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To,

**All Members
Standing Committee of NBWL**

Sub: Minutes of 81st Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life-reg.

Sir/Madam,

Kindly find enclosed a copy of the Minutes of 81st Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 21st December, 2024 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

Yours faithfully,

Signed by

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MINUTES OF THE 81st MEETING OF THE STANDING, COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL BOARD FOR WILD LIFE HELD ON 21st DECEMBER, 2024

The 81st meeting of the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life was held on 21st December, 2024 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change. The list of participants is placed at **Annexure-1**.

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 made a brief presentation on Agenda Items 81.1, 81.2, and 81.3. Inspector General of Forests (Wildlife) presented the policy matters. Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Wildlife), presented the details of the fresh proposals and additional agenda.

AGENDA ITEM No. 1

81.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the 80th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 9th October, 2024.

The Standing Committee was informed that the 80th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life was held on 9th October, 2024. The minutes of the meeting were circulated vide letter F. No. WL-6/115/2024-WL dated 15th October, 2024 amongst all the Members.

The Standing Committee was informed that the corrections were required to be made in the 'Decision Taken' paragraphs for agenda item nos. 80.1, 80.6.22 and 80.6.23.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to confirm the minutes of the 80th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 9th October, 2024 with the following corrections:

- a. In agenda item no. 80.1, in the 'Decision Taken' paragraph, '79th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 31st July, 2024' shall be substituted in place of '78th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 28th February, 2024'.
- b. In the agenda items, 80.6.22 and 80.6.23, in the 'Decision Taken' paragraph, for the words 'Forest Department of Madhya Pradesh', the words, 'Forest Department of Maharashtra' shall be substituted.

AGENDA ITEM No. 2

81.2 ACTION TAKEN REPORT

The Member Secretary informed that action was sought by the Standing committee in its 80th meeting in respect of 33 proposals. However, in 13 proposals, desirable action is yet to be completed. Therefore, in the 81st meeting, 20 proposals have been taken for discussion under the Agenda: Action Taken Report.

- 81.2.1** 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 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.

During 73rd meeting of the Standing Committee, it was decided to return the proposal for resubmission as there was huge variation in actual requirement and the area as per the proposal. The State Government was also requested for action against the violation and submission of an action taken report with regard to the reported violations before the next meeting.

The matter regarding action taken for violation has been considered by the Standing committee. In the 80th meeting, 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.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Himachal Pradesh has informed that the disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against the delinquent officers/officials from the Public Works Department. involved i.e. Executive Engineers, Assistant Engineer and two Junior Engineers.

The Himachal Pradesh Forest Department has already initiated disciplinary proceedings against forest department officials, i.e, Deputy Ranger and two Forest Guards.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that the road has already been constructed and therefore, the State Government should take action against all those

responsible for the violations. The State Government may submit fresh proposal after taking action for the violations for consideration of the Standing Committee.

The Chairman observed that the initiation of disciplinary proceedings against the sub-ordinate officers of the Forest Department was insufficient. A fact-finding team may be constituted for detailed examination of the violations and identification of responsible senior officials also. Action should be taken against all the officers of Forest Department who were involved in allowing the violation.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee directed that a fact-finding committee shall be constituted. The committee shall enquire the role of senior officers of the Forest Department in the matter and place the matter before the Standing Committee in the next meeting.

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

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 provided its comments mentioning that the mitigation plan submitted is based on the structures recommended for Western countries and the mitigation measures are not specific to our species and landscapes. The proposed structures are too small to mitigate the impact and restore connectivity for the species.

In the 80th meeting, the Standing Committee decided 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.

The Ministry has received comments from the WII in which a 50 m wide wildlife overpass has been recommended for every 500 m of the canal. Apart from this, WII has recommended escape ramps, landscaping near wildlife overpasses, provision of directors.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Karnataka mentioned that the State Government agrees with the comments provided by the WII with regard to the animal passage plan.

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

1. The User Agency shall implement the animal passage plan suggested by the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.
2. The User Agency shall not collect the raw materials, forest produce including firewood from the Protected Area.
3. All the staff and workers involved in the project implementation shall be informed about wildlife, so that they do not harm/ kill/ hunt / poach or abet any such crimes in any way, failing which, legal course of action under the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, will be taken.
4. Care shall be taken not to disturb the wildlife species and their habitat during construction activities.
5. 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.
6. The muck generated during the project implementation shall be taken out of the protected area without endangering the flora and fauna.
7. The work shall be taken up only under the close supervision of the jurisdictional officers & staff, to avoid any damage to the flora & fauna.
8. No tents or any other stay arrangement shall be permitted inside the protected area.
9. The acoustics of the Pump house and jackwell shall be designed in such way to minimize the sound levels.
10. 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.

81.2.3 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

81.2.4 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

- 81.2.5** 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 these proposals are use of forest land from buffer zone of Panna Tiger Reserve for construction and/or widening of roads, District – Panna, Madhya Pradesh.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Madhya Pradesh has informed that the proposal for FC Clearance for the construction and widening of T04 SH-49 Berhakala to Kohani via Itawakala road has been delisted based on the request from the User Agency. He has requested for delisting of the proposal **FP/MP/ROAD/157183/2022** under consideration before the Standing Committee also based on the request from the User Agency and the Field Director, Panna Tiger Reserve.

In case of the 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 (**FP/MP/ROAD/121709/2021**) comments were received from the WII which suggested certain mitigation measures. The Chief Wild Life Warden, Madhya Pradesh has expressed his agreement with the plan suggested by the WII.

In case of the proposal for use of 3.269 ha of forest land from buffer zone of the Panna tiger reserve for construction of Gudalha to Madiyan road, District - Panna, Madhya Pradesh (**WL/MP/ROAD/414113/2023**), a site inspection committee was constituted as decided by the Standing Committee in the 80th meeting. Based on its observations and the availability of alternatives, the site inspection committee, while recommending that the villages of Madiyan and Nayapura be connected to Itwakalan through an appropriate road, does not endorse the proposal. Consequently, the site inspection committee did not recommend the proposal for approval by the Standing Committee.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Madhya Pradesh mentioned that the WII has prepared a detailed plan for Panna landscape in connection with Ken-Betwa River Linking Project. National Highways is planning widening of road passing through the core zone of Panna Tiger Reserve. This widening project even with mitigation plan would not be viable option for the Panna Tiger Reserve. The State Government would be insisting for the construction of the national highway bypassing the tiger reserve. In the Panna landscape plan, the WII has already indicated the roads which could be upgraded/widened. The WII has also mentioned in the plan that thereafter there shall not be further diversion.

Dr. H. S. Singh suggested that in such cases, the animal passage structures shall be large like the ones constructed in the national highway passing through the Kanha-Pench Corridor.

The Chairman mentioned that the Standing Committee has already rejected a proposal for construction of road through the Panna Tiger Reserve. He opined that the piecemeal submission of road construction proposals through the Panna Tiger Reserve is not appropriate. There should be a comprehensive plan. There is a need to strike balance between conservation and development. Technology should be used to cause minimum damage to the wildlife habitat.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a meeting may be convened with the expert members of the Standing committee, public representatives, User Agencies, Madhya Pradesh Forest Department, Wildlife Institute of India and Ministry officials at Panna to comprehensively evaluate all the proposals related to the Panna Tiger Reserve and therefore, decided to defer the proposals for the next meeting.

- 81.2.6** Proposal for use of 12.40 ha of forest land from Kanha-Nagzira Tadoba-Indravati Tiger corridor 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 corridor 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 had suggested for constitution of a site inspection committee for site appraisal.

The proposal was discussed in the 80th meeting of Standing Committee wherein it was 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.

A committee was constituted by the Ministry which carried out site inspection on 13.11.2024. The committee submitted its report recommending the proposal with certain conditions. The committee

proposed that instead of 9m right of way, the required width may be restricted to 7.5 m except at places where slab culverts and slab bridges have been proposed where the required width may be 9m. The site inspection committee found the animal passage plan adequate.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that the feedback received regarding the animal passage structures in most of the proposals indicates that larger underpasses are beneficial to the wild animals. Smaller structures present psychological barriers and are therefore avoided by the larger animals.

