all the cases of violations and therefore decided to defer the proposals.

Proposal for use of 1.59 ha of forest land from Shikari Devi Wildlife Sanctuary for up-gradation/widening of existing jeepable road from Janjehli-Raigarh-Shikari Mata temple (Portion KM 10/400 to 16/1400 & 17/330 to 18/100) in Himachal Pradesh.

FP/HP/ROAD/5742/2021

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.59 ha of forest land from Shikari Devi Wildlife Sanctuary for upgradation/widening of existing jeepable road from Janjehli-Raigarh-Shikari Mata temple (Portion KM 10/400 to 16/1400 & 17/330 to 18/100) in Himachal Pradesh.

The proposal was first discussed by the Standing Committee in the 69th meeting held on 29th July, 2022 wherein the Standing Committee recommended that the proposal may be examined by the WII, Dehradun for suggesting mitigation measures. WII submitted its report vide letter dated 22nd May 2023 wherein it has been observed that the road proposal is already completed excepting blacktopping within the sanctuary area and the total diversion of area shall be around 5.10 ha and not 1.59 ha as mentioned in the proposal.

The proposal has been discussed in the 73rd meeting of the Standing Committee wherein it was decided to return the proposal for resubmission as there is huge variation in actual requirement and the area as per the proposal. The State Government shall take

action against the violation and an action taken report with regard to the reported violations shall be submitted before the next meeting.

During the 79th meeting as no official from Himachal Pradesh Government was present during the meeting, the Standing Committee decided to defer the matter with the directions to the State Government to submit updated action taken report before the next meeting.

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Himachal Pradesh informed that the action has been taken against the officials of the Forest Department. The Public Works Department is yet to take action against its officials.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that in such cases, offences shall be booked under the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and departmental action shall be taken against those officials responsible for violations.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal with a direction the State Government to take effective action against the violations and submit action taken report.

80.2.13 Proposal for alteration of boundaries of Pin Valley National Park, Himachal Pradesh by excluding 75.75 sq.km and inclusion of 93.75 sq.km.

WL/HP/Others/438456/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for alteration of boundaries of Pin Valley National Park, Himachal Pradesh by excluding 75.75 sq.km and inclusion of 93.75 sq.km.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The State Government has mentioned that initial intention notification to declare Pin Valley National Park was issued in the year 1987 with approximately 675 Sq. Km as the area of the National Park.

The final notification of the National Park could not be issued as on account of non-settlement of rights of 13 land owners who refused to take compensation in lieu of their land that falls in core zone of the National Park. In view of the prevailing situation, it was felt that the settlements spread over an area of 75.75 Sq.km are of seasonal type and in no way cause harm to wildlife and therefore could be excluded from final notification of the National Park and in lieu of excluded area, adjoining area of 93.75 Sq.km has been

included in the proposed final notification of Pin Valley National Park. After the proposed alteration of the boundaries, the total area would be more than the existing area of the National Park.

The proposal was discussed in the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee wherein it was decided that a committee shall be constituted comprising of Dr. Sukumar, Member, NBWL, representatives of the Ministry, Wildlife Institute of India and the State Forest Department for examination, site inspection and submission of report and therefore decided to defer the proposal.

Accordingly, the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (Wild Life Division) vide Office Memorandum WL-6/83/2024 WL dated 15.03.2024 has constituted a committee to carry out the site inspection.

The committee carried out the site inspection from 16th-22nd June, 2024 and submitted its report. The committee made certain recommendations as follows:

- i. The two areas (of 21.50 sq.km and 54.25 sq.km) proposed to be excluded by the State Government from Pin Valley National Park in final notification may be agreed upon as these have been traditionally used by the local pastoralist community during the summer months. However, the committee recommends that some protection has to be given to the areas proposed to be excluded in order to conserve the overall landscape and its important species of flora and fauna. Therefore, rather than merely excluding the proposed areas from the National Park, these may be designated as Pin Valley Wild Life Sanctuary. This shall provide a legal framework for the conservation of flora and fauna distributed in the landscape.
- ii. Grazing areas and temporary dwelling areas shall be demarcated and monitored, as well the settlement of rights of local communities undertaken in both the East-Central and the South-Eastern areas, before final notification of the (rationalized) Pin Valley National Park.
- iii. The proposed area of inclusion of 93.75 sq.km in the higher elevations (Bara Shigri watershed) may be accepted in view of its importance for hydrology as well as potential areas for future migration by wildlife due to ongoing climate change.
- iv. The state government shall take a larger view of connecting Pin Valley NP to the broader geographical landscape while proposing the boundaries of the Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of Pin Valley NP and the Wild Life Sanctuary.
- v. The proposed road (Attargoo-Sagam-Mudh-Bhawa Road) shall be re-examined by the NBWL-SC. While there shall be

no objection to the improvement of the road up to village Mudh, the section of the road beyond Mudh passing through the Pin Valley National Park (existing boundary and rationalized boundary) has to be reviewed exhaustively keeping in view the following factors - feasibility (based on DPR), cost-benefit analysis, pristine habitat of this area comprising variety of ecosystems from cold desert to alpine pastures & meadows to dense Deodar-Pine forest across Bhaba pass towards Mulling, and other road developments underway in the region to improve the connectivity.

Dr. H. S. Singh suggested since there are stricter regulations inside the sanctuary as per Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and as the area is used by graziers, it would be better to declare the area to be excluded from the National Park as a conservation reserve.

R. Sukumar mentioned that as a committee member he visited the area and he was informed during the site visit that the Attargoo-Sagam-Mudh-Bhawa Road a part of which was already recommended by the Standing Committee would still be passing through the core of the rationalised National Park. He suggested that though not connected with the present proposal, there is a need to re-examine the road proposal.

The Chairman mentioned that these areas are used by grazing communities.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal for alteration of boundaries of Pin Valley National Park, Himachal Pradesh by excluding 75.75 sq.km and inclusion of 93.75 sq.km. The Standing Committee further recommended that the area of 75.75 sq.km. excluded from the National Park shall be notified as conservation reserve by the State Government in accordance with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

80.2.14 Re-notifying the boundaries of Shettihalli Wildlife Sanctuary without reducing the area and extent from about 700 sq km to 395.608 sq.km. Karnataka

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal for renotification / rationalization of Shettihalli Wildlife Sanctuary with an area of 395.608 sq.km excluding ~300 sq.km from the inadvertent area of 695.608 sq.km was considered by Standing Committee in its 50th meeting held on 7th September, 2018. The polygon area calculated as per the boundary description of the original notification of 1974 is about 695.608 sq. km which is much more than the notified area of 395.608 sq. km.

The proposal was discussed in the 72nd meeting of the Standing Committee held on 25.04.2023. As directed by the Standing Committee, a meeting was held between the Chief Wild Warden, officials of the Ministry, State Government officials and expert members and NTCA officials who agreed that the proposal of renotification of the boundary of Shettihalli Wildlife Sanctuary as proposed may be recommended with a condition that excluding the habitations and revenue lands, Chordenahalli SF and Kaitotlu MF shall be notified as part of buffer area of Bhadra Tiger Reserve.

In the 74th meeting, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal till the next meeting for want of report from the State Government regarding the action taken for addition of areas to the buffer zone of Bhadra Tiger Reserve.

The proposal was considered in the 79th meeting wherein the Standing Committee decided to defer the matter with the direction to the State Government to take effective steps for addition of Chordenahalli SF and Kaitotlu MF to the buffer zone of Bhadra Tiger Reserve.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Karnataka informed that the proposal for declaration of Chordenahalli SF and Kaitotlu MF as buffer zone of Bhadra Tiger Reserve has been considered and recommended by the State Board for Wild Life. He mentioned that the parts of Shimoga Town also come inside the present boundary of the sanctuary. He requested for recommendations of the Standing Committee.

Dr. Sukumar mentioned that he was a part of the committee that looked into the issue of rationalization of boundaries of Shettihalli sanctuary. There are lot of anomalies in the sanctuary boundary. Therefore, he agreed with the proposal from the State Government and in order to maintain the connectivity between Shettihalli Wildlife Sanctuary and Bhadra Tiger Reserve, he had suggested for inclusion of Chordenahalli SF and Kaitotlu MF as buffer zone of Bhadra Tiger Reserve.

Dr. H. S. Singh suggested that the State Government shall notify the alteration of boundaries of Shettihalli sanctuary by exclusion of about 300 sq. km and of Bhadra Tiger Reserve by inclusion of the two forest areas in its buffer zone simultaneously.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal for alteration of boundaries of Shettihalli Wildlife Sanctuary with an area of 395.608 sq.km excluding ~300 sq.km from the inadvertent area of 695.608 sq.km subject to the condition that the notification for alteration of boundaries of Shettihalli sanctuary would be issued only after

issuance of notification for alteration of boundaries of Bhadra Tiger Reserve by including Chordenahalli SF and Kaitotlu MF in the buffer zone of the tiger reserve.

Proposal for use of 10.6852 ha. of forest land from the tiger corridor in between Kali and Sahyadri Tiger Reserves for construction of diversion weir, Jack well cum pump house, electrical substation, pipeline and power line in Kanakumbi & other villages for construction of Kalasa Nala Diversion Scheme in Khanapur Taluk Belagavi District, Karnataka.

WL/KA/DRKWATER/431333/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 10.6852 ha. of forest land from the tiger corridor in between Kali and Sahyadri Tiger Reserves for construction of diversion weir, Jack well cum pump house, electrical substation, pipeline and power line in Kanakumbi & other villages for construction of Kalasa Nala Diversion Scheme in Khanapur Taluk Belagavi District, Karnataka.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Goa had issued an order restraining the execution of works pending recommendations under section 29 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. Against this order, the State Government of Karnataka filed an IA in Hon'ble Supreme Court. The NTCA had constituted a committee which carried out site inspection and recommended the project proposal. However, the NTCA forwarded the report mentioning that order of the Chief Wild Life Warden, Goa for Madei Wildlife Sanctuary Supreme Court, which is pending adjudication has been challenged by State of Karnataka by filing I.A. No. 219672/2023 before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The matter is related to sharing of water between two states i.e. Goa and Karnataka and currently pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The NTCA had suggested that these facts may be taken into consideration by the Standing Committee.

The proposal was also discussed in the 79th meeting and as the matter is sub-judice, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

The Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka informed that in 2018 the Mahdei Water Dispute Tribunal had passed an award subsequent to which the three states, Goa, Karnataka and Maharashtra went to Hon'ble Supreme Court. In 2020, the award was published in gazette as directed by Hon'ble Supreme Court. Thereafter, State Government of Goa filed a case in Hon'ble Supreme Court praying for stay against granting any clearance to its project which was not accepted and it was ordered to implement

the award of the tribunal. Subsequently, the State Government of Goa filed cases twice in Hon'ble Supreme Court which were not entertained. He further informed the Standing Committee that the State Government of Karnataka has given undertaking in Hon'ble Supreme Court to the effect that no work under this project would be started unless all clearances from the Central Government have been received. Hon'ble Supreme Court has not restrained the State Government and the matter is not sub-judice. The Expert Committee from the NTCA has carried out site inspection and recommended the project. He requested the Standing Committee for recommending the project proposal.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Karnataka mentioned that the project area is not part of any sanctuary but lies within a tiger corridor. The water bodies that would be created upon execution of this project would be useful for wildlife and requested the Standing Committee for recommending the project proposal.

The Chairman suggested that the facts narrated by the Additional Chief Secretary may submitted before the Standing Committee in writing.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal with a direction to the State Government to make written submission regarding the factual position pertaining to legal issues discussed during the meeting in connection with the project proposal before the Standing Committee and seek comments of the NTCA on the written submissions.

Proposal for use of 51.32 ha of forest land from Bukkapatna Chinkara Wildlife sanctuary for construction of Tumkur Branch Canal of Upper Bhadra Project in Tumkuru District, Karnataka.

WL/KA/Others/449386/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 51.32 ha of forest land from Bukkapatna Chinkara Wildlife sanctuary for construction of Tumkur Branch Canal of Upper Bhadra Project in Tumkuru District, Karnataka. The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The State Board for Wild Life has recommended the proposal with a condition to completely cover the canal in the sanctuary portion.

The proposal was considered in the 79th meeting wherein the Standing Committee decided that the animal passage plan and the mitigation measures may be examined by structural designers

through WII and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

The WII has provided its comments on 08.10.2024 mentioning that the mitigation plan submitted is based on the structures recommended for Western countries and the mitigation measures which are specific to our species and landscapes. The proposed structures are too small to mitigate the impact and restore connectivity for the species. For overpasses, no size is mentioned, while box culverts 2 m wide have been proposed as underpasses, which are too small for the concerned species. The WII has suggested that a comprehensive mitigation plan for this project is needed, which shall be verified after the field visit.

The Director, WII mentioned that a site visit may be carried out within a month.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee to defer the proposal for consideration in the next meeting following a site visit and submission of report by WII within a period of one month.

Proposal for use of 2.6383 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Panna Tiger Reserve for construction and widening of T04 SH-49 Berhakala to Kohani via Itawakala road by MPRDC, District – Panna, Madhya Pradesh.

FP/MP/ROAD/157183/2022

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 2.6383 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Panna Tiger Reserve for construction and widening of T04 SH-49 Berhakala to Kohani via Itawakala road by MPRDC, District – Panna, Madhya Pradesh. The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended the project proposal for approval with certain conditions.

The proposal was considered in the 79th meeting wherein the Standing Committee decided that the animal passage plan may be re-examined and comments may be sought from the WII.

The Ministry has requested the WII for comments which have been received on 03.10.2024. The WII have made following recommendations:

 Not Recommended and Withdrawn: The current mitigation measures proposed is grossly inadequate and is without due consideration for tiger and other wildlife movement in the

- area. Hence, the proposal for widening of this village road is not advisable/recommended, if the user agency has not withdrawn the proposal already.
- Mitigation Measures during Repair: If proposed for repair work only, the concerned department shall ensure proper mitigation measures considering tiger movement and other biodiversity value and shall provide adequate speed-breaker and signages.
- 3. **Only Civilian Purpose:** Further, given the larger implications, this road shall only be permitted for civilian and administrative purposes, and not transport of large-scale commercial ventures such as mine/minerals, a condition which is necessary to safeguard the reserve and the people living in and around the area.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Madhya Pradesh stated that the User agency has submitted application for withdrawal of project proposal.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal to the next meeting for submission of factual report by the State Government with respect to the project proposal.

Proposal for use of 31.82 ha forest land and 16.08 ha revenue land from buffer area of Panna Tiger Reserve for reconstruction & widening of 2-lane with paved shaller section KM 43.00 to KM 77.00 on Gulganj-Amanganj-Pawai-Katni road (NH-43 extension), District- Panna, Madhya Pradesh.

FP/MP/ROAD/121709/2021

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 31.82 ha forest land and 16.08 ha revenue land from buffer area of Panna Tiger Reserve for reconstruction & widening of 2-lane with paved shaller section KM 43.00 to KM 77.00 on Gulganj-Amanganj-Pawai-Katni road (NH-43 extension), District- Panna, Madhya Pradesh. The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended that NBWL may constitute a team to conduct a comprehensive site appraisal. The team could perform the ecological evaluation of the landscape, provide recommendation for addressing any adverse impacts on the local wildlife and ecosystem.

The proposal was considered in the 79th meeting wherein the Standing Committee decided that the animal passage plan may be re-examined and comments may be sought from the WII.