The Member Secretary informed that the present linear infrastructure guidelines are under revision based on the learnings from the past.

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

1. The required width shall be restricted to 7.5 m except at places where slab culverts where the width may be 9m.
2. Camera traps shall be placed at every slab culvert and bridges to monitor the movement of animals and accordingly, adaptive management may be planned in the future.
3. The construction debris shall be removed as soon as the works is done.
4. No work shall be carried out in the area after sunset and before sunrise.
5. No labour camp shall be set up in the forest area.
6. No construction material shall be procured from the forest area.
7. 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.

81.2.7 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.

81.2.8 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 these two proposals from Maharashtra for infrastructure development were discussed in the 79th meeting of the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life (SCNBWL) held on 31st July, 2024. These two projects have been

proposed in the notified ESZ adjacent to Sanjay Gandhi National Park. The Standing Committee in the 79th meeting 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.

Accordingly, a committee was constituted comprising of representatives of the Wildlife Institute of India, Forest Conservation Division and Wildlife Division of the Ministry and the Chief Wild Life Warden, Maharashtra. The committee carried out inspection on 7th December, 2024 and submitted its report to the Ministry. The committee has noticed that the zonal master plan of the eco-sensitive zone around Sanjay Gandhi National Park has not been prepared by the State Government. The committee has made certain recommendations in respect of the ESZ and also recommended the two proposals subject to certain conditions.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to make following recommendations:

A. Regarding Eco-sensitive Zone around Sanjay Gandhi National Park:

1. The State Government shall prepare and approve the Zonal Master Plan incorporating the provisions of ESZ notification within a period of six months.
2. No projects of whatsoever nature shall be approved within the ESZ falling in the regulated category till the approval of Zonal Master Plan for the ESZ.
3. The State Government shall prepare the management plan for the Sanjay Gandhi National Park as per the guidelines issued by the MoEFCC positively within the timeline given in the guidelines.
4. No light from the buildings nor the street lights within the ESZ shall point towards the Sanjay Gandhi National Park.
5. Rain water harvesting shall be made compulsory for all the buildings falling within the ESZ.
6. Natural flow of streams/ rivulets flowing through the ESZ shall not be blocked. The provision of section 35(6) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall not be violated by means such as digging of borewells, construction of check dams etc. within the ESZ.
7. The State Government shall carry out regular studies regarding the ground water regime in the ESZ.
8. The State Government shall ensure the compliance of the direction given by Hon'ble Supreme Court in its judgement dated 26.04.2023 with regard to adherence to the provisions in the said Guidelines dated 9th February 2011 and so also the provisions contained in the ESZs notifications pertaining to the respective Protected Areas with regard to prohibited activities, regulated activities and permissible activities.

9. The District Administration shall take measures to carry out awareness about the various provisions of the ESZ notification among the regulatory departments, Resident Welfare Associations, other establishments located within the ESZ on regular basis.
10. Before submitting any proposal for the consideration of the SCNBWL, the same shall be scrutinized by the Monitoring Committee of the ESZ.
11. The Monitoring Committee shall carry out a comprehensive exercise regularly every six months to check violation, if any, of the provisions of the ESZ notification and take action accordingly.
12. A list of project proposals approved by the SCNBWL and those scrutinised by the Monitoring Committee of the ESZ and referred to the respective regulatory departments for clearance shall be maintained in the office of the Chairman and the Member Secretary of the Monitoring Committee of the ESZ.
13. The recommendations made in the report filed by the CPCB in the National Green Tribunal shall be adhered to.

B. Regarding the project proposals WL/MH/INFRA/437281/2023 and WL/MH/INFRA/437314/2023

The Standing Committee decided to recommend the project proposals subject to the following conditions:

1. Approval of the Zonal Master Plan for the Eco-sensitive Zone around Sanjay Gandhi National Park by the State Government.
2. The User Agency shall have a proper approved Solid Waste Disposal plan.
3. The User Agency shall ensure the segregation of solid wastes into biodegradable and non-biodegradable components.
4. The biodegradable material shall be recycled preferably through composting or vermiculture.
5. The inorganic material may be disposed in an environmental acceptable manner at site identified outside the Eco-sensitive Zone and no burning or incineration of solid wastes shall be permitted in the Eco-sensitive Zone.
6. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the ESZ shall be deposited by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F. No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
7. Personnel engaged in the project work must adhere to all existing legal provisions, particularly the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and their respective rules. They shall also take precautionary measures for the conservation and protection of flora and fauna in the vicinity of the project.
8. A work site barricade must be provided during the execution phase to prevent human or wildlife mishaps.

9. Strict compliance with norms for noise, air, and water pollution is required, along with the adoption of measures to reduce noise, dust, and air pollution.
10. The User Agency is prohibited from dumping debris in wetlands and forest areas.
11. All other mandatory permissions from various statutory authorities must be obtained before commencing work.
12. Blasting is not allowed within the boundaries of the Eco-Sensitive Zone of the National Park.
13. The agency and its contractor must strictly follow the provisions under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
14. The User Agency shall construct a compound wall at least 3.00 meters in height and a 1.00 meter-high Y-shaped chainlink or barbed wire along the plot's boundary, with appropriate reinforcements and safety features to reduce human-animal conflicts.
15. The User Agency shall not use these properties for commercial activities such as hotels or resorts.
16. The User Agency shall not discharge untreated effluents and solid waste into natural water bodies or on land.
17. The User Agency must implement an eco-friendly sludge or solid waste disposal system and effluent recycling within the property.
18. The User Agency shall take measures to prevent water contamination or pollution from any source, including agriculture.
19. The User Agency shall not dig new wells or boreholes in the project area that could affect the water table in the Protected Area.
20. There shall be no extraction of surface water and groundwater for industrial or commercial use.
21. The User Agency shall refrain from cutting hill slopes and river banks.
22. Measures shall be adopted to avoid hindering the free movement of wild animals from one Protected Area to other.
23. No focusing of lights or any light beams that could disturb or alter the movement or behavior of wildlife in the areas of SGNP.
24. The User Agency shall install rainwater harvesting system in the project area.
25. There shall be no extraction of surface water and groundwater for industrial or commercial use.
26. The User Agency shall inform /use "Call Before u Dig" (CBuD) Mobile Application of the Government of India prior to undertaking any type of digging/excavation will be turned unauthorized. In the State of Maharashtra the Director (IT) of Directorate of Information Technology is State Nodal for CBuD.
27. In respect of the proposal no. WL/MH/INFRA/437314/2023, the User Agency is constructing a lake using the water carried by the stream from Sanjay Gandhi National Park. The User Agency shall not in any way block the natural flow of the streams/rivulets. The User Agency is also constructing a wall around this project site leading to formation of a gap between the wall around Sanjay Gandhi National

Park and premises of the project site. The User Agency shall ensure that the wild animals do not get trapped between the two walls.

28. 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.

81.2.9 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 shoulders 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

81.2.10 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 Vidharbha Land Scape for up-gradation of existing National Highway no. 353 C to two/four lane with paved shoulders configuration of Gadchiroli-Allapli-Sironcha of NH 353 C from Gitali-Mosam-Zamela Nalha in Gadchiroli District, Maharashtra.

WL/MH/ROAD/472824/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the two proposals are for upgradation of existing National Highway no. 353 C to two/four lane with paved shoulders configuration through Tadoba- Indravati Tiger Corridor and Eastern Vidharbha Landscape in Gadchiroli District of Maharashtra.

As decided by the Standing Committee in its 80th meeting, a site inspection committee was 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. The site inspection committee has carried out site inspection on 14.12.2024. The site inspection committee has found the animal passage structures proposed by the User Agency as inadequate.

As working permission after grant of clearance under the Van (Sanrakshan and Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 was already given, the

User Agency has already initiated the construction works. Now, the User Agency has informed that since works have already been initiated it is not possible for them to incorporate the changes suggested by the site inspection committee.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Maharashtra mentioned that the site inspection committee has found the height of the animal underpasses as inadequate as against 1.5-2.5m being constructed by the User Agency.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that the without getting approval from the Standing Committee, the User Agency should not have initiated the road construction works.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a comprehensive review meeting may be conducted with the User Agency, State Forest Department, Forest Conservation Division, Regional Office of the Ministry, Nagpur, Wildlife Institute of India, National Tiger Conservation Authority to evaluate the proposals and the report of the site inspection committee. Accordingly, the proposals were deferred for the next meeting.

81.2.11 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 Divisions in Chandrapur district, Maharashtra.

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 Chairman expressed concerns regarding the large forest area getting submerged in the project.

The Minister of State opined that desilting could also be an option.

The Inspector General of Forests, Forest Conservation Division mentioned that the proposal was considered by the Forest Advisory

Committee wherein the User Agency was requested to ensure appropriate measures to prevent breach of the earthen dam.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a comprehensive review meeting may be conducted to evaluate the proposal with the User Agency, Maharashtra Forest Department, Forest Conservation Division of the Ministry, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Wildlife Institute of India and accordingly decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

81.2.12 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 use 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 first discussed in the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee held on 22.02.2024 wherein it was decided to defer the proposal with direction for submission of bio-medical waste disposal plan by the User Agency through the State Government.

In the subsequent meetings of the Standing Committee, since the bio-medical waste disposal plan was not provided by the User Agency, the proposal was deferred.

The State Government of Rajasthan has now forwarded the bio-medical waste disposal plan made by the User Agency. As per the plan, the bio-medical waste would be segregated into four categories as per the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules 2016. After segregation, the waste would be collected in different coloured dustbins and disposed of to a bio-medical waste treatment facility for which the User Agency has signed an agreement for bio-medical waste disposal on 21.11.2019.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Rajasthan informed that the agreement for disposal of bio-medical waste has expired in 2022. During the re-tendering process, two agencies participated. One of the agencies did not have environment clearance. The present agency has been continuing with the bio-medical waste disposal from the Maharao Bhimsingh Hospital (M.B.S.) & J.K. Lon Hospital in M.B.S Hospital Campus, Kota after stay from the Court.

The Member Secretary opined that since the bio-medical waste disposal plan has been submitted and the agreement is valid, the proposal may be recommended.

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the ESZ on wildlife and its habitat shall be deposited in RPACS by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F. No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
2. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area.
3. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area.
4. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
5. There shall be no labour camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
6. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
7. Green belt shall be created by the User Agency on the periphery of the project area.
8. There shall be no high mast/ beam/search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
9. The User Agency shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
10. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
11. Any permission/clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
12. The User Agency shall implement the bio-medical disposal plan submitted to the State Government.
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.

81.2.13 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

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is 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.

The proposal was 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.

The Standing Committee in the 79th meeting 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 Standing Committee in its 80th meeting 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 the Additional Director General of Forests (Wildlife) and Member Secretary, NBWL.

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal for declaration of Eco-sensitive Zone around newly notified boundaries is now being processed in the Ministry. It was also informed that the project would still require consideration by the Standing Committee even after alteration of the boundaries.

Dr. H. S. Singh stressed that the road shall be elevated through the forest area as decided in the meeting held under the Chairmanship of the Additional Director General of Forests (Wildlife).

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

1. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
2. The User Agency will have right only for construction, maintenance and use of the road and the land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
3. The User Agency shall undertake plantation/afforestation work by planting 2130 plants of native species at the appropriate site on degraded forest land to compensate the felling of 213 trees at project site situated within the boundary and its ESZ of Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary area as proposed by the DFO/Protected Area Manager concerned. The cost of plantation and maintenance for 10 years will

be deposited by the User Agency with the DFO concerned as per demand raised by DFO, Meerut, after approval of Chief Wild Life Warden.

4. Amount of Net Present Value (N.P.V.) shall be paid by the User Agency as per directions issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (FC Division), New Delhi vide Letter No. F.No. 5-3/2011- FC (Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and 19.01.2022 for the use of 3.275 ha proposed land falling within the boundary and its ESZ of Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary.
5. The User Agency shall deposit of Rs.37.1795 lakhs (Rs. Thirty Seven Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty only) for mitigation measures to minimize the negative impact of the project and for ecological development of wildlife habitat in the Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary under the online deposit head no.6- additional charges for protected area in CAMPA FUND, as per guidelines of government of India. This amount will be spent on the following works within the Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary as follows:

S. No.	Description	Amount (Lakhs)
1	Purchase of 4X4 rescue vehicle in Hastinapur wildlife Sanctuary with 24 Lakhs maintenance, diesel and a driver	24 Lakhs
2	Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary Development, wild-life natural habitat improvement, Wildlife corridor study and development, overall development of Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary and proper control man-animal negative interaction case	
	(a) Awareness programs for Conservation of wildlife 2.1795 Lakhs	2.1795 lakhs
	(b) Training/Monitoring/Video Conferencing setup	5 lakhs
3	Interpretation Centre Upgradation	5 lakhs
4	Wildlife Study/ Vaccination Drive etc	1 Lakhs
Total		37.1795 Lakhs

6. The personnel of the User Agency working on the site shall be well aware and shall be bound to follow of provision of Wild Life (protection) Act, 1972.
7. The User Agency shall ensure that no labour camp shall be established inside the sanctuary or any other sensitive area in eco-sensitive zone.
8. Neither firewood nor any other forest produce from the forest shall be used by the User Agency.
9. The User Agency shall extend all support to Forest Department in case of any forest and wildlife offence.
10. The User Agency shall keep firefighting equipments as well as

- equipments for minimizing air and noise pollution at the site.
11. During the construction period, the User Agency shall establish one temporary forest check post along with the required manpower at its own cost.
 12. Keeping in view the safety of wildlife in the proposed project area, sign boards shall be installed by the User Agency at various places along the said route.
 13. In order to control the speed of the vehicles, construction of speed breaker shall also be done by the User Agency at its own expense.
 14. Bio-fencing will be done on both sides of the proposed route by the User Agency at its own cost.
 15. The User Agency shall fix sign board along the appropriate point of the project.
 16. The User Agency shall take adequate speed restriction measures to avoid any accidental emergency due to man animal conflict.
 17. Bunding measures shall be provided at all natural nullahs/streams by the User Agency on its own cost as proposed by the DFO/Protected Area Manager concerned.
 18. Construction waste materials shall not be thrown inside the protected forest area or eco-sensitive zone area or on the movement corridor of Wildlife.
 19. No work shall be allowed from sunset to sunrise.
 20. The User Agency shall take all precautions including technical measures to contain the noise and air pollution, protection from fire due to during construction activities and shall also obtain consent to operate the project work from U.P. Pollution Control Board and effectively implement all the conditions stipulated therein.
 21. The proposed road through the forest area within the sanctuary shall be elevated.
 22. Blasted Ammunition materials shall not be carried by the User Agency in Wildlife area.
 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.

81.2.14 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

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is 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.

The proposal was 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.

The Standing Committee in the 79th meeting 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 Standing Committee in its 80th meeting 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 the Additional Director General of Forests (Wildlife) and Member Secretary, NBWL.

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal for declaration of Eco-sensitive Zone around newly notified boundaries is now being processed in the Ministry. It was also informed that the project would still require consideration by the Standing Committee even after alteration of the boundaries.

Dr. H. S. Singh stressed that the road shall be elevated through the forest area as decided in the meeting held under the Chairmanship of the Additional Director General of Forests (Wildlife).