The Ministry has requested the WII for the comments which have been received on 3.10.2024. The WII has recommended the following:

- 1. Repositioning and Additional Structures: Of the mitigation structures proposed, some are required to be re-positioned and new structures to be added on the corridor and biodiversity priority areas. There have been previous records of tiger dispersal through these stretches and one reintroduced tiger travelled all way to Nauradehi WLS. There is existing forest connectivity towards Uttar Pradesh and to Kuno NP in the larger landscape context.
- 2. **Early Warning System and Signages:** Instead of proposed fencing, the entire area needs to be supported with Early Warning System with or without virtual fence and effective signages.
- 3. Baseline of Traffic Volume Assessment and Environment Fee: There is a new mine in Amanganj and hence, this road shall pick up heavy traffic in the future, affecting the reserve with different pollutions. Hence, it is strongly recommended that the current baseline of traffic volume is documented considering different seasons, and future traffic volume is suitably levied with Environment Fee/Tax (which shall go to address the conservation issues in and around the road) for commercial/tourism vehicles. Accordingly, Forest Checkposts needs to be established on either side of the road on the Tiger Reserve, and with the support of EDC, these can be manned. Use of digital technology for regulating and charging the fee/environment tax may be considered.
- 4. Systematic Monitoring and Adaptive Management: There is a need to put in place a Systematic Monitoring System to document the animal usage before, during and post-construction of the road, and accordingly, adaptive management or retrofitting can be deployed in the future as may be needed.
- 5. Standing Condition for Future Expansions: As seen in the maps given below, Panna Tiger Reserve is affected by two National Highways and one State Highways, in addition to several smaller roads. Given that Panna Tiger Reserve is relatively isolated region (with less connectivity other tiger reserves), any impacts on the reserve shall add to cumulative irreversible impacts. Hence, in case this road is permitted for this two-lane purpose, a standing condition is required for nofurther expansion along the forest stretches in the Panna Tiger Reserve in the future. This shall also be applicable to other National Highway and State Highway, as there are alternative options available.
- 6. Mitigation Measures for the Stretch of 0-43km: Although

this stretch forms the part of the road and cuts through some parts of the satellite core and two corridors (level 3 and level 4) (map below), there has not been any mitigation measure proposed for this stretch, apart from the regular culverts. These forested habitats, other than serving as a path for tiger dispersal, has high forest density and quality in most of such habitats. Hence, mitigation measures for this stretch also needs to be developed and vetted.

7. Consideration of ILMP in Development Planning: WII has already developed an "Integrated Landscape Management Plan (ILMP) for Greater Panna Landscape Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh" (WII 2022), providing the conservation priority and corridor areas for a larger region. It is recommended that henceforth, any further development or expansion of any development projects including linear infrastructure in the GPL may refer to the map and prescriptions mentioned in ILMP. In this way, the goal of sustainable biodiversity conservation and development can be achieved simultaneously. The outcome map may be placed on DSS portal. Similar landscape level strategy may be proposed in other parts of the state and country as it may enable user agency plan adequately and decision making faster.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that upon by site inspection committees constituted as per directions of the Standing Committee, the animal passage plans submitted along with project proposals have been found inadequate. This means that the animal passage plans are not being examined properly by the State Government officials in accordance with the species and site requirements.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal to the next meeting for examination of the animal passage plan and submission of report by the State Government with respect to the project proposal.

Proposal for residential development along with recreational activities/ clubhouse/ naturopathy Centre and multipurpose Hall over an area of 8.68 ha on plot bearing S. No.97 & 98 of Village Chene, Tah Dist. Thane, Maharashtra within ESZ adjacent to Sanjay Gandhi National Park.

WL/MH/INFRA/437281/2023.

Proposal for development of Wellness Centre, Naturopathy Centre and Guest House project on plot bearing S. No. 191, 193/3, 4, 5, 6/ A, 8, 10, 46 in notified ESZ adjacent to Sanjay Gandhi National Park of Village Ghodbundar, Tal. Dist. Thane, Maharashtra.

WL/MH/INFRA/437314/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the two proposals have been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

The two proposals were considered in the 79th meeting wherein the Standing Committee decided that a committee shall be constituted to study rising infrastructure needs around Sanjay Gandhi National Park and suggest measures to mitigate impacts of such infrastructure developments in the ESZ on the wildlife inside the National Park.

As directed by the Standing Committee, a committee has been constituted by the Ministry. The committee has to carry out site inspection.

Dr. Sukumar mentioned that there is a need to examine the and limit the requirement of infrastructure development near the National Park.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposals till the submission of report by the site inspection committee.

Proposal for diversion of 82.54 ha of land [i.e. for construction of Golf Course (42.14 ha) and Resort (40.40 ha)] falling within the Eco-Sensitive Zone of Keibul Lamjao National Park and Khongjaingamba Ching Sanctuary for the proposed Loktak Lake Eco-Tourism Project of Tourism Department, Manipur

FP/MN/Others/5539/2020

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 82.54 ha of land [i.e. for construction of Golf Course (42.14 ha) and Resort (40.40 ha)] falling within the Eco-Sensitive Zone of Keibul Lamjao National Park and Khongjaingamba Ching Sanctuary for the proposed Loktak Lake Eco-Tourism Project of Tourism Department, Manipur.

The Standing Committee its 68th meeting held on 30th May 2022 had decided that the State Government of Manipur shall organise a two-day joint meeting of Wildlife Division and Wetlands Division of the Ministry, IIT Roorkee, State Forest Department, Manipur and State Pollution Control Board, Manipur in the month of July to discuss the wise use plan of Loktak Wetland.

State Government of Manipur organized an online meeting on

"Wise Use Plan of Loktak Wetland, Manipur and construction of Golf Course & Resort" held on 6th October 2022 under the Chairmanship of the Addl.Chief Secretary (Forest, Environment &CC), Manipur.

The proposal was considered in the 72nd meeting of the Standing Committee wherein it was decided that a meeting may be convened in Manipur to discuss the proposal with officials of the State Forest Department, Loktak Development Authority and other stakeholders.

The proposal has been considered in the 79th meeting wherein the Standing Committee decided to defer the matter for discussion in the next meeting as no official was present during the meeting.

The Chairman mentioned that there is lot of potential for development of eco-tourism in the area.

Dr. H. S. Singh suggested that the requirement of the project may be examined by State Forest Department officials and the proposal may then be considered by the Standing Committee.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal as no official from the State Government was available for comments during the meeting.

Proposal for expansion of Maharao Bhimsingh Hospital (M.B.S.) & J.K. Lon Hospital in M.B.S Hospital Campus, Kota, Rajasthan (State Govt. Undertaking) "Hospital and Institutional project" [Building & construction project)] over 20.30 ha in default Eco-Sensitive Zone of National Chambal Ghariyal Sanctuary about 3.40 kms from the boundary of the Sanctuary.

FP/RJ/DISP/6314/2022

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for expansion of Maharao Bhimsingh Hospital (M.B.S.) & J.K. Lon Hospital in M.B.S Hospital Campus, Kota, Rajasthan (State Govt. Undertaking) "Hospital and Institutional project" [Building & construction project)] over 20.30 ha in default Eco-Sensitive Zone of National Chambal Ghariyal Sanctuary about 3.40 kms from the boundary of the Sanctuary.

The proposal was discussed in the 79th meeting by the Standing Committee wherein it was deferred as the bio-medical waste disposal plan as directed in the previous meeting was still awaited.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Rajasthan informed that they have reminded the User Agency several times. However, the bio-

medical waste disposal plan is awaited. The Standing Committee may grant time till the next meeting.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal till the submission of bio-medical waste disposal plan by the User Agency.

80.2.23 Proposal for use of 28.8 ha of forest land from buffer area of Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve for widening of Laxmipura-Dora-Dabi-Ranaji Ka Guda NH-12 district-Bundi, Rajasthan.

FP/RJ/ROAD/29812/2017

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 28.8 ha of forest land from buffer area of Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve for widening of Laxmipura-Dora-Dabi-Ranaji Ka Guda NH-12 district-Bundi, Rajasthan. The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended that a team from the NBWL, including representatives from the Rajasthan Forest Department, the User Agency, the NTCA and the Wildlife Division, be constituted to conduct a comprehensive site appraisal.

In 79th SCNBWL meeting the Standing Committee decided that a site inspection committee shall be constituted for appraisal of the project comprising of representatives from the Rajasthan Forest Department, the NTCA and the Wildlife Division and submission of report. The Standing Committee therefore decided to the defer the proposal for the next meeting.

The Ministry constituted the committee as directed by the Standing Committee. The site inspection committee carried out site inspection on 30.09.2024 and has submitted its report on 07.10.2024. The site inspection committee recommended the project proposal subject to certain conditions and modification of animal passage plan.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to following conditions:

 The User Agency shall seek inputs from the forest field staff regarding the locations which are frequently used by wild animals for crossing the road and construct animal underpasses apart from those already proposed at the five locations. Particularly, in accordance with the guidance document, 'Eco-friendly measures to mitigate impacts of linear infrastructure of wildlife' for every km passing through the forest areas in the buffer zone, the user agency shall construct underpasses for wild animals for an overall extent of 50 m span which shall include underpasses of minimum 30m spans, box culverts, and hume pipe culverts. Wherever, the stretch of the road crossing the forest area in the buffer zone is less than one km, in such case also, the User Agency shall construct underpasses, box culverts, hume pipe culverts for an overall span of 50 m.

- 2. Along these underpasses, on the both the sides of the road funnel shaped Random Rubble Walls shall be constructed to channelise the wild animals to pass through these underpasses.
- 3. The User Aency shall provide funds for construction of two forest check posts one each near Dabi and Laxmipura.
- 4. No vehicle carrying the mined material shall be allowed to pass through this road from 6.00 pm to 6.00 am.
- 5. The Forest Department shall devise a mechanism so that no vehicle carrying illegally mined material is allowed to use this road.
- 6. 2% of the proportional project cost falling within the tiger reserve shall be deposited in RPACS by the user agency for relocation of villages/land acquisition.
- 7. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
- 8. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the tiger reserve.
- 9. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the tiger reserve.
- 10. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the tiger reserve.
- 11. There shall be no labour camp within 1 km from the boundary of tiger reserve.
- 12. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of tiger reserve during the work.
- 13. There shall be no high mast/ beam/search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the tiger reserve boundary.
- 14. Signages regarding information about the wild animals in the area, control of the traffic volumes, speed etc shall be erected in the project area.
- 15. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- 16. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve.
- 17. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of Standard SOP/Guidelines issued by WII, Dehradun for linear projects.
- 18. Any permission/clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan

- Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
- 19. Sign boards shall be installed at every 500 meters in the sanctuary area. The details on the sign boards shall be posted after the approval of the Chief Wild Life Warden.
- 20. Speed breakers shall be made and marked with fluorescent paint at a distance of every 300 meters in the sanctuary area.
- 21. 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.
- Proposal for use of 1.764 Ha of forest land in Echoda division for upgradation and improvement of existing road to BT standards from L026 NH7 to Boregoan village of Neradigonda Madal of Adilabad District in favour of PR department.

WL/TG/ROAD/427485/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.764 Ha of forest land in Echoda division for upgradation and improvement of existing road to BT standards from L026 - NH7 to Boregoan village of Neradigonda Madal of Adilabad District in favour of PR department. The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

The proposal was discussed in the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee wherein it was pointed out that the User Agency has laid black top on the existing metal road for a length of 2.94 Km and width 6.00 Mt (Area 1.764 Ha).

The proposal was considered in the 79th meeting wherein the Standing Committee decided that the State Government shall submit a proper action taken report against the offenders and also against the officials responsible for the violations. The report from the State Government is awaited.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal till the submission of a proper action taken report against the offenders and also against the officials responsible for the violations.

Proposal for use of 7.887 ha (revised from 6.3099 ha) of forest land from Buffer Zone of Kawal Tiger Reserve for upgradation and Improvement of existing road to BT standards R/F Muthnoor to FakeernaikThanda of Sirikonda Mandal of Adilabad district,

Telangana under PMGSY.

FP/TG/ROAD/49729/2020

Proposal for use of 7.363 Ha (revised from 5.890 ha) of forest land from Buffer Zone of Kawal Tiger Reserve for upgradation of road from L039-Kuntala K to Mathurathanda of Neradigonda Mandal Nagamalia and Kuntala RFs of Adilabad district, Telangana in favour of Panchayat Raj Engineer under PMGSY.

FP/TG/ROAD/50104/2020

Proposal for use of 3.2411 ha of forest land from Pakhal Wildlife Sanctuary for formation of BT Road from PWD Road to Neelavancha (km 9/550 to 13/120) at Gudur Mandal of Mahabubabad District, Telangana.

FP/TG/ROAD/53281/2020

The Standing Committee was informed that these three proposals were considered in the 79th meeting wherein the Standing Committee decided that the State Government shall take effective action against the violations under section 51 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, sections 3A and 3B of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and State Forest Act. Further, a meeting may be held between Director General of Forests and Chief Secretary of Telangana to discuss issues related to violations of forest and wildlife laws in the state of Telangana. The Standing Committee therefore decided to defer the proposal.

The action taken report from the State Government is awaited. The meeting between the Director General of Forests and the Chief Secretary to the Government of Telangana could not be scheduled.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposals till the submission of action taken report against the violations of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and State Forest Act and meeting between Director General of Forests and Chief Secretary of Telangana to discuss issues related to violations of forest and wildlife laws in the state of Telangana.

Proposal for use of 3.275 ha of non-forest land (1.8938 ha inside Hastinapur Wildlife sanctuary & 1.3812 ha from its ESZ) for widening of ODR from Mawana Jaisingh Mirzapur Marg to Maa Bhadrakali Hastinapur (Total Length 5.000 km) in district- Meerut, Uttar Pradesh State

FP/UP/ROAD/6556/2022

Proposal for use of 1.8 ha of land (1.2252 ha inside sanctuary & 0.5748 ESZ) from Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary for widening of Hastinapur to Saifpur Karamchand Marg (Total Length 3.000 km) in district- Meerut, Uttar Pradesh.

FP/UP/ROAD/6549/2022

Proposal for use of 14.594 ha (0.334 ha forest land & 14.26 ha non-forest land) from Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary for reconstruction & road widening of Nayagaon-Makdumpur road from chainage km 00.000 to km 23.350 (Total Length 23.350) in district-Meerut, Uttar Pradesh State.

FP/UP/ROAD/149898/2021

Forest Land Proposed to be diverted for 132KV Transmission line from Jansath Substation to Ramraj Substation crossing over Bijnore- Meerut NH-119 Road in KM.49-50 and in Km. 50-51 in Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary in Muzffarnagar district

WL/UP/TRANS/447765/2023

Proposal for use of 65.1105 ha of non-forest land within Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of 220 KV Meerut (765 KV)-Amroha Transmission Line in District Hapur, Uttar Pradesh in favour of Uttar Pradesh Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. (UPPTCL), Amroha, Uttar Pradesh.

FP/UP/Trans/148929/2021

The Standing Committee was informed that the three proposals for construction of roads were first discussed in the 75th meeting wherein the Standing Committee decided that the State Government shall prepare a management plan for the sanctuary and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

Further the proposals for transmission lines were first considered in the 79th meeting wherein it was decided that a meeting shall be convened with the Dr. H. S. Singh, Member, NBWL, WII, Uttar Pradesh Forest Department to discuss about the management issues of Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary and development projects therein. Accordingly, the meeting was scheduled on 1st October 2024 under the Chairmanship of Member Secretary, NBWL and Director, Wild Life Preservation. In the meeting issues related to the management of the Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary were discussed. The actionable points that emerged from the meeting are as follows:

- 1. The State Government of Uttar Pradesh shall prepare the management plan for the revised area of the sanctuary in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry.
- 2. The areas apart from the private holdings falling in the sanctuary shall be demarcated on the ground. The State shall take effective efforts to prevent encroachment of these areas and prescribe management interventions for these areas in the management plan.
- 3. The roads proposed, if any, through the reserve forests patches falling in the future shall be completely elevated.
- 4. The Ministry shall take steps to notify the Eco-sensitive zone around the revised boundaries of the Hastinapur Sanctuary at the earliest.