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

1. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
2. The User Agency will have right only for construction, maintenance and use of the road and the land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
3. The User Agency shall undertake plantation/afforestation work by planting 3210 plants of native species at the appropriate site on degraded forest land to compensate the felling of 321 trees at project site situated within the boundary and its ESZ of Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary area as proposed by the DFO/Protected Area Manager concerned. The cost of plantation and maintenance for 10 years will be deposited by the User Agency with the DFO concerned as per demand raised by DFO, Meerut, after approval of Chief Wild Life Warden.
4. Amount of Net Present Value (N.P.V.) shall be paid by the User Agency as per directions issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (FC Division), New Delhi vide Letter No. F.No.

5-3/2011- FC (Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and 19.01.2022 for the use of 1.8 ha proposed land falling within the boundary and its ESZ of Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary.

5. The User Agency shall deposit of Rs.76.3365 lakhs (Rs. Seventy Six Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand and Six Hundred Fifty only) for mitigation measures to minimize the negative impact of the project and for ecological development of wildlife habitat in the Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary under the online deposit head no.6- additional charges for protected area in CAMPA FUND, as per guidelines of government of India. This amount will be spent on the mitigation measures for the following works:

S. No.	Description	Amount (Lakhs)
1	Purchase of 01 JCB machine in Hastinapur wildlife Sanctuary with maintenance, diesel and a driver	30 Lakhs
2	Wildlife rescue/monitoring equipment purchase	10 lakhs
3	Rescue operation/conduct of regular field study etc	3 lakhs
4	Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary Development, wild-life natural habitat improvement, Wildlife corridor study and development, overall development of Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary and proper control men-animal negative interaction case	
	(a) Management/ Monitoring/ Video Conference Setup	5 lakhs
	(b) Training/Monitoring/Video conference setup	5 lakhs
	(c) Awareness programs for Conservation of wildlife	5 lakhs
	(d) Fire Management (Fire lines / Equipment / Training)	2 lakhs
3	Inspection Hut	3.3365 lakhs
4	Wildlife Study/ Vaccination Drive etc	1 Lakhs
5	Tranquilizer Gun	10 lakhs
6	Medicine with Fridge for wildlife animal treatment	2 lakhs
Total		76.3365 Lakhs

6. The personnel of User Agency working on the site shall be well aware and shall be bound to follow of provision of Wild Life (protection) Act, 1972.
7. The User Agency will ensure that no labour camp shall be established inside the sanctuary or any other sensitive area in eco-sensitive zone. Neither firewood nor any other forest produce from

- the forest will be used.
8. The User Agency shall extend all support to Forest Department in case of any forest and wildlife offence.
 9. The User Agency will keep firefighting equipments as well as equipments for minimizing air and noise pollution at the site.
 10. During the construction period, the User Agency will establish one temporary forest check post along with the required manpower at its own cost.
 11. Keeping in view the safety of wildlife in the proposed project area, sign boards will be installed by the User Agency at various places along the said route.
 12. In order to control the speed of the vehicles, construction of speed breaker will also be done by the User Agency at its own expense.
 13. Bio-fencing will be done on both sides of the proposed route by User Agency on its own cost.
 14. User Agency will fix sign board along the appropriate point of the project.
 15. User Agency shall take adequate speed restriction measures to avoid any accidental emergency due to man animal conflict.
 16. Bunding measures shall be provided at all natural nallahs/streams by User Agency on its own cost as proposed by the DFO/Protected Area Manager concerned.
 17. Construction waste materials shall not be thrown inside the protected forest area or eco-sensitive zone area or on the movement corridor of Wildlife.
 18. No work shall be allowed from sunset to sunrise.
 19. User Agency will take all precautions including technical measures to contain the noise and air pollution, protection from fire due to during construction activities and shall also obtain consent to operate the project work from U.P. Pollution Control. Board and effectively implement all the conditions stipulated therein.
 20. The proposed road through the forest area within the sanctuary shall be elevated.
 21. Blasted Ammunition materials shall not be carried by User Agency in Wildlife area.
 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.

81.2.15 Proposal for use of 14.594 ha (0.334 ha forest land & 14.26 ha non-forest land) from Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary for re-construction & 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

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of

14.594 ha (0.334 ha forest land & 14.26 ha non-forest land) from Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary for re-construction & 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.

The proposal was 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.

The Standing Committee in the 79th meeting 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 Standing Committee in its 80th meeting 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 the Additional Director General of Forests (Wildlife) and Member Secretary, NBWL.

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal for declaration of Eco-sensitive Zone around newly notified boundaries is now being processed in the Ministry. It was also informed that the project would still require consideration by the Standing Committee even after alteration of the boundaries.

Dr. H. S. Singh stressed that the road shall be elevated through the forest area as decided in the meeting held under the Chairmanship of the Additional Director General of Forests (Wildlife).

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

1. The legal status of land shall remain unchanged.
2. The User Agency will have right only for the purpose applied for and land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
3. As forestland and trees standing over it are also involved in the project, Forest Clearance as per provisions of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 will also be required and User Agency will be required to comply all conditions stipulated in forest clearance under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980.

4. The User Agency shall undertake plantation/afforestation work by planting 2260 plants of native species at the appropriate site on degraded forest land to compensate the felling of 226 trees at project site situated within the boundary of sanctuary area as proposed by the DFO/Protected Area Manager concerned. The cost of plantation and maintenance for 10 years will be deposited by the user-agency with the DFO concerned as per demand raised by DFO, Meerut, after approval of Chief Wildlife. Warden.
5. Amount of Net Present Value (N.P.V.) shall be paid by the User Agency as per directions issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (FC Division), New Delhi vide Letter No. F.No. 5-3/2011- FC (Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and 19.01.2022 for the use of 14.594 ha proposed land falling within the boundary and its ESZ of Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary.
6. The User Agency shall deposit of Rs 82.375 lakh for following mitigation measures to minimize the negative impact of the project and for ecological development of wildlife habitat in the Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary as proposed by Divisional Director, Social Forestry Division, Meerut (Protected Area Manager):

S. No	Description	Amount (Lakhs)
1	Purchase of 2 Tractor and Water Tankers	20 lakhs
2	Thermal Drone (Night Vision) and rescue monitoring equipment	10 Lakhs
3	4 camping tents and equipment like mattress and torches, etc.	3 Lakhs
4	Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary Development, wildlife natural habitat improvement, Wildlife corridor study and development, overall development of Hastinapur Wildlife. Sanctuary and proper control men-animal negative interaction, case:	
	(a) Wildlife Habitat Improvement (Grassland, Wetland, Water bodies etc.)	10 Lakhs
	(b) Overall wildlife Training of Villagers/Staffs/Volunteers	8 lakhs
	(c) Awareness programs for Conservation of wildlife.	5 lakhs
	(d) Fire Management (Fire lines Equipment {Training)	2 lakhs
	(e) Camera traps, Binocular, Xerox /Printout/Fax Machine, Night Vision, Diesel of Vehicles, Computer, Solar Pump, etc.	9.375 Lakhs
	(f) Management of Mari-Animal Negative Interaction (Information channel /Rewards / Preventive Measures, etc.)	5 Lakhs
5	Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary Anti Wildlife Protection deployment of Temporary of 02 nos. staff for 40 months	10 Lakhs

		Total	82.375
			Lakhs

7. The personnel of User Agency working on the site shall be well aware and shall be bound to follow of provision of Wild Life (protection) Act, 1972.
8. The User Agency will ensure that no labour camp shall be established inside the sanctuary or any other sensitive area in eco-sensitive zone. Neither firewood nor any other forest produce from the forest will be used.
9. The User Agency will keep firefighting equipments as well as equipments for minimizing air and noise pollution at the site.
10. During the construction period, the User Agency will establish one temporary forest check post along with the required manpower at its own cost.
11. User Agency will fix sign board at appropriate point of the project.
12. Construction waste materials shall not be. thrown inside the protected forest area or eco-sensitive zone area or on the movement corridor of Wildlife
13. No work shall be allowed from sunset to sunrise.
14. User Agency will take all precautions including technical measures to contain the noise and air pollution, protection from fire due to during construction activities and shall also obtain consent to operate the project work from U.P. Pollution Control Board and effectively implement all the conditions stipulated therein
15. The proposed road through the forest area within the sanctuary shall be elevated.
16. Blasted Ammunition materials shall not be carried by User Agency in Wildlife area.
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.