The Standing Committee was informed that the comments on the proposal for declaration of Eco-sensitive Zone around newly notified boundaries have been received from the WII. The proposal is now being processed in the Ministry.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposals till appropriate action is taken as per suggestions given in the meeting dated 1st October, 2024 held under the Chairmanship of Additional Director General of Forests (Wildlife).

80.2.33 Amendments in the minutes of 72nd meeting

The Standing Committee was informed that an online proposal FP/MH/RAIL/26520/2017 was received from Government of Maharashtra for use of 83.431 ha of forest land from Kanha-Navegaon-Nagzira-Tadoba-Andhari-Indravati Tiger Reserve for construction of New Broad Gauge Railway Line between Wadsa-Gadchiroli. The proposal was recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government with the mitigation measures suggested in the mitigation plan submitted by the User Agency which was prepared by the Wildlife Institute of India. The mitigation plan had provision for translocation of trees falling in the project area.

The above proposal was considered and recommended with certain conditions in the 72nd Meeting of Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 25th April, 2023. The User Agency through the State Government of Maharashtra has requested a waiver of the tree transplantation condition.

The number of trees which were proposed to be cut down were

1,089 in 2016-17 and as a recent survey by the Deputy Conservator of Forests reported that the number of trees has increased to 9,452.

The proposal for amendment in the minutes of the 72nd meeting was considered in the 79th meeting wherein it was decided that a consultation may be held with the Ministry of Railways and other relevant stakeholders as the no of trees required to be removed is very high and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

Accordingly, a meeting was convened on 20th August 2024 under the chairmanship of the Additional Director General of Forests (Wildlife). During the meeting, it was agreed upon that the User Agency would provide funds for raising plantation on suitable lands identified by the Maharashtra Forest Department in lieu of the number of trees that would be felled. This amount would be in addition to the CAMPA funds and NPV paid for forest clearance.

Dr. Sukumar suggested that the additional plantation in lieu of these trees shall be carried out in similar adjoining landscape.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to waive of the condition regarding translocation of trees from the project areas. Instead, the Standing Committee decided to impose a condition that the User Agency shall provide funds for raising plantation on suitable lands identified by the Maharashtra Forest Department in adjoining similar landscape in lieu of the number of trees that would be felled. This amount would be in addition to the CAMPA funds and NPV paid for forest clearance.

80.2.34 Procedure for Name Change in Wild Life Clearances and monitoring compliances of conditions imposed by the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal for Wildlife clearance for development of residential township (198.801 acres) at Sector-3, 4 & 4A, village Islamnagar Pinjore-Kalka Urban complex, Panchkula, Haryana by Magnolia Propbuild Private Limited was recommended by the Standing Committee in its 33rd meeting held on 14th March, 2015 along with the conditions prescribed by Chief Wild Life Warden.

At a later stage, the MPPL filed an insolvency. Thereafter Trident Hills Private Limited (THPL) was admitted in Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process ("CIRP") via an order dated 13th December 2018. Hon'ble NCLT vide its order dated 6th August 2021 mentioned thereafter all the compliance of such approvals shall be fulfilled by THPL.

Accordingly, THPL got the ownership changed in the EC letter. In EC letter issued by Haryana SEIAA at point 11, it was mentioned that "The PP shall submit the updated NBWL clearance (As the existing NBWL clearance exist in the name of the earlier project)"

The Ministry requested the State Government to conduct a site inspection in the light of facts and documents submitted by the User Agency and submit a detailed report. As per the reports submitted by the State Government, the distance of the proposed site from three nearby Wild Life Sanctuaries (WLS) are as under:

S.No.	Name of Protected	Distance of Project Site from the
	Area	Protected area (in Meters)
1	Khol Hi Raitan WLS	2095
2	BirShirkargah WLS	2147
3	Sukhna WLS	2705

Further, an affidavit has been submitted by the User Agency to the state Government with regard to the current status of compliances in respect of the conditions imposed by PCCF Haryana vide their clearance dated 24.04.2015 which was based on recommendations given by NBWL, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change w.r.t Bir Shikargarh, Khol-hi-Ratan and Sukhna Wildlife sanctuary, now being implemented by Trident Hills Private Limited.

Based on the site visit report received from the CCF (WL), Panchkula vide his letter No. 01 dated 03.04.2023, Affidavit submitted by the user agency, the Chief Wild Life Warden, Haryana vide his letter No. 18 dated 03.04.2023 mentioned that there is no objection if the recommendations / clearance with regard to 198.801 acres of parcel of land is transferred in favour of M/s Trident Hills Pvt. Ltd. In the report, it has also been mentioned that the project proponent was directed to deposit Rupees 50 lakhs for the mitigation plan. The same is yet to be deposited by the project proponent.

The Standing Committee after discussions in the 74th meeting decided that the Ministry shall design a format in which the applications for name change may be submitted by the User Agency for discussion in the next meeting.

The Ministry has designed a format for submission of application for name transfer and draft guidelines. The proposal was again discussed in the 75th meeting of the Standing Committee and it was decided that a presentation may be prepared on the subject matter.

Decision taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to transfer recommendations made by the Standing Committee in its 33rd meeting held on 14th March, 2015 in respect of the proposal for Wildlife clearance for development of residential township (198.801 acres) at Sector-3, 4 & 4A, village Islamnagar Pinjore-Kalka Urban complex, Panchkula, Haryana by Magnolia Propbuild Private Limited in favour of Trident Hills Private Limited (THPL) as admitted in Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process ("CIRP") subject to the condition that all the conditions imposed by the Standing Committee in the 33rd meeting shall be applicable to the Trident Hills Private Limited.

AGENDA ITEM No.3

80.3 AMENDMENT IN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

80.3.1 Amendment in the minutes of the 4th meeting of the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee was informed that a proposal for diversion of 49 ha forest land from Renuka Wildlife Sanctuary, Himachal Pradesh for construction of Renuka Hydroelectric Project by Himachal Pradesh Electricity Board was considered and recommended in the 4th meeting of Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 06.04.2005 subject to fulfillment 11 conditions. Based on the request from the State Government, the Standing Committee further relaxed 5 conditions in its 7th meeting held on 08.06.2006.

The User Agency has carried out EIA/EMPA studies through Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun and prepared Environment Management Plan including Fisheries Management Plan and accordingly obtained the Environment Clearance vide letter No. 23.10.2009. It is mentioned in the Fisheries Management Plan that "Fish Ladder is not effective in high dams due to their steepness, narrow and inconspicuous inlets and these fish ladders are found to function as fish traps and used by the poachers". The User Agency has proposed two number of fish hatcheries on upstream and downstream of the dam in place of Fish Ladder.

The User Agency has taken up the matter of "Fish Ladder" with the Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries, HP who has also agreed with the study of ICFRE, Dehradun and concluded that "Fish Ladders are not effective in high dams due to their steepness. Since Renuka Dam shall have 148 meter height, fish ladders may not be of any use for the migratory fish population in this dam". The User Agency has requested

to relax the condition.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Himachal Pradesh has recommended the request to waive off the condition taking into consideration the facts given by ICFRE, Dehradun and Department of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to waive off the condition for providing fish ladders at Renuka Dan and Dadahu Barrage. Instead, the User Agency shall develop two number of fish hatcheries on upstream and downstream of the dam and no exotic and invasive fishes shall be introduced in the river from these fish hatcheries.

AGENDA ITEM No.4

80.4 POLICY MATTER, COURT CASES ETC.

- 80.4.1 A request from DoT to exempt the 4G guidelines issued by the MoEF&CC vide dated 04.01.2024 for 4G mobile projects of USOF.
- 80.4.2 Policy issues by Dr. H. S. Singh
- 80.4.3 Policy issues by Dr. R. Sukumar

Decision Taken: The Standing Committee decided that a separate meeting shall be conducted to discuss policy issues.

AGENDA ITEM No. 80.5

FRESH PROPOSALS FALLING INSIDE / OUTSIDE THE PROTECTED AREA

80.5.1 Proposal for use of 0.0185 ha of forest land from Hadagarh Wildlife Sanctuary for Installation of Mobile Tower for 4G saturation Project under USOF of GOI at Village- Dalki R.F.GP- Hadagarh Tahasil-Hatadihi Dist - Keeonjhar in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

WL/OR/CommPost/443868/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use

of 0.0185 ha of forest land from Hadagarh Wildlife Sanctuary for Installation of Mobile Tower for 4G saturation Project under USOF of GOI at Village- Dalki R.F.GP- Hadagarh Tahasil- Hatadihi Dist - Keeonjhar in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

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

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The User Agency shall erect the mobile tower near the forest boundary.
- 2. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
- a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
- b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
- c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
- d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
- e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area in accordance with the procedure.
- 2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
- 3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
- 4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
- 5. There shalln't be any damage to the existing flora & fauna.
- 6. No work shall be undertaken after sunset & before sunrise.
- 7. The User Agency shall take prior permission from local forest officials before commencement of work.
- 8. Solar power and/or silent generator would be used for operation of the station. Erection of electric cable/wire/transmission lines through the sanctuary shall not be allowed.
- 9. 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.

Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of non- forest land from Jamwa Ramgarh Wildlife Sanctuary for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project in District Jaipur- Village- Gopalgarh- (80578), tehsil Jamwa Ramgarh in favour of BSNL.

WL/RJ/Others/446515/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of non- forest land from Jamwa Ramgarh Wildlife Sanctuary for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project in District Jaipur- Village- Gopalgarh- (80578), tehsil Jamwa Ramgarh in favour of BSNL.

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

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
- a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
- b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
- c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
- d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
- e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area in accordance with the procedure.
- 2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
- 3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
- 4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
- 5. 2 % of the proportional project cost falling within the Protected

- Area shall be deposited in RPACS by the user agency for relocation of villages/land acquisition.
- 6. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
- 7. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- 8. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- 9. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- 10. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
- 11. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
- 12. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
- 13. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- 14. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of the Protected Area.
- 15. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
- 16. The project area shall be fenced with six feet chain link by the User agency.
- 17. Noise less machinery/ equipment shall be used to operate the mobile towers.
- 18. Electromagnetic radiation shall be limited within safe limits for wildlife including birds, bees and other insects as per the guidelines to be issued by Government of India.
- 19. Any guidelines/ regulations or orders of Hon'ble Courts in this regard shall be strictly complied with.
- 20. Solar power as far as possible shall be used to operate the mobile tower as it is to be installed in GIB priority area.
- 21. No approach road shall be constructed for establishment of tower.
- 22. Violation has been observed in this case for which penal provision of 2% proportional project cost shall be charged from the User Agency.
- 23. 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.
- Proposal for use of 0.0222 ha of non- forest land from Desert National Park for Installation of Mobile Tower under 4G Saturation Project in District Jaisalmer- Village- Kesr Singh Ka Tala- (86153) in Tehsil Jaisalmer, Rajasthan in favour of BSNL.

WL/RJ/Others/448602/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0222 ha of non- forest land from Desert National Park for Installation of Mobile Tower under 4G Saturation Project in District Jaisalmer- Village- Kesr Singh Ka Tala- (86153) in Tehsil Jaisalmer, Rajasthan in favour of BSNL.

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

- 1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
- a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
- b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
- c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
- d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
- e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area in accordance with the procedure.
- 2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
- 3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
- 4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
- 5. 2 % of the proportional project cost falling within the Protected Area shall be deposited in RPACS by the user agency for relocation of villages/ land acquisition.
- 6. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
- 7. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco- Sensitive Zone.
- 8. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside

- the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- 9. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- 10. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
- 11. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
- 12. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
- 13. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- 14. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of the Protected Area
- 15. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
- 16. The project area shall be fenced with six feet chain link by the User agency.
- 17. Noise less machinery/ equipment shall be used to operate the mobile towers.
- 18. Electromagnetic radiation shall be limited within safe limits for wildlife including birds, bees and other insects as per the guidelines to be issued by Government of India.
- 19. Any guidelines/regulations or orders of Hon'ble Courts in this regard shall be strictly complied with.
- 20. Solar power as far as possible shall be used to operate the mobile tower as it is to be installed in GIB priority area.
- 21. No approach road shall be constructed for establishment of tower.
- 22. Violation has been observed in this case for which penal provision of 2% proportional project cost shall be charged from the User Agency.
- 23. 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.
- Proposal for use of 0.0186 ha of non- forest land from Desert National Park for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project in District Barmer- Village- Karnani Ka Par- (646836)"in tehsil Gadra Road in favour of BSNL.

WL/RJ/Others/451186/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0186 ha of non- forest land from Desert National Park for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project in District Barmer-Village- Karnani Ka Par- (646836)"in tehsil Gadra Road in favour of BSNL.

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

- 1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
- a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
- b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
- c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
- d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
- e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area in accordance with the procedure.
- 2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
- 3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
- 4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
- 5. 2 % of the proportional project cost falling within the Protected Area shall be deposited in RPACS by the user agency for relocation of villages/ land acquisition.
- 6. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
- 7. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco- Sensitive Zone.
- 8. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- 9. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- 10. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
- 11. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
- 12. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.

- 13. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- 14. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of the Protected Area.
- 15. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
- 16. The project area shall be fenced with six feet chain link by the User agency.
- 17. Noise less machinery/ equipment shall be used to operate the mobile towers.
- 18. Electromagnetic radiation shall be limited within safe limits for wildlife including birds, bees and other insects as per the guidelines to be issued by Government of India.
- 19. Any guidelines/regulations or orders of Hon'ble Courts in this regard shall be strictly complied with.
- 20. Solar power as far as possible shall be used to operate the mobile tower as it is to be installed in GIB priority area.
- 21. No approach road shall be constructed for establishment of tower.
- 22. Violation has been observed in this case for which penal provision of 2% proportional project cost shall be charged from the User Agency.
- 23. 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.
- Proposal for use of 0.0222 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project in District Barmer- Village-Kundal@Godha-(86666)"in tehsil Gadra Road in favour of BSNL.

WL/RJ/Others/451233/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0222 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project in District Barmer-Village-Kundal@Godha-(86666)"in tehsil Gadra Road in favour of BSNL.

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

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:

- a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
- b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
- c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
- d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
- e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area in accordance with the procedure.
- 2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
- 3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
- 4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
- 5. 2 % of the proportional project cost falling within the Protected Area shall be deposited in RPACS by the user agency for relocation of villages/ land acquisition.
- 6. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
- 7. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco- Sensitive Zone.
- 8. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- 9. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- 10. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
- 11. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
- 12. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
- 13. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- 14. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of the Protected Area.
- 15. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.

- 16. The project area shall be fenced with six feet chain link by the User agency.
- 17. Noise less machinery/ equipment shall be used to operate the mobile towers.
- 18. Electromagnetic radiation shall be limited within safe limits for wildlife including birds, bees and other insects as per the guidelines to be issued by Government of India.
- 19. Any guidelines/regulations or orders of Hon'ble Courts in this regard shall be strictly complied with.
- 20. Solar power as far as possible shall be used to operate the mobile tower as it is to be installed in GIB priority area.
- 21. No approach road shall be constructed for establishment of tower.
- 22. Violation has been observed in this case for which penal provision of 2% proportional project cost shall be charged from the User Agency.
- 23. 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.
- Proposal for use of 0.0184 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project in District Jaisalmer- Village- Chauhani- (86138) in Tehsil Jaisalmer, Rajasthan in favour of BSNL.

WL/RJ/Others/447371/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0184 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project in District Jaisalmer-Village- Chauhani- (86138) in Tehsil Jaisalmer, Rajasthan in favour of BSNL.