81.2.16 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

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The Standing Committee was informed that the 17.0654 ha of forest land is 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.

The proposal was first considered by the Standing Committee 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 Standing Committee in its 80th meeting 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).

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal for declaration of Eco-sensitive Zone around newly notified boundaries is now being processed in the Ministry.

It was also informed that the project would still require consideration by the Standing Committee even after alteration of the boundaries.

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

1. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged. The User Agency will have right only for construction of 132 KV Transmission Line & maintenance. The land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
2. The instructions/orders pass by the State Government/Central Government and the directions pass by Hon'ble High Court/Supreme Court from time to time regarding such project shall be complied with.
3. Amount of Net Present Value (N.P.V.) shall be paid by the User Agency as per directions issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (FC Division), New Delhi vide Letter No. F.No. 5-3/2011- FC (Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and 19.01.2022 for the use of 17.0654 ha proposed land falling within the boundary of Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary.
4. The User Agency shall undertake plantation/afforestation work by planting 6740 plants of native species at the appropriate site on degraded forest land to compensate the felling of 674 trees at project site situated within the boundary and its ESZ of Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary area as proposed by the DFO/Protected Area Manager concerned. The cost of plantation and maintenance for 10 years will be deposited by the User Agency with the DFO concerned as per demand raised by concerned DFO/Protected Area Manager, after approval of Chief Wild Life Warden.
5. The User Agency shall deposit of Rs.8.62 lakhs (Rs.Eight lakhs and Sixty-Two thousand only) for mitigation measures to minimize the negative impact of the project and for ecological development of

wildlife habitat in the Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary under the online deposit head no.6- additional charges for protected area in CAMPA FUND, as per guidelines of Government of India. This amount will be spent on the mitigation measures within the same protected area. The details of work proposed according to prepared Integrated Management (Mitigation) Plan of HWLS with respect to Muzaffarnagar District are as follows:

Muzaffarnagar Division					
Item of work	Site	Unit	Phy	Unit Cost (Rs.in lakhs)	Fin. (Rs.in lakhs)
I. Habitat Improvement/Management					
Habitat Improvement in selected segments(plantation models, soil and water conservation and Development activities)					
A. Grassland Management					
Habitat Improvement in selected segments of the proposed alignment (soil, and water conservation and Development activities)	Haiderpur/ Kailapur/ Tiparpur & sikhareda forest block	LS	LS	LS	4
Pasture land (Grass land) development to provide adequate fodder for Barasingha and other wildlife & Management of grasslands by uprooting obnoxious weeds and sowing locally collected grass weeds and sowing locally collected grass seeds (including maintenance for 3 years) at 5% of sanctuary area,	For SAB sanctuary area of Jansath Range	Ha	200 ha	0.25 per ha	4.62

forest land inside sanctuary.					
Sub-total					8.62

6. The personnel of User Agency working on the site shall be well aware and shall be bound to follow of provision of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
7. The User Agency will ensure that no labour camp shall be established inside the sanctuary or any other sensitive area in eco-sensitive zone. Neither firewood nor any other forest produce from the forest will be used.
8. The User Agency shall extend all support to Forest Department in case of any forest and wildlife offence.
9. The User Agency will keep firefighting equipments as well as equipments for minimizing air and noise pollution at the site.
10. To avoid death of flying birds in the project area, it is suggested to install bird reflectors on each and every transmission towers.
11. During the construction period, the User Agency will establish one temporary forest check post along with the required manpower at its own cost.
12. Keeping in view the safety of wildlife in the proposed project area, sign boards will be installed by the User Agency at various places as required.
13. Dwarf plants will be planted by User Agency below the transmission line on their own cost.
14. Construction waste materials shall not be thrown inside the protected forest area or eco-sensitive zone area or on the movement corridor of Wildlife.
15. No work shall be allowed from sunset to sunrise.
16. User Agency shall prepare and submit the Animal Passage Plan as a mandate requirement.
17. Blasted Ammunition materials shall not be carried by User Agency in Wildlife area.
18. During construction of transmission line the excavated pit for installation of towers shall be properly fenced so as to avoid injury/death of the wild animals in the protected area of the sanctuary. These pits shall be levelled upon completion for the work so that there is no hindrance to the movement of wild animals.
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.

81.2.17 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.

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The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is 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.

The proposal was first considered by the Standing Committee 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 Standing Committee in its 80th meeting decided to defer the proposal 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).

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal for declaration of Eco-sensitive Zone around newly notified boundaries is now being processed in the Ministry.

It was also informed that the project would still require consideration by the Standing Committee even after alteration of the boundaries.

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

1. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
2. The User Agency will have right only for construction of 132 KV transmission line & maintenance. The land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
3. The instructions/orders pass by the State Government/Central Government and the directions pass by Hon'ble High Court/Supreme Court from time to time regarding such project shall be complied with.
4. Amount of Net Present Value (N.P.V.) shall be paid by the User Agency as per directions issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (FC Division), New Delhi vide Letter No. F.No. 5-3/2011- FC (Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and 19.01.2022 for the use of 61.1105 ha proposed land falling within the boundary of Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary.
5. The User Agency shall undertake plantation/afforestation work by

planting 360 plants of native species at the appropriate site on degraded forest land to compensate the felling of 36 trees at project site situated within the boundary and its ESZ of Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary area as proposed by the DFO/Protected Area Manager concerned. The cost of plantation and maintenance for 10 years will be deposited by the User Agency with the DFO concerned as per demand raised by concerned DFO/Protected Area Manager, after approval of Chief Wild Life Warden.

6. The User Agency shall deposit of Rs.101.04 lakhs (Rs.One crore one lakhs and four thousand only) (Rs.46.78 lakhs for Hapur District & Rs.54.26 lakhs for Amroha district) for mitigation measures to minimize the negative impact of the project and for ecological development of wildlife habitat in the Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary under the online deposit head no.6- additional charges for protected area in CAMPA FUND, as per guidelines of Government of India. This amount will be spent on the mitigation measures within the same protected area. The details of work proposed according to prepared Integrated Management (Mitigation) Plan of HWLS with respect to Hapur and Amroha Districts are as follows:

Hapur Division						
S.No	Item of work	Site	Unit	Qty	Unit cost (Rs.in Lakhs)	Fin (Rs.in Lakhs)
Habitat Improvement/Management						
Habitat Improvement in selected segments (plantation models, soil and water conservation and development activities)						
Grassland Management						
1	Habitat improvement in selected segments of the proposed alignment (soil, and water conservation and development activities)	Gadhawali, Bakhtawarpur, Edlapur Parsadipur and Hakimpur Gavdi Forest Block	LS	LS	LS	10.00
Sub Total						10.00
Wildlife Monitoring						
2	Skilled staff wages (18000x12 Month x9 Labourer X per year) for rescue, protection, transportation of Wild animal and prevent poaching & encroachment at sanctuary strategic locations	Garhmukteshwar Range & all forest blocks and outside forest blocks SAB sanctuary areas	18000/2 Month	2	2,16	4.32
Sub- Total						4.32
Wildlife Protection						
3	Construction of at least 2-Watch tower along with a guard post for monitoring and protection of wild life, poaching and	SAB sanctuary strategic locations of Garhmukeshwar range	Nos	2	4.00	8.00

	encroachment & Fire Protection					
4	Purchase of vehicles for patrolling for wildlife safety (including repairs, maintenance and fuel charges)	Garmukeshwar range	LS	LS	LS	1.00
Sub- Total						9.00
IV. Disaster Management						
5	Procurement for wild animal rescue a tranquilizing equipment to address man animal conflict and rescue of animal	Whole SAB sanctuary in Garhmuketshwar range	LS	LS	LS	5.66
Sub- Total						5.66
Total						28.98
(VII) Administrative Cost & Other Misc. expenditure or over heads:						
6	Office expenditure	Garmukteshwar Range of SAB Sanctuary	LS	LS	LS	1.00
7	Computers, printers, stationary for O/o Range Forest Officers Advance computers with all necessary software's, A3 size color Printers/Scanner.	Garmukteshwar Range of SAB Sanctuary	LS	LS	LS	2.00
8	Maintain & construct of "Frontline staff quarter/accommodation" at Garhmukteshwar Range Office	Garmukteshwar Range of SAB Sanctuary	LS	As per actual	LS	4.00
9	Data entry/computer operator charges	Garmukteshwar Range of SAB Sanctuary	1	18000/ months	60	10.80
Sub- Total						17.80
Total						46.78

Mitigation Measure Cost						
Amroha Division						
S. No	Item of work	Site	Unit	Phy	Unit cost (Rs.in Lakhs)	Fin (Rs.in Lakhs)
Wildlife Monitoring						
1.	Establishing 9 new basecamp shelter for watchers at Ganga to protection of Wildlife and prevent encroachment at sanctuary strategic	Each one Forest Block	Nos	2	2	4.00

2	locations Skilled staff wages (18000x12 monthx1 labourer X per year) for Rescue, Protection, Transportation of Wild Animal and prevent poaching & encroachment at sanctuary strategic locations	Dhanaura Range & all forest blocks and out side forest blocks SAB sanctuary areas	18000/ Month	2	2.7	5.40
3	Providing solar lights at strategic locations in the project area	Forest Blocks ecotourism site and nurseries at SAB sanctuary	LS	2	0.30	0.6
	Sub-Total					10.00
(II) Wildlife Protection						
4	"Dolphin Monitoring Point" Development Dolphin Conservation & Protection Area	Brijghat beat near Ganga River	Nos	1	2	2.00
5	Providing 1 Nos Honda Activa Electric for wildlife monitoring & conservation for front line staff	For SAB sanctuary area of Dhanaura Range	Nos	1	LS Avg.	1.00
	Sub-Total					3.00
(III) Habitat Improvement						
6	Pasture land (Grassland) development to provide adequate fodder for Barahsingha and other wildlife & Management of Grassland by uprooting obnoxious weeds and sowing locally collected grass seeds (including maintenance for 3 years) at 5% of sanctuary area, Forest land inside sanctuary	Chakarwalaa, Visavali, Mukarampur, Respolpour SAB Sanctuary area of Dhanaura Range	Ha	50 ha	0.25 per ha	12.60
7	5 Nos New Borewell with Solar pump set for filling water in	Narwala forest block	Nos	2	5	10.00

	waterholes, irrigation of grassland etc works					22.60
Sub-Total						
(B) Fire Protection						
8	Creation and maintenance of fire lines and view lines in all 9 Forest Blocks	Each one Forest Block	R Km	10.00 KM	0.25 KM	2.5
9	Skilled Fire Fighting Watchers wages (18000 X 6 Month X 4 Labourer X Per Year) for conservation of Forest and Wild Wildlife	One Party in SAB Sanctuary (Dhanaura range)	18000/ Month	8	1.08	2.16
Sub-Total						4.66
(VI) Publicity, Extension and Education						
10	Providing publicity boards, Book, Pamphlets and Interrelation signages Inside the sanctuary area and Outside to propagate the needs for the conservation of flora and fauna of the area & to Promote Eco Tourism , Eco Development activities	Whole SAB Sanctuary	LS	LS	LS	2.00
Sub-Total						2.00
(V) Administrative Cost & Other Misc. Expenditure or Over heads:						
11	Office expenditure	Dhanaura Range of SAB Sanctuary	LS	LS	LS	2.00
12	Maintain & Construct of "Front Line Staff Quarter/accommodation "at Dhanaura Range Office	Dhanaura Range Office	LS	As per actual	LS	10.00
Sub-Total						12.00
Grand Total						54.26

7. The personnel of User Agency working on the site shall be well aware and shall be bound to follow of provision of Wild Life (protection) Act, 1972.

8. The User Agency will ensure that no labour camp shall be established inside the sanctuary or any other sensitive area in eco-sensitive zone. Neither firewood nor any other forest produce from

the forest will be used.

9. The User Agency shall extend all support to Forest Department in case of any forest and wildlife offence.
10. The User Agency will keep firefighting equipments as well as equipments for minimizing air and noise pollution at the site.
11. To avoid death of flying birds in the project area, it is suggested to install bird reflectors on each and every transmission towers.
12. During the construction period, the User Agency will establish one temporary forest check post along with the required manpower at its own cost.
13. Keeping in view the safety of wildlife in the proposed project area, sign boards will be installed by the User Agency at various places as required.
14. Dwarf plants will be planted by User Agency below the transmission line on their own cost.
15. Construction waste materials shall not be thrown inside the protected forest area or eco-sensitive zone area or on the movement corridor of Wildlife. No work shall be allowed from sunset to sunrise.
16. User Agency shall prepare and submit the Animal Passage Plan as a mandate requirement.
17. Blasted Ammunition materials shall not be carried by User Agency in Wildlife area.
18. During construction of transmission line the excavated pit for installation of towers shall be properly fenced so as to avoid injury/death of the wild animals in the protected area of the sanctuary. These pits shall be leveled upon completion for the work so that there is no hindrance to the movement of wild animals.
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.

81.2.18 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 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 was considered in the 80th meeting wherein 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.

The Director, Department of Mines, Uttarakhand informed that the proposed project is about 2.5 km from the boundary of the protected area and as per the condition imposed by SEIAA, the proposal has been placed for consideration by the Standing Committee.

The Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change mentioned that the ESZ has not been notified and the proposal for mining under consideration is within default ESZ.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to reject the project proposal.

81.2.19 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.

As decided in the 80th meeting of the Standing Committee, a site inspection committee was constituted 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. The site inspection committee carried out inspection and submitted its report.

The site inspection committee has recommended the proposal for approval by the Standing Committee with following conditions:

- a. The User Agency shall compensate the Uttarakhand Forest Department for the buildings getting demolished and affected due to the project proposal.
- b. The User Agency shall also compensate for the loss of trees and the forest area as per the provision of the Van (Sanrakshan and Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
- c. The User Agency shall place adequate signage regarding movement of elephants on the road.

Further, the site inspection committee also found that the present Kotdwar-Lansdowne Road would be expanded in next few years. In case of such a proposal, the existing Kotdwar-Lansdowne Road shall not be

expanded and instead a new road through the river shall be constructed else, the expansion of the existing Kotdwar-Lansdowne Road will be detrimental to the movement of elephants and lead to severe Man-elephant conflict situations.

The site inspection committee has also proposed that the user Agency shall seek approval of the Standing Committee for the upgradation works proposed on the Meerut Garhwal National Highway falling inside the tiger corridor connecting Rajaji Tiger Reserve with Corbett Tiger Reserve in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttarakhand mentioned that the proposed project is for construction of bypass road through Kho river. However, it would bifurcate the Forest Campus of Lansdowne Forest Division. It would be awkward for the forest division to function there. He also opined that approval of the project would be beneficial for the commuters. He therefore, requested that in case the project is approved, the forest department shall be adequately compensated for construction of new division office.

Dr. R. Sukumar mentioned that the corridor connectivity between Rajaji Tiger Reserve and Corbett Tiger Reserve shall be ensured.

Director, Wildlife Institute of India informed that the Delhi Dehradun National Highway has not yet become fully functional. The National Highways Authority of India has given funding support for monitoring wild animal movement five years through the 14 km elevated portion of the road. WII would be using camera traps for monitoring the wild animals' movement.