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

- 1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
- a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
- b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
- c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
- d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and

- e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area in accordance with the procedure.
- 2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
- 3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
- 4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
- 5. 2 % of the proportional project cost falling within the Protected Area shall be deposited in RPACS by the user agency for relocation of villages/ land acquisition.
- 6. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
- 7. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco- Sensitive Zone.
- 8. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- 9. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- 10. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
- 11. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
- 12. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
- 13. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- 14. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of the Protected Area
- 15. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
- 16. The project area shall be fenced with six feet chain link by the User agency.
- 17. Noise less machinery/ equipment shall be used to operate the mobile towers.
- 18. Electromagnetic radiation shall be limited within safe limits for wildlife including birds, bees and other insects as per the guidelines to be issued by Government of India.

- 19. Any guidelines/regulations or orders of Hon'ble Courts in this regard shall be strictly complied with.
- 20. Solar power as far as possible shall be used to operate the mobile tower as it is to be installed in GIB priority area.
- 21. No approach road shall be constructed for establishment of tower.
- 22. 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.
- Proposal for use of 0.0223 ha of non- forest land from Desert National Park for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project in Village- Nohdiyala- (86609) in Tehsil GADRAROAD, District Barmer.

WL/RJ/Others/437546/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0223 ha of non- forest land from Desert National Park for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project in Village- Nohdiyala-(86609) in Tehsil GADRAROAD, District Barmer.

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

- 1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
- a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
- b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
- c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
- d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
- e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area in accordance with the procedure.
- 2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
- 3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
- 4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be

- maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
- 5. 2 % of the proportional project cost falling within the Protected Area shall be deposited in RPACS by the user agency for relocation of villages/ land acquisition.
- 6. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
- 7. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco- Sensitive Zone.
- 8. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- 9. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- 10. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
- 11. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
- 12. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
- 13. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- 14. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of the Protected Area
- 15. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
- 16. The project area shall be fenced with six feet chain link by the User agency.
- 17. Noise less machinery/ equipment shall be used to operate the mobile towers.
- 18. Electromagnetic radiation shall be limited within safe limits for wildlife including birds, bees and other insects as per the guidelines to be issued by Government of India.
- 19. Any guidelines/regulations or orders of Hon'ble Courts in this regard shall be strictly complied with.
- 20. Solar power as far as possible shall be used to operate the mobile tower as it is to be installed in GIB priority area.
- 21. No approach road shall be constructed for establishment of tower.
- 22. 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.
- **80.5.8** Proposal for use of 0.0188 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park for Mobile Tower installation by Bharti Hexacom Limited in Private Land Patta No.15, revenue Village-Bida, Tehsil & District-Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.

FP/RJ/Others/6359/2022

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0188 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park for Mobile Tower installation by Bharti Hexacom Limited in Private Land Patta No.15, revenue Village-Bida, Tehsil & District-Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.

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

- 1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
- a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
- b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
- c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
- d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
- e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area in accordance with the procedure.
- 2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
- 3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
- 4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
- 5. 2 % of the proportional project cost falling within the Protected Area shall be deposited in RPACS by the user agency for relocation of villages/ land acquisition.
- 6. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
- 7. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco- Sensitive Zone.
- 8. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.

- 9. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- 10. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
- 11. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
- 12. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
- 13. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- 14. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of the Protected Area.
- 15. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
- 16. The project area shall be fenced with six feet chain link by the User agency.
- 17. Noise less machinery/ equipment shall be used to operate the mobile towers.
- 18. Electromagnetic radiation shall be limited within safe limits for wildlife including birds, bees and other insects as per the guidelines to be issued by Government of India.
- 19. Any guidelines/regulations or orders of Hon'ble Courts in this regard shall be strictly complied with.
- 20. Solar power as far as possible shall be used to operate the mobile tower as it is to be installed in GIB priority area.
- 21. No approach road shall be constructed for establishment of tower.
- 22. Violation has been observed in this case for which penal provision of 2% proportional project cost shall be charged from the User Agency.
- 23. 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.
- Proposal for use of 0.0334 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park for Mobile Tower installation by Indus Towers Limited in in revenue Village-Chanangarh, Tehsil & District, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.

FP/RJ/Others/6624/2022

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0334 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park for Mobile Tower installation by Indus Towers Limited in in revenue Village-Chanangarh, Tehsil & District, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the

State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

- 1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area in accordance with the procedure.
- 2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
- 3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
- 4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
- 5. 2 % of the proportional project cost falling within the Protected Area shall be deposited in RPACS by the user agency for relocation of villages/ land acquisition.
- 6. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
- 7. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco- Sensitive Zone.
- 8. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- 9. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- 10. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of

- Protected Area.
- 11. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
- 12. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
- 13. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- 14. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of the Protected Area.
- 15. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
- 16. The project area shall be fenced with six feet chain link by the User agency.
- 17. Noise less machinery/ equipment shall be used to operate the mobile towers.
- 18. Electromagnetic radiation shall be limited within safe limits for wildlife including birds, bees and other insects as per the guidelines to be issued by Government of India.
- 19. Any guidelines/regulations or orders of Hon'ble Courts in this regard shall be strictly complied with.
- 20. Solar power as far as possible shall be used to operate the mobile tower as it is to be installed in GIB priority area.
- 21. No approach road shall be constructed for establishment of tower.
- 22. Violation has been observed in this case for which penal provision of 2% proportional project cost shall be charged from the user agency.
- 23. 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.
- **80.5.10** Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core zone of Kali Tiger Reserve for installation of mobile tower for 4G Saturation Project at Karityadi, Uttara Kannada District in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

WL/KA/CommPost/441193/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core zone of Kali Tiger Reserve for installation of mobile tower for 4G Saturation Project at Karityadi, Uttara Kannada District in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has not recommended the proposal for approval.

The Ministry has issued guidelines dated January 04, 2024 which also recommends that installation of new mobile tower in core/ critical tiger habitats shall be avoided.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Karnataka stated that there are settlements inside core zone of the tiger reserve which require communication network.

The Chairman point out that the core zones of tiger reserves shall be maintained inviolate and therefore, steps shall be taken for voluntary rehabilitation of the families living inside the core zone to outside tiger reserve.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided not to approve the proposal as the project is proposed inside core zone of the tiger reserve.

80.5.11 Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core zone of Kali Tiger Reserve for 4G Mobile tower under saturation project at Bidoli village, Uttar Kannada District, Karnataka in favour of BSNL.

WL/KA/CommPost/440966/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core zone of Kali Tiger Reserve for 4G Mobile tower under saturation project at Bidoli village, Uttar Kannada District, Karnataka in favour of BSNL.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has not recommended the proposal for approval.

The Ministry has issued guidelines dated January 04, 2024 which also recommends that installation of new mobile tower in core/ critical tiger habitats shall be avoided.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided not to approve the proposal as the project is proposed inside core zone of the tiger reserve.

80.5.12 Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core zone of Kali Tiger Reserve for construction of mobile tower in 4G tower at Sulageri, Joida Taluk in Uttara Kannada district in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

WL/KA/CommPost/445228/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core zone of Kali Tiger Reserve for

construction of mobile tower in 4G tower at Sulageri, Joida Taluk in Uttara Kannada district in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has not recommended the proposal for approval.

The Ministry has issued guidelines dated January 04, 2024 which also recommends that installation of new mobile tower in core/ critical tiger habitats shall be avoided.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided not to approve the proposal as the project is proposed inside core zone of the tiger reserve.

80.5.13 Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core zone of Kali Tiger Reserve for construction of mobile tower in 4G tower at Chinchakand village of Joida taluk in Uttara Kannada district in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

WL/KA/CommPost/441204/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core zone of Kali Tiger Reserve for construction of mobile tower in 4G tower at Chinchakand village of Joida taluk in Uttara Kannada district in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has not recommended the proposal for approval.

The Ministry has issued guidelines dated January 04, 2024 which also recommends that installation of new mobile tower in core/ critical tiger habitats shall be avoided.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided not to approve the proposal as the project is proposed inside core zone of the tiger reserve.

80.5.14 Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core zone of Kali Tiger Reserve for construction of 4G Mobile Tower under saturation project at Kumberi Village in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

WL/KA/CommPost/441195/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core zone of Kali Tiger Reserve for construction of 4G Mobile Tower under saturation project at Kumberi

Village in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has not recommended the proposal for approval.

The Ministry has issued guidelines dated January 04, 2024 which also recommends that installation of new mobile tower in core/ critical tiger habitats shall be avoided.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided not to approve the proposal as the project is proposed inside core zone of the tiger reserve.

80.5.15 Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Kali Tiger Reserve for erection of mobile tower in 4G tower at Rangarook Village of Supa Taluk in Uttara Kannada District in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

WL/KA/CommPost/440973/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Kali Tiger Reserve for erection of mobile tower in 4G tower at Rangarook Village of Supa Taluk in Uttara Kannada District in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

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

- 1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
- a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
- b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
- c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
- d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
- e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction

- over the area in accordance with the procedure.
- 2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
- 3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
- 4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas in accordance with the procedure
- 5. Yearly monitoring of electromagnetic field (EMF) shall be conducted by the User Agency in and around the areas of Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary.
- 6. The User Agency shall use visual daytime markers in the area having large numbers of bird movement to avoid bird hits.
- 7. Security lighting for on ground facilities shall be minimised or point downwards or be down shielded.
- 8. The proposed project site shall be properly fenced with chain link mesh, so that LTM or others mammals shall not cross the area or climb the tower at the cost of User Agency.
- 9. Signage Boards regarding wildlife shall be instated at the cost of User Agency.
- 10. The construction work shall be restricted to day time hours i.e. between 6 AM to 6 PM.
- 11. The User Agency shall abide by the conditions laid down by the forest officials in charge of the project area in the interest of protecting and minimizing disturbance to wildlife during construction phase and after completion of the project.
- 12. The User Agency shall not collect the raw materials, forest produce including firewood from the forest.
- 13. All the staff and workers involved in the project implementation shall 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, shall be taken.
- 14. The User Agency shall take care to not disturb the wildlife species and their habitat during construction activities.
- 15. The User Agency and project personnel shall 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.
- 16. The muck generated during the project implementation shall be taken out of the corridor without endangering the flora and fauna.
- 17. The work shall be taken up only under the close supervision of the jurisdictional officers & staff, to avoid any damage to the flora & fauna.

- 18. No tents or any other stay arrangement shall be permitted inside the protected area.
- 19. Labor camps shall be prohibited inside forested areas and shall be at least 1 km away from the tiger corridors to prevent unauthorized entry and minimize human-wildlife conflicts.
- 20. The State Government shall ensure strict monitoring to prevent labor trespassing beyond designated construction sites.
- 21. The User Agency shall opt for tower designs and configurations that have minimal visual impact and require less land clearance.
- 22. The User Agency shall implement measures to reduce electromagnetic radiation (EMR) emissions from the tower, such as using lower- powered antennas, directional antennas, or shielding.
- 23. No construction material shall be procured from within the forest. Construction debris shall not be dumped inside the forest or wetland areas and these shall be transported by the User Agency to suitable dumping sites outside the forests and wetlands.
- 24. Chief Wild Life Warden, Karnataka shall develop a monitoring mechanism for compliance of stipulated conditions herein.
- 25. 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.
- 80.5.16 Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Kali Tiger Reserve for construction of 4G Mobile Tower under saturation project at Aveda poppalwadi village of Joida taluk in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited

WL/KA/CommPost/441123/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal issue of 0.02 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Kali Tiger Reserve for construction of 4G Mobile Tower under saturation project at Aveda poppalwadi village of Joida taluk in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

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

- 1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
- a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
- b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
- c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of

- towers and their maintenance;
- d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
- e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
- 2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
- 3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
- 4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas in accordance with the procedure.
- 5. Yearly monitoring of electromagnetic field (EMF) shall be conducted by the User Agency in and around the areas of Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary.
- 6. The User Agency shall use visual daytime markers in the area having large numbers of bird movement to avoid bird hits.
- 7. Security lighting for on ground facilities shall be minimised or point downwards or be down shielded.
- 8. The proposed project site shall be properly fenced with chain link mesh, so that LTM or others mammals shall not cross the area or climb the tower at the cost of User Agency.
- 9. Signage Boards regarding wildlife shall be instated at the cost of User Agency.
- 10. The construction work shall be restricted to day time hours i.e. between 6 AM to 6 PM.
- 11. The User Agency shall abide by the conditions laid down by the forest officials in charge of the project area in the interest of protecting and minimizing disturbance to wildlife during construction phase and after completion of the project.
- 12. The User Agency shall not collect the raw materials, forest produce including firewood from the forest.
- 13. All the staff and workers involved in the project implementation shall 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, shall be taken.
- 14. The User Agency shall take care to not disturb the wildlife species and their habitat during construction activities.
- 15. The User Agency and project personnel shall 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.
- 16. The muck generated during the project implementation shall be taken out of the corridor without endangering the flora and fauna.
- 17. The work shall be taken up only under the close supervision of the jurisdictional officers & staff, to avoid any damage to the flora & fauna.
- 18. No tents or any other stay arrangement shall be permitted inside the protected area.
- 19. Labor camps shall be prohibited inside forested areas and shall be at least 1 km away from the tiger corridors to prevent unauthorized entry and minimize human-wildlife conflicts.
- 20. The State Government shall ensure strict monitoring to prevent labor trespassing beyond designated construction sites.
- 21. The User Agency shall opt for tower designs and configurations that have minimal visual impact and require less land clearance.
- 22. The User Agency shall implement measures to reduce electromagnetic radiation (EMR) emissions from the tower, such as using lower- powered antennas, directional antennas, or shielding.
- 23. No construction material shall be procured from within the forest. Construction debris shall not be dumped inside the forest or wetland areas and these shall be transported by the User Agency to suitable dumping sites outside the forests and wetlands.
- 24. Chief Wild Life Warden, Karnataka shall develop a monitoring mechanism for compliance of stipulated conditions herein.
- 25. 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.
- 80.5.17 Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Kali Tiger Reserve for construction of mobile tower in 4G tower at Varlewadi village of Joida taluk in Uttara Kannada district in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

WL/KA/CommPost/441091/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Kali Tiger Reserve for construction of 4G Mobile Tower under saturation project at Aveda poppalwadi village of Joida taluk in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

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

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to

approve the proposal subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
- a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
- b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
- c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
- d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
- e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area in accordance with the procedure.
- 2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
- 3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
- 4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
- 5. Yearly monitoring of electromagnetic field (EMF) shall be conducted by the User Agency in and around the areas of Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary.
- 6. The User Agency shall use visual daytime markers in the area having large numbers of bird movement to avoid bird hits.
- 7. Security lighting for on ground facilities shall be minimised or point downwards or be down shielded.
- 8. The proposed project site shall be properly fenced with chain link mesh, so that LTM or others mammals shall not cross the area or climb the tower at the cost of User Agency.
- 9. Signage Boards regarding wildlife shall be instated at the cost of User Agency.
- 10. The construction work shall be restricted to day time hours i.e. between 6 AM to 6 PM.
- 11. The User Agency shall abide by the conditions laid down by the forest officials in charge of the project area in the interest of protecting and minimizing disturbance to wildlife during construction phase and after completion of the project.
- 12. The User Agency shall not collect the raw materials, forest produce including firewood from the forest.
- 13. All the staff and workers involved in the project implementation

- shall 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, shall be taken.
- 14. The User Agency shall take care to not disturb the wildlife species and their habitat during construction activities.
- 15. The User Agency and project personnel shall 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.
- 16. The muck generated during the project implementation shall be taken out of the corridor without endangering the flora and fauna.
- 17. The work shall be taken up only under the close supervision of the jurisdictional officers & staff, to avoid any damage to the flora & fauna.
- 18. No tents or any other stay arrangement shall be permitted inside the protected area.
- 19. Labor camps shall be prohibited inside forested areas and shall be at least 1 km away from the tiger corridors to prevent unauthorized entry and minimize human-wildlife conflicts.
- 20. The State Government shall ensure strict monitoring to prevent labor trespassing beyond designated construction sites.
- 21. The User Agency shall opt for tower designs and configurations that have minimal visual impact and require less land clearance.
- 22. The User Agency shall implement measures to reduce electromagnetic radiation (EMR) emissions from the tower, such as using lower- powered antennas, directional antennas, or shielding.
- 23. No construction material shall be procured from within the forest. Construction debris shall not be dumped inside the forest or wetland areas and these shall be transported by the User Agency to suitable dumping sites outside the forests and wetlands.
- 24. Chief Wild Life Warden, Karnataka shall develop a monitoring mechanism for compliance of stipulated conditions herein.
- 25. 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.
- **80.5.18** Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Kali Tiger Reserve for construction of 4G Mobile Tower under saturation project at Kodatalli Village in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

WL/KA/CommPost/445239/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Kali Tiger Reserve for construction of 4G Mobile Tower under saturation project at Kodatalli Village in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA in their comments has mentioned that the project site is located in the buffer zone of Kali Tiger Reserve, but it is situated within 400 meters of the core area and surrounded by core in all sides. The proximity of the proposed site to the core area could have significant negative impact on biodiversity of the area, particularly endangered species in and around the tiger reserve. Forest Department already rely on their own efficient wireless network for communicating inside the tiger reserve. Erecting a mobile tower in such a sensitive could set a concerning precedent for future infrastructure projects within or near the core areas of protected reserves. Therefore, the NTCA has not recommended the project proposal.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided not to approve the proposal.