Inspector General of Forests mentioned that the elephants move from Shivalik Hills to Poanta Sahib – Renuka Sagar through Kalesar. However, due to the old road, the direct movement of elephants across habitat got restricted. Delhi Dehradun elevated portion would defragment the elephant habitat and ensure unhindered movement of elephants. However, it would take 1-2 years for data collection.

The Chairman suggested that the State Government should come with a comprehensive proposal for widening of the roads in the Rajaji Landscape. The State Government should not submit piecemeal proposals.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a comprehensive review meeting may be held with the User Agency, Public Works Department, State Forest Department, National Tiger Conservation Authority to evaluate the road proposals in the Rajaji-Corbett landscape and accordingly decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

81.2.20 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 eco-sensitive zone around the sanctuary has been finally notified in 2019. The site is situated about 13 km from the sanctuary.

As decided in the 80th meeting of the Standing Committee, a site inspection committee comprising of representatives of the Ministry, WII, State Forest Department and Dr. Sukumar was constituted which visited the site on 15th November 2024. The sanctuary is an important habitat of Hoolock gibbon. The committee noticed that the exploratory drilling may not cause much damage to the area. However, the commercial drilling may not be allowed. The User Agency has given an undertaking that they would not carry out commercial drilling at the site.

The Inspector General of Forests, Forest Conservation Division mentioned that in hydrocarbon extraction, exploratory drilling is the actual drilling which leads to commercial drilling.

The Special Secretary, MoEFCC highlighted that the report of the site inspection committee has recommended that no oil/ gas extraction will be allowed from inside the ESZ area in case any reserves are discovered at the site.

The Minister of State mentioned that the exploratory drilling could serve two purposes. One of the purposes is to ascertain the extent of sub-surface oilfields. It could also lead to commercial drilling.

Dr. Sukumar mentioned that the area of Hollongapar Gibbon Sanctuary is 20.98 km² and its notified ESZ is 264.92 km². The purpose of declaring such a large ESZ is to provide connectivity to the sanctuary with Dissoi Valley RF and beyond into forested habitats in Nagaland. The project site is at a disputed area between Assam and Nagaland. The committee had to cross the Nagaland check post. They were received by the Border Magistrate of Nagaland and the local Naga inhabitants. The local people informed the committee that no drilling operation would be allowed without getting permission from the Village Council and the Nagaland Government. The User Agency has given an undertaking that exploratory

drilling at this particular site is only for the purposes of discovery of hydrocarbon reserves in the area. Any extraction of the hydrocarbon reserves discovered would be carried from outside the ESZ of the Sanctuary. Further, the User Agency has also informed that no hazardous substance would be used during the exploration for hydrocarbons at this site.

The Chairman expressed concerns regarding brutal killing of elephants in Assam. He also highlighted lack of action against the offenders in such killings. He enquired if the project site is falling in the elephant habitat.

Dr. Sukumar mentioned that the area is not so important for elephants. However, incidences of crop raiding by elephants have been recorded. The area is important for primate species. Seven species of primates are found in the area and ESZ provides connectivity to these primate species across forests. A railway line also passes through the sanctuary for which proposal for electrification has been recommended by the Standing Committee. He mentioned that the sanctuary is under stress.

The Chairman also expressed concerns that such incidents are not reported to the Ministry by the States. The Forest Department officials shall take prompt actions against the offenders in such cases. He directed that the action taken against the offenders responsible for such brutal killings of and injuries to elephants in Assam would be reviewed as part of Agenda for Action Taken Reports in future meetings of the Standing Committee.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that the action taken against the offenders responsible for such brutal killings of and injuries to elephants in Assam would be reviewed as part of Agenda for Action Taken Reports separately. The Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall submit the entire plan of exploration drilling operations including the Material safety data sheet before commencement of the drilling operation to the controller DGH/ SPCB & Forest Department.
2. The SPCB & Forest Department shall ensure direct control and continuous vigilance over the operations and the DGH to overlook all the controls & operations.
3. The User Agency shall install CCTV DSS (Digital Videos Surveillance System) to enable real time monitoring of all the operations by all the controllers (DGH/ SPCB/ Forest Dept.)
4. Any violations of PCB norms shall result in immediate suspension of the operation and termination of the project and necessary legal actions will be taken against the project proponent.
5. No oil/ gas extraction shall be allowed from inside the ESZ area in case any reserves are discovered at the site.
6. The User Agency shall ensure minimal tree felling.

7. No adverse impact shall be caused to the wild animals and their habitat.
8. The User Agency shall take adequate measures against all kinds of pollution likely to be caused by implementation of the project including disasters like oil & gas leakage or explosion of the well.
9. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the ESZ shall be deposited by the User Agency to be utilized by the Chief Wild Life Warden in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F. No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
10. 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.

AGENDA ITEM No. 3

81.3 AMENDMENT IN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

81.3.1 Amendment in the minutes of the 79th meeting of the Standing Committee

Following three proposals for transmission lines by the Maharashtra State Electricity Corporation Limited were approved by the Standing Committee with certain conditions in the 79th meeting held on 31st July, 2024:

- a. 79.2.12 Proposal for use of 131.1255 ha (44.0937 ha forest land and 87.0858 ha non forestland) from tiger corridor connecting Tadoba Andheri Tiger Reserve and Indravati Tiger Reserve and tiger corridor land scape in between Tadoba Andheri Tiger Reserve and Tipeswar Wildlife Sanctuary and Kawal Tiger Reserve for the purpose of 132 KV DC Mul-SICOM Chandrapur Transmission line. **WL/MH/TRANS/419749/2023**
- b. 79.2.13 Proposal for use of 3.064 ha of forest land from the tiger corridor connecting Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve and Navegaon Nagzira Tiger Reserve for laying of 220 KV D/C Transmission Line from existing Umred Sub Station to proposed Nagbhid Sub Station Under MSETCL. **FP/MH/TRANS/44469/2020**
- c. 79.4.74 Proposal for use of 1.2005 ha of forest land & 29.484 ha of Non-forest land from Bor-Pench Tiger Corridor in Eastern Vidharba Landscape for laying of 220 KV Kalmeshwar to Warud EHV Transmission line in Nagpur district, Maharashtra. **WL/MH/TRANS/450298/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the present proposal is for amendment of one of the conditions imposed based on the advice given by the National Tiger Conservation Authority. The User Agency has

requested to review the conditions that 'Insulated cables shall be used along the entire stretch of the proposed transmission line so as to avoid electrocution to avifauna and other arboreal species as well as avoid poaching using electricity.'

The User Agency through the State Forest Department, Maharashtra has informed that the lines are air insulated and have sufficient safety measures with respect to the wildlife/avifauna and have requested the stipulated condition.

The Ministry sought comments from the NTCA on the request made by the User Agency. The NTCA has concurred that the said condition may be reviewed subject to the condition that the User Agency will ensure use of best available technology for the project to prevent electrocution of avifauna and other arboreal species, as well as poaching of animals using electricity.

The Standing Committee was informed that the gap between the conductors acts as insulation. In case of such high voltage transmission lines, insulated cables are not technically feasible.

Dr. H. S. Singh suggested that the transmission line companies shall invest in research on installation of insulated cables of high voltage lines.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that in the approvals given for these proposals, the condition that 'The User Agency shall ensure use of best available technology for the project to prevent electrocution of avifauna and other arboreal species, as well as poaching of animals using electricity' shall be substituted in place of the condition that 'Insulated cables shall be used along the entire stretch of the proposed transmission line so as to avoid electrocution to avifauna and other arboreal species as well as avoid poaching using electricity'.

81.3.2 Proposal for use of 24281 ha from Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary for artillery firing and practice at Mandalhang field firing ranges (MTFFR), UT of Ladakh.

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal from UT of Ladakh for use of 24281 ha of forest land from Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary for artillery firing and practice at Mandalhang field firing ranges (MTFFR) was considered and recommended with certain conditions in the 73rd meeting of the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life held on 17.07.2023.

One of the conditions imposed was that 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.