80.5.19 Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Kali Tiger Reserve for construction of 4G Mobile Tower under saturation project at Palada village of Joida taluk in Uttara Kannada district in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

WL/KA/CommPost/441163/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Kali Tiger Reserve for construction of 4G Mobile Tower under saturation project at Palada village of Joida taluk in Uttara Kannada district in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

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

- 1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
- a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
- b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
- c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
- d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
- e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection)

- Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area in accordance with the procedure.
- 2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
- 3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
- 4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
- 5. Yearly monitoring of electromagnetic field (EMF) shall be conducted by the User Agency in and around the areas of Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary.
- 6. The User Agency shall use visual daytime markers in the area having large numbers of bird movement to avoid bird hits.
- 7. Security lighting for on ground facilities shall be minimised or point downwards or be down shielded.
- 8. The proposed project site shall be properly fenced with chain link mesh, so that LTM or others mammals shall not cross the area or climb the tower at the cost of User Agency.
- 9. Signage Boards regarding wildlife shall be instated at the cost of User Agency.
- 10. The construction work shall be restricted to day time hours i.e. between 6 AM to 6 PM.
- 11. The User Agency shall abide by the conditions laid down by the forest officials in charge of the project area in the interest of protecting and minimizing disturbance to wildlife during construction phase and after completion of the project.
- 12. The User Agency shall not collect the raw materials, forest produce including firewood from the forest.
- 13. All the staff and workers involved in the project implementation shall 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, shall be taken.
- 14. The User Agency shall take care to not disturb the wildlife species and their habitat during construction activities.
- 15. The User Agency and project personnel shall 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.
- 16. The muck generated during the project implementation shall be taken out of the corridor without endangering the flora and fauna.
- 17. The work shall be taken up only under the close supervision of the

- jurisdictional officers & staff, to avoid any damage to the flora & fauna.
- 18. No tents or any other stay arrangement shall be permitted inside the protected area.
- 19. Labor camps shall be prohibited inside forested areas and shall be at least 1 km away from the tiger corridors to prevent unauthorized entry and minimize human-wildlife conflicts.
- 20. The State Government shall ensure strict monitoring to prevent labor trespassing beyond designated construction sites.
- 21. The User Agency shall opt for tower designs and configurations that have minimal visual impact and require less land clearance.
- 22. The User Agency shall implement measures to reduce electromagnetic radiation (EMR) emissions from the tower, such as using lower- powered antennas, directional antennas, or shielding.
- 23. No construction material shall be procured from within the forest. Construction debris shall not be dumped inside the forest or wetland areas and these shall be transported by the User Agency to suitable dumping sites outside the forests and wetlands.
- 24. Chief Wild Life Warden, Karnataka shall develop a monitoring mechanism for compliance of stipulated conditions herein.
- 25. 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.
- 80.5.20 Proposal for use of 0.99 ha of additional forestland from Gangotri National Park for construction at Naga BOP in favour of 12th BN ITBP, District Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand.

WL/UK/DEF/447117/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.99 ha of additional forestland from Gangotri National Park for construction at Naga BOP in favour of 12th BN ITBP, District - Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand.

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

- 1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. No damage to the flora and fauna of the surrounding area shall be caused.
- 3. Protection and mitigation measures for wildlife shall be ensured as per standard practice in such cases.
- 4. Proper waste disposal shall be ensured.

- 5. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than the specified in the proposal.
- 6. It shall be ensured that no labour camp shall be set up inside the forest area.
- 7. The User Agency shall comply all the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and all other acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and Hon'ble NGT Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- 8. 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.
- **80.5.21** Proposal for use of 0.99 ha of forestland from Gangotri National Park for construction at Neelapani BOP in favour of 12th BN ITBP, District-Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand.

WL/UK/DEF/447120/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.99 ha of additional forestland from Gangotri National Park for construction at Naga BOP in favour of 12th BN ITBP, District - Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand.

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

- 1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. No damage to the flora and fauna of the surrounding area shall be caused.
- 3. Protection and mitigation measures for wildlife shall be ensured as per standard practice in such cases.
- 4. Proper waste disposal shall be ensured.
- 5. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than the specified in the proposal.
- 6. It shall be ensured that no labour camp shall be set up inside the forest area.
- 7. The User Agency shall comply all the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and all other acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and Hon'ble NGT Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- 8. 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.

80.5.22 Proposal for use of 1.62 ha of forestland from Gangotri National Park for establishment of new BOP at Muling-La Base of 12th Bn ITBP, Matli, District - Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand.

WL/UK/DEF/448504/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.62 ha of forestland from Gangotri National Park for establishment of new BOP at Muling-La Base of 12th Bn ITBP, Matli, District - Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand.

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

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. No damage to the flora and fauna of the surrounding area shall be caused.
- 3. Protection and mitigation measures for wildlife shall be ensured as per standard practice in such cases.
- 4. Proper waste disposal shall be ensured.
- 5. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than the specified in the proposal.
- 6. It shall be ensured that no labour camp shall be set up inside the forest area.
- 7. The User Agency shall comply all the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and all other acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and Hon'ble NGT Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- 8. 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.
- 80.5.23 Proposal for use of 0.5549 ha of forestland from Gangotri National Park for construction work at Sonam Border Out Post of 12th Bn ITBP, Matli, District Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand.

WL/UK/DEF/466564/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.5549 ha of forestland from Gangotri National Park for construction work at Sonam Border Out Post of 12th Bn ITBP, Matli, District - Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand.

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

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. No damage to the flora and fauna of the surrounding area shall be caused.
- 3. Protection and mitigation measures for wildlife shall be ensured as per standard practice in such cases.
- 4. Proper waste disposal shall be ensured.
- 5. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than the specified in the proposal.
- 6. It shall be ensured that no labour camp shall be set up inside the forest area.
- 7. The User Agency shall comply all the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and all other acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and Hon'ble NGT Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- 8. 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.
- **80.5.24** Proposal for use of 0.92 ha of forestland from Gangotri National Park for construction work at Mendi Border Out Post of 12th Bn ITBP Matli Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand.

WL/UK/DEF/466583/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.92 ha of forestland from Gangotri National Park for construction work at Mendi Border Out Post of 12th Bn ITBP Matli Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand.

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

- 1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. No damage to the flora and fauna of the surrounding area shall be caused.
- 3. Protection and mitigation measures for wildlife shall be ensured as per standard practice in such cases.
- 4. Proper waste disposal shall be ensured.

- 5. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than the specified in the proposal.
- 6. It shall be ensured that no labour camp shall be set up inside the forest area.
- 7. The User Agency shall comply all the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and all other acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and Hon'ble NGT Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- 8. 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.
- **80.5.25** Proposal for use of 0.5567 ha of forestland from Gangotri National Park for construction of Jawan living accommodation at PDA BOP of 12th Bn ITBP, district Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand.

WL/UK/DEF/466598/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.5567 ha of forestland from Gangotri National Park for construction of Jawan living accommodation at PDA BOP of 12th Bn ITBP, district - Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand.

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

- 1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. No damage to the flora and fauna of the surrounding area shall be caused.
- 3. Protection and mitigation measures for wildlife shall be ensured as per standard practice in such cases.
- 4. Proper waste disposal shall be ensured.
- 5. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than the specified in the proposal.
- 6. It shall be ensured that no labour camp shall be set up inside the forest area.
- 7. The User Agency shall comply all the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and all other acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and Hon'ble NGT Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- 8. 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.

80.5.26 Proposal for use of 0.8093 of forestland from Gangotri National Park for establish of New BOP at Janaktal of 35th BN, ITB Police, District - Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand

WL/UK/DEF/471369/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.8093 of forestland from Gangotri National Park for establish of New BOP at Janaktal of 35th BN, ITB Police, District - Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand.

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

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. No damage to the flora and fauna of the surrounding area shall be caused.
- 3. Protection and mitigation measures for wildlife shall be ensured as per standard practice in such cases.
- 4. Proper waste disposal shall be ensured.
- 5. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than the specified in the proposal.
- 6. It shall be ensured that no labour camp shall be set up inside the forest area.
- 7. The User Agency shall comply all the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and all other acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and Hon'ble NGT Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- 8. 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.
- Proposal for use of 0.8586 ha of forest land from Jaisamand Wildlife Sanctuary for augmentation of production from Jaisamad lake for UWSS Udaipur including upgradation of the existing pipeline of 600 mm diameter to new underground pipeline of 900 mm diameter from Jaisammand lake to Udaipur, installation of Grid Sub-station and laying of 33 kV transmission line in Udaipur, Rajasthan.

FP/RJ/WATER/151001/2022

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.8586 ha of forest land from Jaisamand Wildlife Sanctuary for augmentation of production from Jaisamad lake for UWSS Udaipur including upgradation of the existing pipeline of 600 mm diameter to new underground pipeline of 900 mm diameter from Jaisammand lake to Udaipur, installation of Grid Sub-station and laying of 33 kV transmission line in Udaipur, Rajasthan.

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

- 1. 2% of the proportional project cost falling within the Protected Area shall be deposited in RPACS by the user agency for management and protection of wildlife in the Protected Area.
- 2. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
- 3. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area
- 4. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area.
- 5. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area.
- 6. There shall be no labour camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
- 7. The trench dug for laying the pipeline shall be filled and levelled after completion of the work.
- 8. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
- 9. There shall be no high mast/ beam/search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
- 10. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- 11. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of Protected Area.
- 12. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of Standard SOP/Guidelines issued by WII, Dehradun for linear projects.
- 13. Any permission/clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
- 14. Valves shall be provided along with the pipelines at suitable locations to provide water to sanctuary area during pinch period, fire emergency and to forest chokies adjacent to the pipeline.
- 15. 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.

80.5.28 Proposal for use of 0.1516 ha of forestland from Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground pipeline for Kimana Water Supply Scheme in favour of Pey Jal Nigam Gopeswar, District Chamoli, Uttarakhand.

WL/UK/DRKWATER/450449/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.1516 ha of forestland from Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground pipeline for Kimana Water Supply Scheme in favour of Pey Jal Nigam Gopeswar, District Chamoli, Uttarakhand.

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

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. No damage to the flora and fauna of the surrounding area shall be caused.
- 3. Protection and mitigation measures for wildlife shall be ensured as per standard practice in such cases.
- 4. Proper waste disposal shall be ensured.
- 5. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than the specified in the proposal.
- 6. It shall be ensured that no labour camp shall be set up inside the forest area.
- 7. The User Agency shall comply all the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and all other acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and Hon'ble NGT Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- 8. 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.
- 80.5.29 Proposal for use of 0.1441 ha of forestland from Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground pipeline for Kanalgunth Water Supply Scheme (Drinking Water Pipe Line Works) in favour of Pey Jal Nigam Gopeswar, Uttarakhand.

WL/UK/ DRKWATER/450874/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.1441 ha of forestland from Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary for laying

of underground pipeline for Kanalgunth Water Supply Scheme (Drinking Water Pipe Line Works) in favour of Pey Jal Nigam Gopeswar, Uttarakhand.

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

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. No damage to the flora and fauna of the surrounding area shall be caused.
- 3. Protection and mitigation measures for wildlife shall be ensured as per standard practice in such cases.
- 4. Proper waste disposal shall be ensured.
- 5. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than the specified in the proposal.
- 6. It shall be ensured that no labour camp shall be set up inside the forest area.
- 7. The User Agency shall comply all the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and all other acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and Hon'ble NGT Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- 8. 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.
- 80.5.30 Proposal for use of 0.271 ha forest land from Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary for Dewar khadora Water Supply Scheme (Drinking Water Pipe Line Works) in favour of Pey Jal Nigam Gopeswar, Uttarakhand.

WL/UK/DRKWATER/452736/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.271 ha forest land from Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary for Dewar khadora Water Supply Scheme (Drinking Water Pipe Line Works) in favour of Pey Jal Nigam Gopeswar, Uttarakhand.

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

- 1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. No damage to the flora and fauna of the surrounding area shall be

caused.

- 3. Protection and mitigation measures for wildlife shall be ensured as per standard practice in such cases.
- 4. Proper waste disposal shall be ensured.
- 5. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than the specified in the proposal.
- 6. It shall be ensured that no labour camp shall be set up inside the forest area.
- 7. The User Agency shall comply all the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and all other acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and Hon'ble NGT Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- 8. 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.
- 80.5.31 Proposal for use of 0.0721 ha of forestland from Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary for laying underground pipeline for Bhulkan Water Supply Scheme in favour of Pey Jal Nigam Gopeswar, District Chamoli, Uttarakhand.

WL/UK/DRKWATER/450392/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0721 ha of forestland from Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary for laying underground pipeline for Bhulkan Water Supply Scheme in favour of Pey Jal Nigam Gopeswar, District - Chamoli, Uttarakhand.

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

- 1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. No damage to the flora and fauna of the surrounding area shall be caused.
- 3. Protection and mitigation measures for wildlife shall be ensured as per standard practice in such cases.
- 4. Proper waste disposal shall be ensured.
- 5. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than the specified in the proposal.
- 6. It shall be ensured that no labour camp shall be set up inside the forest area.
- 7. The User Agency shall comply all the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and all other acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and Hon'ble NGT Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as

- applicable to the project.
- 8. 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.
- 80.5.32 Proposal for use of 0.4022 ha of forestland from Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary for laying underground drinking water pipeline for Dumak Water Supply Scheme in District Chamoli, Uttarakhand.

WL/UK/DRKWATER/450895/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.4022 ha of forestland from Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary for laying underground drinking water pipeline for Dumak Water Supply Scheme in District - Chamoli, Uttarakhand.

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

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. No damage to the flora and fauna of the surrounding area shall be caused.
- 3. Protection and mitigation measures for wildlife shall be ensured as per standard practice in such cases.
- 4. Proper waste disposal shall be ensured.
- 5. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than the specified in the proposal.
- 6. It shall be ensured that no labour camp shall be set up inside the forest area.
- 7. The User Agency shall comply all the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and all other acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and Hon'ble NGT Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- 8. 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.
- 80.5.33 Proposal for use of 0.0654 ha of forestland from Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground water pipeline for Drinking Water Supply Scheme(P1+P2) for Gram panchayat Basoli under Jal Jeevan Mission in District Almora, Uttarakhand.

WL/UK/DRKWATER/454549/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0654 ha of forestland from Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground water pipeline for Drinking Water Supply Scheme(P1+P2) for Gram panchayat Basoli under Jal Jeevan Mission in District Almora, Uttarakhand.

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

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. No damage to the flora and fauna of the surrounding area shall be caused.
- 3. Protection and mitigation measures for wildlife shall be ensured as per standard practice in such cases.
- 4. Proper waste disposal shall be ensured.
- 5. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than the specified in the proposal.
- 6. It shall be ensured that no labour camp shall be set up inside the forest area.
- 7. The User Agency shall comply all the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and all other acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and Hon'ble NGT Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- 8. 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.
- 80.5.34 Proposal for use of 315.74 ha of forest land for renovation of Asolamenda Irrigation Project from tiger corridor connecting Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve Kawal Tiger Reserve Tipeshwar Sanctuary in Bramhapuri, Central Chanda and Chandrapur Forest Division of Chandrapur district, Maharashtra.

FP/MH/IRRIG/39591/2019

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 315.74 ha of forest land for renovation of Asolamenda Irrigation Project from tiger corridor connecting Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve – Kawal Tiger Reserve – Tipeshwar Sanctuary in Bramhapuri, Central Chanda and Chandrapur Forest Division of Chandrapur district, Maharashtra.

As per the proposal it is proposed to raise the height of existing Asolamendha Dam by 2.70 M. and proposed to store the additional water through Gosikhurd Right Bank Canal. It is proposed to increase

the existing Command Area of Asolamendha Project from 9919 Ha to 70412 Ha. The area required under this project is 243.27 for additional submergence area and 72.47 ha for canal network system.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has suggested for constitution of a committee comprising of the members of MoEFCC, NTCA, WII, Maharashtra Forest Department and User Agency before granting any statutory clearance to the instant proposal.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a site inspection committee comprising of representatives of the Ministry, NTCA, WII, Maharashtra Forest Department and User Agency may be constituted for site appraisal and examination of the mitigation plan and therefore decided to defer the proposal.

Proposal for Oil & Gas Exploration Drilling over an area of 4.4998 ha [Well Pad (Plinth): 1.44 ha and Approach Road: 3.0598 ha] reserve forest area at Well Pad SP-1- East-2 in AA- ONHP-2017/4 Block in the Eco- sensitive zone of Hollongapar Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary, District. Jorhat, Assam.

WL/AS/Others/445754/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for Oil & Gas Exploration Drilling over an area of 4.4998 ha [Well Pad (Plinth): 1.44 ha and Approach Road: 3.0598 ha] reserve forest area at Well Pad SP-1- East-2 in AA- ONHP-2017/4 Block in the Eco- sensitive zone of Hollongapar Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary, District. Jorhat, Assam.

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

The proposal falls in the RED category polluting industries As per the ESZ notification of the Hollongapar- Gibbon Sanctuary and the guidelines issued by the Ministry dated 9.2.2011, setting of industries causing pollution (Water, Air, Soil, Noise, etc.) has been placed in the prohibited category.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that the area of the sanctuary is small compared to the area of the Eco-sensitive Zone around the sanctuary. The Hoolock Gibbons are found only in small area of the sanctuary. He therefore suggested for site inspection by a committee.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a site inspection committee comprising of representatives of the Ministry, WII, State Forest Department and Dr. Sukumar may be constituted for site inspection and therefore decided to defer the

proposal.

80.5.36 Proposal for Pokhari Urf Pokhani Soapstone Mining Project over an area of 4.494 ha non-forest land in favour of Shri Sandeep Singh S/o Sh. Narendra Singh, 2.10 km away from the Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary in its default Eco- Sensitive Zone, District-Chamoli, Uttarakhand.

WL/UK/MIN/QRY/455411/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of Pokhari Urf Pokhani Soapstone Mining Project over an area of 4.494 ha non-forest land in favour of Shri Sandeep Singh S/o Sh. Narendra Singh, 2.10 km away from the Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary in its default Eco- Sensitive Zone, District-Chamoli, Uttarakhand.

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

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that the proposal shall have been examined from hydrological point of view.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that the officials from the State Mining Department shall be present during the next meeting and therefore decided to defer the proposal.

Proposal for use of 9.0 ha (1.6 ha of forest land from Hollongapar Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary and 7.4 ha non-forest land from its notified Eco-Sensitive Zone) for 25KV railway electrification of 9 km long Lumiding- Dibrugarh section of Northeast Frontier Railway in favour of IRCON International Limited.

WL/AS/RAIL/464292/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 9.0 ha (1.6 ha of forest land from Hollongapar Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary and 7.4 ha non-forest land from its notified Eco-Sensitive Zone) for 25KV railway electrification of 9 km long Lumiding- Dibrugarh section of Northeast Frontier Railway in favour of IRCON International Limited.

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

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Assam mentioned that the railway line exists for about 100 years i.e. prior to the notification of the sanctuary. The Railway Department has proposed to carry out electrification of the railway line.

Dr. Sukumar taking example from Buxa Tiger Reserve suggested for imposing speed restrictions for the trains passing through this sanctuary.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The Forest Department shall prescribe appropriate speed restrictions for the trains passing through the sanctuary.
- 2. The User Agency shall have to implement all the mitigation measures prescribed in the animal passage plan designed by Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, simultaneously with execution of the project.
- 3. The electric wires shall not be energized till the complete installation of mitigation measures for safe movement of Elephants and Hoolock Gibbon across the electrified railway track.
- 4. No construction activity shall be carried out between sunset and sunrise.
- 5. The User Agency shall deposit 2% of the project cost as Corpus Fund in favour of CWLW, Assam for preparing and implementing Human Elephant/Wildlife Conflict Mitigation and Wildlife Conservation Plan.
- 6. 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.
- 80.5.38 Proposal for use of 0.63 ha of forestland from Shoolpaneshwar Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of New Approach Road (paved road) from Dam (Left Bank) to Jetty (U/S), Village-Mokhadi, Ta.Grudeshwar, District, Narmada, Gujarat.

WL/ GJ/ ROAD/449002/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.63 ha of forestland from Shoolpaneshwar Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of New Approach Road (paved road) from Dam (Left Bank) to Jetty (U/S), Village- Mokhadi, Ta.Grudeshwar, District, Narmada, Gujarat.

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

- 1. The User Agency shall not violate any provision of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- 2. The User agency shall not harm or destroy wildlife habitat including fauna and flora of the Sanctuary.
- 3. The User Agency shall not use the area for any other work other

- than the work permitted.
- 4. The User Agency shall not establish any temporary or permanent labour camp in the Sanctuary.
- 5. The User Agency or his contractor shall not create any fire places inside the Sanctuary.
- 6. All the material required for the work shall be prepared outside the sanctuary.
- 7. The work in the Sanctuary shall be allowed only in the day time from 8 AM to 6 PM.
- 8. Approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, if required, shall be obtained separately for use of forest land.
- 9. The User Agency shall deposit NPV for the use of land of Protected Area as per the existing rates before initiating any work on the land.
- 10. The User Agency shall have to prepare a conservation plan relevant to the biological entity affected due to the project and deposit the fund before initiating any work on the land.
- 11. The User Agency shall create adequate facilities for safe transit of wildlife across the road.
- 12. 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.
- 80.5.39 Proposal for use of 4.96 ha of forest land from Narayan Sarovar Wildlife Sanctuary for strengthening and widening of the existing B.T. surface of National Highway-8A (Ext.) of Section km 226/200 to 227/600 and km 231/500 to 242/500, in District Kutch, Gujarat.

FP/GJ/ROAD/5007/2020

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 4.96 ha of forest land from Narayan Sarovar Wildlife Sanctuary for strengthening and widening of the existing B.T. surface of National Highway-8A (Ext.) of Section km 226/200 to 227/600 and km 231/500 to 242/500, in District Kutch, Gujarat.

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

- 1. The User Agency shall not violate any provision of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- 2. The User agency shall not harm or destroy wildlife habitat including fauna and flora of the Sanctuary.
- 3. The User Agency shall not use the area for any other work other than the work permitted.

- 4. The user agency shall not establish any temporary or permanent labour camp in the sanctuary.
- 5. The user agency or its contractor shall not create any fireplace inside the sanctuary.
- 6. All the material required for the work shall be prepared outside the sanctuary.
- 7. The work in the sanctuary shall be allowed only in the daytime from 8 AM to 6 PM.
- 8. Approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, if required, shall be obtained separately for use of forest land.
- 9. The user shall deposit NPV for the use of land of Protected Area as per the existing rates before initiating any work on the land.
- 10. The User Agency shall create adequate facilities for safe transit of wildlife across the road.
- 11. 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.
- 80.5.40 Proposal for use of 166.43 ha of land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for widening and Strengthening of Myajlar-Jaisalmer section of NH-11 between km 0+855 to km 63+615, Rajasthan.

FP/RJ/ROAD/2439/2018

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 166.43 ha of land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for widening and Strengthening of Myajlar-Jaisalmer section of NH-11 between km 0+855 to km 63+615, Rajasthan.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The WII has prescribed the animal passage plan for the entire road.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that chinkara is found in this area and pipe culverts would not be used by such animals to cross the road area. He therefore suggested that for such a large stretch of road passing through the protected area, the number of bridges shall be more in number as also suggested by the WII in their report.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Rajasthan agreed with the suggestion given by Dr. H. S. Singh.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to the following conditions:

1. The animal passage plan prepared by the WII shall be implemented by the User Agency. However, double the number of

- underpasses (viaducts) with span of 250m and 150 m proposed in the plan prepared by the WII shall be constructed by the User Agency along the road.
- 2. 2% of the proportional project cost falling within the Protected Area shall be deposited in RPACS by the user agency for relocation of villages/land acquisition.
- 3. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
- 4. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area.
- 5. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area.
- 6. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area.
- 7. There shall be no labour camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
- 8. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
- 9. There shall be no high mast/beam/search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
- 10. Signage's regarding information about the wild animals in the area, control of the traffic volumes, speed etc. shall be erected in the project area.
- 11. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- 12. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of Protected Area.
- 13. Any permission/clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
- 14. A sign board shall be installed at every 500 meters in the sanctuary area. The details of which shall be posted only after the approval of this office.
- 15. Speed breakers shall be made and marked with fluorescent paint at a distance of every 300 meters in the sanctuary area.
- 16. Plantation in the tree rows on the both sides along the road shall be done and maintained by user agency in consultation with PA-in-Charge(DCF).
- 17. The user agency shall not create Burrow pits in the sanctuary area for construction of road.
- 18. User Agency shall clear all the debris left after construction is over.
- 19. 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.

Sanctuary for widening and Strengthening work of Bilara- Sojat- Siriyari-Desuri- Sadri- Pindwara Road SH-62, km 85/0 to 123/0 (Jojawar to Desuri) District - Pali in the State of Rajasthan.

WL/ RJ/ ROAD/416281/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.6875 ha of forest land from Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary for widening and Strengthening work of Bilara- Sojat- Siriyari- Desuri-Sadri- Pindwara Road SH-62, km 85/0 to 123/0 (Jojawar to Desuri) District - Pali in the State of Rajasthan.

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

- 1. 2 % of the proportional project cost falling within the Protected Area shall be deposited in RPACS by the user agency for relocation of villages/ land acquisition.
- 2. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
- 3. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area.
- 4. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and.
- 5. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area.
- 6. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
- 7. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
- 8. To restrict movement of wild animals towards the road in the Protected Area, adequate mitigative measures such as wall/ chain link fencing shall be constructed by the User agency to stop accidents.
- 9. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
- 10. Signage's regarding information about the wild animals in the area, control of the traffic volumes, speed etc. shall be erected in the project area.
- 11. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- 12. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of the Protected Area.
- 13. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Ministry's guidance document. 'Eco-friendly measures to mitigate impacts of linear infrastructure on wildlife'. Species wise Animal passes to be provided by User Agency under

- the project cost.
- 14. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
- 15. A sign board shall be installed at every 500 meters in the sanctuary area. The details of which shall be posted only after the approval of this office.
- 16. Speed breakers shall be made and marked with fluorescent paint at a distance of every 300 meters in the sanctuary area.
- 17. Plantation in the three rows on both sides along the road shall be done and maintain by user agency in consultation of with PA incharge (DCF).
- 18. The User Agency shall not create Burrow Pits in the Sanctuary area for construction of road.
- 19. User Agency shall clear all the debris left after construction is over.
- 20. 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.
- 80.5.42 Proposal for use of 8.7815 ha (4.1489 ha from Kesarbagh Sanctuary and 4.6326 ha from Van Vihar Sanctuary) of forest land for strengthening work of road on Dholpur to Karanpur via Aathmeel, Sone Ka Gurja, Sirmathura, Chandelipura Mandrail (SH-137) KM 0/00 to 81/00 in favour of Public Works Department in Dholpur District, Rajasthan.

WL/ RJ/ ROAD/443134/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 8.7815 ha (4.1489 ha from Kesarbagh Sanctuary and 4.6326 ha from Van Vihar Sanctuary) of forest land for strengthening work of road on Dholpur to Karanpur via Aathmeel, Sone Ka Gurja, Sirmathura, Chandelipura Mandrail (SH-137) KM 0/00 to 81/00 in favour of Public Works Department in Dholpur District, Rajasthan.

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

- 1. 2 % of the proportional project cost falling within the Protected Area shall be deposited in RPACS by the user agency for management and protection of wildlife in the Protected Area.
- 2. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
- 3. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area.
- 4. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside

- the Protected Area.
- 5. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area.
- 6. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
- 7. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
- 8. To restrict movement of wild animals towards the road in the Protected Area, adequate mitigative measures such as wall/ chain link fencing shall be constructed by the User agency to stop accidents.
- 9. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
- 10. Signage's regarding information about the wild animals in the area, control of the traffic volumes, speed etc. shall be erected in the project area.
- 11. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- 12. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of Protected Area.
- 13. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Ministry's guidance document. 'Eco-friendly measures to mitigate impacts of linear infrastructure on wildlife'. Species wise Animal passes to be provided by User Agency under the project cost.
- 14. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
- 15. A sign board shall be installed at every 500 meters in the sanctuary area. The details of which shall be posted only after the approval of this office.
- 16. Speed breakers shall be made and marked with fluorescent paint at a distance of every 300 meters in the Protected Area.
- 17. Plantation in the three rows on both sides along the road shall be done and maintain by user agency in consultation of with PA incharge (DCF).
- 18. The User Agency shall not create Burrow Pits in the Sanctuary area for construction of road.
- 19. The User Agency shall clear all the debris left after construction is over.
- 20. 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.
- **80.5.43** Proposal for use of 0.1 ha of forest land from Kedarnath Musk Deer Wildlife Sanctuary and adjoining 0.336 ha of civil soyam land for construction of Gaurikund Bypass bridle road (0.80km) with 60m span

and 30m span bridge under State sector in district Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand.

WL/ UK/ ROAD/453533/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.1 ha of forest land from Kedarnath Musk Deer Wildlife Sanctuary and adjoining 0.336 ha of civil soyam land for construction of Gaurikund Bypass bridle road (0.80km) with 60m span and 30m span bridge under State sector in district Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand.

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

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to the following conditions:

- Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged and the work shall be done under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
- 2. No damage to the flora and fauna of the surrounding area shall be caused.
- 3. Protection and mitigation measures for wildlife shall be ensured as per standard practice in such cases.
- 4. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than the specified in the proposal.
- 5. DFO Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary shall monitor the implementation of the project regularly and report for the violation, if any.
- 6. It shall be ensured that no labour camps shall be set up inside the forest area.
- 7. The User Agency shall comply all the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and all other Acts, Rules, Regulations, guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and Hon'ble NGT Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- 8. 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.
- 80.5.44 Proposal for use of 23.5224 ha of forest land from Tadgarh Raoli Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of Two Lane Elevated Structure road on NH- 458 (Raipur- Jassakhera) from -Km. 16+159.20 To Km. 24+000.00 On EPC Mode in District Pali, Rajasthan.

WL/RJ/ ROAD/485892/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 23.5224 ha of forest land from Tadgarh Raoli Wildlife Sanctuary for

construction of Two Lane Elevated Structure road on NH- 458 (Raipur-Jassakhera) from -Km. 16+159.20 To Km. 24+000.00 On EPC Mode in District - Pali, Rajasthan.

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

- 1. 2 % of the proportional project cost falling within the Protected Area shall be deposited in RPACS by the user agency for management and protection of wildlife in the Protected Area.
- 2. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
- 3. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area.
- 4. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area.
- 5. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area.
- 6. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
- 7. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
- 8. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
- 9. Signage's regarding information about the wild animals in the area, control of the traffic volumes, speed etc. shall be erected in the project area.
- 10. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- 11. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of Protected Area.
- 12. The user agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of Standard SOP/Guidelines issued by WII, Dehradun for linear projects.
- 13. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules
- 14. A sign board displaying the details of sanctuary area and not to throw plastic items in sanctuary area shall be installed at every 500 meters in the sanctuary area. The details of which shall be posted only after the approval of this office.
- 15. The pillars on which the road shall be elevated must have provision for camera trap setting on both sides of the pillar so that movement of wildlife below the road can be monitored.
- 16. Plantation in the three rows on both sides along the road shall be done and maintained by user agency in consultation with PA incharge (DCF).

- 17. The User Agency shall not create Burrow Pits in the Sanctuary area for construction of road.
- 18. The User Agency shall clear all the debris left after construction is over.
- 19. 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.
- Proposal for use of 1.1 ha of forestland from buffer zone of Rajaji Tiger Reserve and Shivalik Elephant Reserve for 4- laning of Kotdwar bypass of NH-119 connecting Najibabad- Kotdwar to Kotdwar- Pauri road under Bharatmala Pariyojana Lot-4/Pakage-2 in District Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand.

WL/UK/ROAD/466764/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.1 ha of forestland from buffer zone of Rajaji Tiger Reserve and Shivalik Elephant Reserve for 4- laning of Kotdwar bypass of NH-119 connecting Najibabad- Kotdwar to Kotdwar- Pauri road under Bharatmala Pariyojana Lot-4/Pakage-2 in District - Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand

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

The NTCA has commented that a Committee may be constituted comprising of representatives from the MoEF&CC, NTCA, WII, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh Forest Department and the User Agency. This Committee shall carry out a comprehensive site appraisal to assess the habitat quality, verify that adequate conservation.

Dr. R. Sukumar mentioned that the area has movement of elephants and tigers.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a committee may be constituted for site inspection comprising of representatives of the Ministry, NTCA, WII, the State Forest Department and the User Agency for site appraisal and examination of the animal passage plan and therefore decided to defer the proposal.

AGENDA ITEM No. 80.6

80.6.1 Proposal for use of 0.0225 ha land from Changthang Cold Desert Sanctuary for installation of Telecom Tower for provision of mobile network services at Rango, District - Leh, UT of Ladakh.

WL/LA/CommPost/495534/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0225 ha land from Changthang Cold Desert Sanctuary for installation of Telecom Tower for provision of mobile network services at Rango, District - Leh, UT of Ladakh.

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

- 1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
- a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
- b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
- c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance:
- d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
- e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area in accordance with the procedure.
- 2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
- 3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
- 4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
- 5. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency shall have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
- 6. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh recommendations

- from the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life.
- 7. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value (NPV) and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the MoEF&CC guidelines.
- 8. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environmental (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable, before the initiation of work.
- 9. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the project proponent to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
- 10. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
- 11. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes during the execution of project.
- 12. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
- 13. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the user agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
- 14. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
- 15. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
- 16. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
- 17. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
- 18. 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.
- **80.6.2** Proposal for use of 0.0225 ha land from Changthang Cold Desert Sanctuary for installation of Telecom Tower for provision of mobile

network services at Phunguk, District - Leh, UT of Ladakh.

WL/LA/CommPost/495583/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0225 ha land from Changthang Cold Desert Sanctuary for installation of Telecom Tower for provision of mobile network services at Phunguk, District - Leh, UT of Ladakh.

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

- 1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
- a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
- b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
- c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
- d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
- e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area in accordance with the procedure.
- 2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
- 3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
- 4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
- 5. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency shall have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
- 6. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh recommendations from the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life.
- 7. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value (NPV) and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme

- Court and the MoEF&CC guidelines.
- 8. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environmental (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable, before the initiation of work.
- 9. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the project proponent to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
- 10. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
- 11. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes during the execution of project.
- 12. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
- 13. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the user agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
- 14. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
- 15. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
- 16. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
- 17. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
- 18. 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.
- 80.6.3 Proposal for use of 0.0225 ha land from Changthang Cold Desert Sanctuary for installation of Telecom Tower for provision of mobile network services at Hanle, District- Leh, UT of Ladakh

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The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0225 ha land from Changthang Cold Desert Sanctuary for installation of Telecom Tower for provision of mobile network services at Hanle, District - Leh, UT of Ladakh

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

- 1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
- a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
- b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
- c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
- d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
- e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area in accordance with the procedure.
- 2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers
- 3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
- 4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
- 5. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency shall have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
- 6. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh recommendations from the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life.
- 7. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value (NPV) and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the MoEF&CC guidelines.
- 8. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite

- clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environmental (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable, before the initiation of work.
- 9. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the project proponent to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
- 10. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
- 11. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes during the execution of project.
- 12. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
- 13. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the user agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
- 14. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
- 15. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
- 16. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
- 17. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
- 18. 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.
- **80.6.4** Proposal for use of 0.0225 ha from Changthang Cold Desert Sanctuary for installation of Telecom Tower for provision of mobile network services at Merak, District Leh, UT of Ladakh.

WL/LA/CommPost/497706/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0225 ha from Changthang Cold Desert Sanctuary for installation of

Telecom Tower for provision of mobile network services at Merak, District - Leh, UT of Ladakh.

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

- 1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
- a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
- b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
- c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
- d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
- e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area in accordance with the procedure.
- 2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
- 3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
- 4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
- 5. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency shall have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
- 6. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh recommendations from the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life.
- 7. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value (NPV) and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the MoEF&CC guidelines.
- 8. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environmental (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable, before the initiation of work.
- 9. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the

- stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the project proponent to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
- 10. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
- 11. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes during the execution of project.
- 12. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
- 13. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the user agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
- 14. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
- 15. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
- 16. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
- 17. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
- 18. 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.
- **80.6.5** Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forestland from core zone of Navegaon Nagzira Tiger Reserve for installation of mobile tower 4G Saturation Project at Village Thadezari, District Gondiya, Maharashtra.

WL/MH/Others/459136/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forestland from core zone of Navegaon Nagzira Tiger Reserve for installation of mobile tower 4G Saturation Project at Village Thadezari, District - Gondiya, Maharashtra.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has mentioned that area lies in the core zone and therefore has not recommended the project proposal for approval.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided not to approve the proposal.

80.6.6 Proposal for use of 0.0609 ha of forestland from Yawal Wildlife Sanctuary for erection of 3 mobiles tower for providing 4G Internet Mobile Service under USO 4G Saturation Project in Langdamba, Jamnya and Usamali in Yawal Taluka of Jalgaon district, Maharashtra.

WL/ MH/ Others/440797/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0609 ha of forestland from Yawal Wildlife Sanctuary for erection of 3 mobiles tower for providing 4G Internet Mobile Service under USO 4G Saturation Project in Langdamba, Jamnya and Usamali in Yawal Taluka of Jalgaon district, Maharashtra.

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

- 1. The Mobile Towers shall be erected near the forest boundary.
- 2. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
- a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
- b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
- c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance:
- d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
- e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area in accordance with the procedure.
- 2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
- 3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.

- 4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
- 5. The work shall be done only during daytime to avoid causing disturbance to movement of wildlife during the night.
- 6. The user agency shall restore the land after use/maintenance.
- 7. The user agency restore any loss to forest/ environment.
- 8. No civil structures shall be built during tower work.
- 9. The user agency shall seek permissions from State Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance.
- User agency shall deposit 2% of amount of project cost falling in Tiger Corridor Area of Yawal Wildlife Sanctuary and management activities of the State with Deputy Conservator of Forest Nashik (WL).
- 11. 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.
- 80.6.7 Proposal for use of 4.38 ha land from Changthang Cold Desert Sanctuary for construction and upgradation of ICBR- III Link road from Chusul Lukung to Thakung Post from Km 0.000 to Km 5.842 (Net Length 5.842 Km) to NHSL (SBA) specification in AoR of 51 RCC/50 BRTF under Project Himank in District Leh, UT of Ladakh.

WL/LA/DEF/463268/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 4.38 ha land from Changthang Cold Desert Sanctuary for construction and upgradation of ICBR- III Link road from Chusul - Lukung to Thakung Post from Km 0.000 to Km 5.842 (Net Length 5.842 Km) to NHSL (SBA) specification in AoR of 51 RCC/50 BRTF under Project Himank in District Leh, UT of Ladakh.

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

- 1. The User Agency shall implement the animal passage plan submitted along with the proposal.
- 2. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency shall have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
- 3. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the

- Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
- 4. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value (NPV) and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the MoEF&CC guidelines.
- 5. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environmental (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable, before the initiation of work.
- 6. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the project proponent to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
- 7. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
- 8. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes during the execution of project.
- 9. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
- 10. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the user agency to the Chief Wildlife Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
- 11. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
- 12. The user agency must ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted area and shall install suitable capacity/technology STP as warranted under rules.
- 13. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
- 14. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
- 15. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
- 16. 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.

Proposal for use of 7.75 ha land from Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary for Construction of Durbuk- Shyok- Daulat Beg Oldie to Saser-Brangsa-Gapshan Link Road from KM 0.00 to KM 7.750 (Total -7.750 km) to NHSL specification under 78 RCC/50 BRFT, Himank in Union Territory of Ladakh.

WL/LA/DEF/463771/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 7.75 ha land from Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary for Construction of Durbuk- Shyok- Daulat Beg Oldie to Saser-Brangsa- Gapshan Link Road from KM 0.00 to KM 7.750 (Total -7.750 km) to NHSL specification under 78 RCC/50 BRFT, Himank in Union Territory of Ladakh.

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

- 1. The User Agency shall implement the animal passage plan submitted along with the proposal.
- 2. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency shall have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
- 3. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
- 4. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value (NPV) and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the MoEF&CC guidelines.
- 5. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environmental (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable, before the initiation of work.
- 6. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the project proponent to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
- 7. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
- 8. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes during the execution of project.
- 9. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
- 10. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated

- boundaries, shall be submitted by the user agency to the Chief Wildlife Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
- 11. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
- 12. The user agency must ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted area and shall install suitable capacity/technology STP as warranted under rules.
- 13. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
- 14. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
- 15. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
- 16. 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.
- 80.6.9 Proposal for use of 20.55 ha land from Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of Durbuk- Shyok- Daulat Beg Oldie to Track Jn road from km0.000 to km 13.700 (total -13.7 km) to NHSL specification under 78 RCC/50 BRTF, himank in District Leh, Union Territory of Ladakh

WL/LA/DEF/464112/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 20.55 ha land from Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of Durbuk- Shyok- Daulat Beg Oldie to Track Jn road from km0.000 to km 13.700 (total -13.7 km) to NHSL specification under 78 RCC/50 BRTF, himank in District Leh, Union Territory of Ladakh

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

- 1. The User Agency shall implement the animal passage plan submitted along with the proposal.
- 2. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed

- diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency shall have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
- 3. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
- 4. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value (NPV) and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the MoEF&CC guidelines.
- 5. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environmental (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable, before the initiation of work.
- 6. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the project proponent to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
- 7. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
- 8. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes during the execution of project.
- 9. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
- 10. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the user agency to the Chief Wildlife Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
- 11. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
- 12. The user agency must ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted area and shall install suitable capacity/technology STP as warranted under rules.
- 13. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
- 14. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
- 15. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.

- 16. 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.
- **80.6.10** Proposal for use of 16.3 ha land from Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary for development of Daulat Beg Oldie (DBO)- Karakoram Pass road from KM0.00 to KM 14.00 (total length 14 Km) in UT of Ladakh.

WL/LA/DEF/463163/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 16.3 ha land from Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary for development of Daulat Beg Oldie (DBO)- Karakoram Pass road from KM0.00 to KM 14.00 (total length 14 Km) in UT of Ladakh.

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

- 1. The User Agency shall implement the animal passage plan submitted along with the proposal.
- 2. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency shall have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
- 3. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
- 4. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value (NPV) and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the MoEF&CC guidelines.
- 5. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environmental (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable, before the initiation of work.
- 6. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the project proponent to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
- 7. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
- 8. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes during the execution of project.
- 9. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
- 10. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity

inside the Protected Area. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the user agency to the Chief Wildlife Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.

- 11. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
- 12. The user agency must ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted area and shall install suitable capacity/technology STP as warranted under rules.
- 13. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
- 14. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
- 15. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
- 16. 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.
- **80.6.11** Proposal for use of 5.91 ha land from Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary for upgradation of Leh-Chalunka Road from CL-9 to NHDL Specifications from Km 95.00 to Km 108.00 in the UT of Ladakh.

WL/LA/DEF/494571/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 5.91 ha land from Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary for upgradation of Leh-Chalunka Road from CL-9 to NHDL Specifications from Km 95.00 to Km 108.00 in the UT of Ladakh.

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

- 1. The User Agency shall implement the animal passage plan submitted along with the proposal.
- 2. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed

- diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency shall have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
- 3. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
- 4. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value (NPV) and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the MoEF&CC guidelines.
- 5. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environmental (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable, before the initiation of work.
- 6. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the project proponent to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
- 7. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
- 8. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes during the execution of project.
- 9. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
- 10. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the user agency to the Chief Wildlife Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
- 11. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
- 12. The user agency must ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted area and shall install suitable capacity/technology STP as warranted under rules.
- 13. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
- 14. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
- 15. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.

- 16. 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.
- 80.6.12 Proposal for use of 2.24 ha of Non- forest area from Pulicat Bird Sanctuary for construction of Jetty for Crew Module Recovery and construction of Groynes (5 Nos) along Bay of Bengal Sea Shore at Sriharikota Island, Andhra Pradesh.

WL/AP/Others/496120/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 2.24 ha of Non- forest area from Pulicat Bird Sanctuary for construction of Jetty for Crew Module Recovery and construction of Groynes (5 Nos) along Bay of Bengal Sea Shore at Sriharikota Island, Andhra Pradesh.

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

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to the following conditions.

- 1. The User Agency shall carry out the work only in dawn and dusk.
- 2. The User Agency shall be instructed not to leave any waste or excess material in the shore area
- 3. No blasting shall be done in proposed area without the approval of concerned authority
- 4. The User Agency shall not commit any action, which is detrimental to wildlife and habitat and shall obey other conditions stipulated by the forest department.
- 5. The Cost of Wildlife Conservation Plan i.e., Rs.79.00 lakh shall be deposited in Bio-SAP account for effective implementation.
- 6. 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.
- 80.6.13 Proposal for alteration of boundaries of Periyar Tiger Reserve by excluding 502.723 ha of Pamba Valley Settlement from Buffer Zone of Periyar Tiger Reserve while retaining three forest enclaves at Udumparamala (41 ha), at Ezhukumon (30.6 ha) and near Azhuthamunni (0.2 ha) within the Pampa Valley settlement under the control of the Kerala Forest Department, District Kottayam, Kerala.

WL/KL/De Reservation/485976/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for alteration

of boundaries of Periyar Tiger Reserve by excluding 502.723 ha of Pamba Valley Settlement from Buffer Zone of Periyar Tiger Reserve while retaining three forest enclaves at Udumparamala (41 ha), at Ezhukumon (30.6 ha) and near Azhuthamunni (0.2 ha) within the Pampa Valley settlement under the control of the Kerala Forest Department, District - Kottayam, Kerala.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has suggested that a comprehensive assessment through a committee representing all stakeholders, as decided by the Standing committee.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a committee may be constituted for site inspection comprising of the representatives of the Ministry, NTCA, State Forest Department and Dr. Sukumar, Member, NBWL for comprehensive assessment of the area and therefore decided to defer the proposal.

80.6.14 Proposal for alteration of the boundaries of Thattekkad Bird Sanctuary by excluding the inhabited area of 897.25 ha and addition of 1016.94 ha forest area from adjoining Munnar Forest Division to the sanctuary, District - Ernakulam, Kerala.

WL/KL/De Reservation/490231/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for alteration of the boundaries of Thattekkad Bird Sanctuary by excluding the inhabited area of 897.25 ha and addition of 1016.94 ha forest area from adjoining Munnar Forest Division to the sanctuary, District - Ernakulam, Kerala.

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

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a committee may be constituted for site inspection comprising of the representatives of the Ministry, State Forest Department and Dr. Sukumar, Member, NBWL for comprehensive assessment of the area and therefore decided to defer the proposal.

80.6.15 Proposal for use of 3.269 ha of forest land within buffer zone of the Panna tiger reserve for construction of Gudalha to Madiyan road, District - Panna, Madhya Pradesh.

WL/MP/ROAD/414113/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 3.269 ha of forest land within buffer zone of the Panna tiger reserve for

construction of Gudalha to Madiyan road, District - Panna, Madhya Pradesh.

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

Director, WII suggested that site inspection may be carried out at the project site.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a committee may be constituted comprising of representatives of the Ministry, WII, NTCA and the State Forest Department for site inspection and examination of the mitigation plan and therefore decided to defer the proposal.

80.6.16 Proposal for use of 2.688 ha of forest from Tal Chhappar Wildlife Sanctuary for widening and strengthening of road from SH-20 to Chhapar via Dewani, Rampur km 0.0 to 4.500, Tehsil Sujangarh District Churu, Rajasthan.

FP/RJ/ROAD/6711/2022

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 2.688 ha of forest from Tal Chhappar Wildlife Sanctuary for widening and strengthening of road from SH-20 to Chhapar via Dewani, Rampur km 0.0 to 4.500, Tehsil Sujangarh District Churu, Rajasthan.

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

The Ministry had requested for providing animal passage plan for the proposal. The Chief Wild Life Warden has informed that the road construction has been proposed by the User Agency on almost the boundary of Talchappar Wildlife Sanctuary. Due to the population area on the other side of the road and very less forest land (of the sanctuary), the movement of wildlife is very less and also if Animal Passage is left, then the possibilities of Human-Animal Conflict may also increase. The proposed road is on the perimeter of the sanctuary and in view of the geographical location of the Talchappar Sanctuary, there does not seem to be a need for Animal Passage.

- 1. 2% of the proportional project cost falling within the Protected Area shall be deposited in RPACS by the user agency for relocation of villages/land acquisition.
- 2. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.

- 3. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area.
- 4. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area.
- 5. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area.
- 6. There shall be no labour camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
- 7. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
- 8. To prevent encroachment of the Sanctuary area along the road, the User Agency shall provide funds for erection of fence on the Sanctuary boundary near the road.
- 9. There shall be no high mast/beam/search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
- 10. Signages regarding information about the wild animals in the area, control of the traffic volumes, speed etc shall be erected in the project area.
- 11. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- 12. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of the Protected Area.
- 13. Any permission/clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
- 14. A sign board shall be installed at every 500 meters in the sanctuary area. The details of which shall be posted only after the approval of the Chief Wild Life Warden.
- 15. Speed breakers shall be made and marked with fluorescent paint at a distance of every 300 meters in the sanctuary area.
- 16. Strips of forest land on the other side of the road shall be planted and effectively fenced by User Agency at project cost.
- 17. 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.
- Proposal for use 4.2 ha (2.3325 ha of forest land and 1.8675 ha private land) from Surinsar Mansar Wildlife Sanctuary for upgradation of road from Taryad to Pathwar including construction of 30-meter span RCC bridge under Nagrota PWD (R&B) Division, in District Jammu favour of Public Works Department.

WL/JK/ROAD/452832/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 4.2 ha (2.3325 ha of forest land and 1.8675 ha private land) from Surinsar Mansar Wildlife Sanctuary for upgradation of road from Taryad to Pathwar including construction of 30-meter span RCC bridge

under Nagrota PWD (R&B) Division, in District Jammu favour of Public Works Department.

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

- 1. The user agency shall provide a water point at the site for wildlife of the area.
- 2. The proprietary and legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
- 3. The user agency shall pay NPV (Net Present Value) in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.
- 4. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue.
- 5. No harm to any wildlife species shall be done, if found accidently in the project area.
- 6. User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and orders of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir in this regard.
- 7. Waste material including muck generated during execution of project shall be disposed off outside the protected area.
- 8. The area proposed shall not be used by the user agency for any purpose other than proposed.
- 9. No wildlife area other than the site for which approval is being sought shall be used for project purposes.
- 10. The site shall not be used for any activity for which the approval is not sought.
- 11. 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.
- 12. The User Agency shall have to abide by all the conditions laid down in the sanction order / approval issued by the Competent Authority.
- 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.
- **80.6.18** Proposal for use of 0.17 ha of forestland from Karnala Bird Sanctuary for laying of underground drinking water Pipeline in Shirdhon village through Jal Jeevan Mission, District Raigad, Maharashtra.

WL/MH Pipeline/451803/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.17 ha of forestland from Karnala Bird Sanctuary for laying of underground drinking water Pipeline in Shirdhon village through Jal Jeevan Mission, District - Raigad, Maharashtra.

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

- Project proponent authority shall deposit 2% of the project cost falling in Karnala Bird Sanctuary area with Deputy Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Thane for conservation and protection of wildlife sanctuary.
- 2. Modern technology shall be used while construction activity to reduce sound pollution and to minimize disturbance to the wildlife habitat inside the Karnala Bird Sanctuary.
- 3. Construction material shall be brought from outside of the sanctuary.
- 4. No work can be done in the protected area other than the proposal project area.
- 5. The size of the trench shall not exceed more than 2.0 m depth and 1.0 m width.
- 6. The user agency shall restore the land after use / maintenance.
- 7. The user agency shall take precaution to avoid any loss to forest/environment.
- 8. The user agency shall take permission from the State Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance.
- 9. The diameter of drinking water pipeline shall commensurate with the width of the trench.
- 10. The length of trench dug at a time does not exceed 500 m, filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500 m.
- 11. The time frame for completing the work of underground laying of drinking water pipeline, shall be adhered to.
- 12. The User Agency shall provide water supply points within the PAs if demanded by the in-charge of PA.
- 13. The project proponent shall inform /use "Call Before u Dig" (CBuD) Mobile Application of the Government of India prior to undertaking any type of digging/ excavation. Otherwise the digging/ excavation shall be turned unauthorized.
- 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.

Overhead line via Sardarpur bird sanctuary from PGCIL 400kV Rajgarh SS to SVVPL 220kV wind farm PSS at Hajaratpur, Dhar Madhya Pradesh

WL/ MP/ TRANS/485487/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 11.095 ha non-forest area for laying of 220kV line Overhead line via Sardarpur bird sanctuary from PGCIL 400kV Rajgarh SS to SVVPL 220kV wind farm PSS at Hajaratpur, Dhar M.P.

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

The Ministry has requested for the management plan for the area below transmission line and action taken against the encroachers in the land inside Wildlife Sanctuary in the area already recommended by the Standing Committee in its 56th meeting.

The State Government has submitted that the proposed 220KV overhead electric transmission line with 11 towers in 11.095 Ha. revenue land of Amodia village inside Sardarpur Sanctuary. This proposal is recommended in 56th meeting of standing committee of NBWL. The work could not be done by the user agency due to inevitable reasons. The villagers encroached in proposed area therefore the

electric transmission line has been re- aligned by the user agency therefore the proposal is again submitted for wildlife clearance. The Standing Committee of NBWL has recommended to de- notify the Sanctuary area of Sardarpur WLS in 73rd meeting on 17.07.2023. The proposed area is private agriculture revenue land. so does not proposed for mitigation measures such as plantation or grassland. The proposed area is revenue land therefore not any action taken against encroachers by forest department.

- 1. 2% of project cost in the Sanctuary area is proposed to be paid by user agency
- 2. No work shall be done at night
- 3. construction materials if required shall be brought from outside the Protected Area.
- 4. 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.

80.6.20 Proposal for use of 12.40 ha of forest land from Kanha-Nagzira Tadoba-Indravati Tiger Reserve for construction of road from village Sitapala Tattikala to Kosamdehi under RCPLWEA Scheme in Balaghat District, Madhya Pradesh.

WL/ MP/ ROAD/468597/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 12.40 ha of forest land from Kanha-Nagzira Tadoba-Indravati Tiger Reserve for construction of road from village Sitapala Tattikala to Kosamdehi under RCPLWEA Scheme in Balaghat District, Madhya Pradesh.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA in their comments has mentioned that a committee may be constituted by the NBWL, including representatives from the Ministry, Forest Department of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, the User Agency and the NTCA. This committee shall conduct a detailed site appraisal to assess habitat quality, examine the effectiveness of existing conservation measures, and offer recommendations to mitigate any adverse effects on wildlife and habitat connectivity.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a site inspection committee may be constituted comprising of representatives from the Ministry, Forest Department of Madhya Pradesh, the NTCA, WII and the User Agency for carrying out for site inspection and examination of the animal passage plan and therefore decided to defer the proposal.

Proposal for use of 0.37 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Kanha Tiger Reserve for 4G saturation project at village Bansgondi (Baihar) in Balaghat district, Madhya Pradesh.

WL/ MP/ OFC/482760/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.37 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Kanha Tiger Reserve for 4G saturation project at village Bansgondi (Baihar) in Balaghat district, Madhya Pradesh.

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

- 1. There is no damage to the habitat.
- 2. No labourer shall be allowed to stay inside the sanctuary area and construction work shall not be permitted after sun set.
- 3. No construction material shall be procured from within the forest.
- 4. The OFC shall be covered with excavated materials after the construction.
- 5. Care shall be taken that the OFC is totally underground.
- 6. Construction debris shall be disposed of away from the forest by the cost of the user agency.
- 7. The construction work shall be done during daytime and no labor camp shall be allowed inside the forested areas at nights. The user agency shall ensure that no labor trespasses inside the forests apart from the construction site.
- 8. No felling of tree shall be permitted during execution of the work.
- 9. While laying the OFC, the work shall be executed in a timely manner simultaneously excavating the trenches and laying the OFC so as to minimize the disturbance to wildlife.
- 10. The User Agency shall not dig trenches along long stretches and leave them open for several weeks without completion of work.
- 11. Any future maintenance of the OFC shall be subject to prior approval of the competent authority of Madhya Pradesh Forest Department.
- 12. 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.
- Proposal for use of 55.187 ha (10.23 ha forest area in Pranahita Wildlife Sanctuary and 16.858 ha forest area in its ESZ and 22.569 ha forest area and 5.503 ha non-forest area outside protected area) for upgradation of existing National Highway no. 353 C to two/four lane with paved shallers configuration in wildlife passing of Tadoba-Indravati Tiger Corridor and Eastern Vidharbha Landscape from Zamela Nalha to Sironcha in Gadchiroli District of Maharashtra

WL/ MH/ROAD/463717/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 55.187 ha (10.23 ha forest area in Pranahita Wildlife Sanctuary and 16.858 ha forest area in its ESZ and 22.569 ha forest area and 5.503 ha non-forest area outside protected area) for upgradation of existing National Highway no. 353 C to two/four lane with paved shallers configuration in wildlife passing of Tadoba- Indravati Tiger Corridor and Eastern Vidharbha Landscape from Zamela Nalha to Sironcha in Gadchiroli District of Maharashtra

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended that for constitution of a committee to conduct a comprehensive site appraisal. The committee could perform the

ecological evaluation of the landscape, provide recommendation for addressing any adverse impacts on the local wildlife and ecosystem.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a site inspection committee may be constituted comprising of representatives from the Ministry, Forest Department of Madhya Pradesh, the NTCA, WII and the User Agency for carrying out for site inspection and examination of the animal passage plan and therefore decided to defer the proposal.

80.6.23 Proposal for use of 30.089 ha (11.156 ha forest land and 18.933 ha non- forest land) falling under Tiger Corridor identified under Atlas Eastern Vidarbha Land Scape for up-gradation of existing National Highway no. 353 C to two/four lane with paved shallers confguration of Gadchiroli-Allaplli- Sironcha of NH 353 C from Gitali-Mosam-Zamela Nallha in Gadchiroli District, Maharashtra.

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 30.089 ha (11.156 ha forest land and 18.933 ha non- forest land) falling under Tiger Corridor identified under Atlas Eastern Vidarbha Land Scape for up-gradation of existing National Highway no. 353 C to two/four lane with paved shallers confguration of Gadchiroli-Allaplli-Sironcha of NH 353 C from Gitali-Mosam-Zamela Nallha in Gadchiroli District, Maharashtra.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended that for constitution of a committee to conduct a comprehensive site appraisal. The committee could perform the ecological evaluation of the landscape, provide recommendation for addressing any adverse impacts on the local wildlife and ecosystem.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a site inspection committee may be constituted comprising of representatives from the Ministry, Forest Department of Madhya Pradesh, the NTCA, WII and the User Agency for carrying out for site inspection and examination of the animal passage plan and therefore decided to defer the proposal.

Annexure I

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

S.No.	Name	Designation
1	Shri Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Minister for EF&CC	Chairman

2	Ms. Leena Nandan, Secretary, MoEF&CC	Member
3	Shri Jitendra Kumar, DGF&SS, MoEF&CC	Member
4	Shri Sushil Kumar Awasthi, MS, NBWL, ADGF(WL),	Member
	MoEF&CC	Secretary
5	Shri. Anjan Kumar Mohanty, ADGF(FC),MoEF&CC	Member
6	Dr. H. S. Singh, Member, NBWL	Member
7	Prof. R. Sukumar, Member, NBWL	Member
8	Dr. R.K Sugoor, Director, GEER Foundation, Gujarat	Member
9	Shri Virendra Tiwari, Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.	Member
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11	Shri Ramesh Kumar Pandey, IGF (PT & E), MoEF&CC	Invitee
12	Shri N. Tam, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Arunachal Pradesh	Invitee
13	Shri Ajay Kumar Naik, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Andhra Pradesh	Invitee
14	Shri Sandeep Kumar, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Assam.	Invitee
15	Shri Sanjay Shrivastava, APCCF (Wildlife) Gujarat	Invitee
16	Shri Vineet Garg, Chief Wild Life Warden, Haryana	Invitee
17	Shri Pushpendra Rana, APCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Himachal Pradesh	Invitee
18	Shri N. Manjunath Prasad, IAS Additional Secretary, Dept of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Karnataka.	Invitee
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21	Shri Brij Mohan Sharma, Chief Wild Life Warden, Ladakh	Invitee
22	Shri Vivek Khandekar, Chief Wild Life Warden, Maharashtra	Invitee
23	Shri V. N. Ambade, PCCF(WL) and Chief Wild Life Madhya Pradesh	Invitee
24	Shri P.K Upadhyaya, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Rajasthan	Invitee
25	Shri Elusing Meru, Chief Wild Life Warden, Telangana.	Invitee
26	Shri R.K. Mishra, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttarakhand	Invitee
27	Shri Sanjay Srivastava, PCCF and Chief Wild Life	Invitee

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