The Army Hq. has requested for charging of NPV for Impact Zone of the

firing range as per Ministry guidelines dated 6th January, 2022.

The Chief Wild Life Warden Administration of UT of Ladakh has mentioned that fresh inspection was conducted on 28th-29th May, 2024 and the referred area demarcated (23796.78 ha) into (a) Impact Zone (9818.18 ha) (b) safety zone (13,978.60 ha) was verified. This issue was discussed in 10th SBWL meeting held on 20th September, 2024 and the SBWL approved the same for consideration of SC-NBWL.

The Forest Conservation Division, MoEFCC has clarified that the NPV in respect of forest land falling in a Wildlife Sanctuary is to be charged for the actual impact zone which will be five times the normal NPV applicable to such forest land.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee directed that the Ministry may clarify to the UT of Administration of Ladakh that the NPV in respect of forest land falling in a Wildlife Sanctuary is to be charged for the actual impact zone which will be five times the normal NPV applicable to such forest land as per Ministry guidelines dated 6th January, 2022.

AGENDA ITEM No. 4

81.4 POLICY MATTERS

The Inspector General of Forests (WL), MoEFCC made a brief presentation on the issues for discussion.

81.4.1 Monitoring the Implementation of Terms & conditions

The Inspector General of Forests (WL) informed that SC-NBWL plays pivotal role in review & approval of projects impacting wildlife areas and that there was a need to establish robust mechanism to monitor implementation of terms & conditions of approved projects. Following was suggested:

- User Agency to submit compliance of terms and conditions on a six-monthly basis
- Field verification to be carried out by concerned DFO every six months
- CF/CCF level officer to check 50% of the projects and submit report to CWLW
- IRO to verify 10% of the projects
- Field visits and field reports can be uploaded in the PARIVESH Portal, updated on DSS

Dr. H.S Singh was of the opinion that the SC-NBWL shall seek information from the Chief Wildlife Warden regarding the compliance.

Dr. R. Sukumar was of the view that Ministry needs to decide on classification of projects to major and minor and the conditions imposed for major projects are required to be closely monitored as the impacts of these projects have larger implications.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Gujarat suggested that Ministry may frame SOP or guidelines on monitoring mechanism.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Maharashtra emphasized on the efficacy of the implementation of the stipulated conditions.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttarakhand suggested the need for deterrence for violation of implementation of conditions so that in future there would be less violations.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu emphasized on the proactive disclosures by the user agencies.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Madhya Pradesh also emphasized the need for categorization of projects as major and minor ones and also the need to assess the efficacy of implementation of the conditions.

Director, WII suggested the need for prioritizing the major and minor conditions stipulated by the SC NBWL

Chief Wild Life Warden, Odisha suggested for making conditions more enforceable.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Arunachal Pradesh mentioned that often the mitigation plan is submitted very late.

81.4.2 Human-wildlife conflict management

The Inspector General of Forests (WL) informed that Human-wildlife conflict leads to human causality, loss of property loss, death of wild life and that multiple and cross cutting interventions have been taken up by Ministry & State Governments to tackle HWC. The following action points were suggested:

WII to hold consultations with experts, technology providers and stakeholders and recommend:

- Equipping Rapid Response Teams with advanced technology, gadgets for tracking, forewarning
- Prescribing surveillance and Intrusion Detection Systems in HWC hotspots
- Develop long-term humane methods & SOPs for species-specific and location-specific strategies
- Build capacity of field practitioners and community to execute conflict mitigation measures

Dr. Sukumar mentioned that India has a successful track record in bringing back the population of several species such as Tiger, Elephant, Rhino, Leopards, etc. and there was a need to think of a shift in wildlife management and a more strategic framework needs to be developed. He suggested for adoption of a 'Think tank' approach, wherein the assessment at landscape level for each species needs to be undertaken. He suggested for constitution of a committee for developing the strategic framework, wherein WII could play a pivotal role.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Telangana suggested for development of a uniform SOP for handling HWC for the entire country. He also emphasized the need for having capacity building programmes with support from civil society and that the compensation rates also could be made uniform for the entire country.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttar Pradesh opined that Ministry shall consider developing a protocol for release of captured leopards.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Gujarat emphasized on the need for population control of leopards, crocodiles, etc.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttarakhand suggested that every district in the State shall establish a transit rescue centre, wherein animals captured could be housed till they are safely released into the wild.

Dr. H Singh mentioned that in 1907 edition of the Indian Forester had reported death of 2200 humans due to wild animal attacks. There is more sensitivity amongst people and reporting is more. He suggested for population control for such animals whose population density per sq.kms is very high. He also suggested that the prey base for carnivores needs to be increased so that animals like Tiger and leopards do not stray out to human habitations. Prey base breeding centres could be considered.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Ladakh highlighted the issue of presence of more than 4000 free ranging feral dogs in Protected Areas of Ladakh. These feral dogs attack wild animals and are also cause for transmission of zoonotic diseases. He suggested that Ministry may consider framing a policy for management of such feral dogs.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Rajasthan informed that the State Forest Department has established prey base augmentation centres at various places.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Kerala suggested that a policy at national level for HWC management is required and site specificity needs to be considered. He also suggested that there was a need for identification of root cause for HWC and that stakeholder engagement was crucial in better management of HWC. He also suggested for laying emphasis on proper reporting modalities, especially the species involved in conflict.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Andhra Pradesh informed that Black buck and Sloth bear population have increased in the State. He suggested that Ministry shall consider developing a policy document. He also highlighted the migrant population of elephants from neighbouring States.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Karnataka informed that radio collars have been developed in the State also. He mentioned that wild animal's movement is not as corridors demarcated by humans.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Maharashtra suggested for establishing a dedicated centre for disseminating research on HWC management. He also emphasized the need for developing radio collars within the country.

81.4.3 Invasive Alien Species in natural habitats

The Inspector General of Forests (WL) informed that the a number of alien plant and animal species are introduced either intentionally or unintentionally and that many such species turn invasive causing immense ecological and economic loss. It was suggested that:

- BSI, ZSI and WII to propose a list of species identified globally as invasive alien species; considered for notification under Section 62A of WLP, 1972.
- Removal of invasive alien species from natural habitat to be taken on priority in all management plans

Dr. H S Singh mentioned that most of the habitats have been invaded by invasive species like Lantana, Parthenium etc. and have become non palatable for herbivores. For eradication of these invasive species, huge funds are required. He also mentioned that removal of invasive species also would reduce HWC.

Dr. R Sukumar suggested that the Kerala Forest Research Institute has one of the best database on invasive plant species. Management of invasive species needs to be taken up on a mission mode.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Kerala suggested for amendment of the Living Specimens Registration Rules for providing more time for people for registering their exotic species, as many people are releasing their exotic species outside their homes. He suggested that Ministry need to consider provision for additional funds for removal of identified invasive species.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Karnataka informed that the State is now making bricks from invasive species such as Senna and Lantana, removed from Protected Areas.

81.4.4 Management Effectiveness Evaluation of Protected Areas

The Inspector General of Forests (WL) informed that Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) is undertaken by WII, Dehradun and that 5 cycles of MEE of Tiger Reserves (2006, 2010, 2014, 2018, 2022) and 2 cycles of MEE of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries (1st cycle: 2006-18 & 2nd cycle 2018-2025) have been undertaken. Following actions were proposed:

- Improved Management plan: MEE reports give weakness and strength of management planning and actionable points/issues; incorporated in the management plans
- Adaptive Management Plan: States to conduct yearly self-assessment to evaluate and make necessary adjustments to existing management plans
- Development of MEE Frameworks for Community Reserves and Conservation Reserves by WII
- Incentivization: States demonstrating improved performance in MEE may be incentivized

Dr. H S Singh highlighted that the Management Plan needs to be revised based on the MEE suggestions.

The Special Secretary, MoEFCC suggested for undertaking an impact assessment of the entire MEE exercise.

The Member Secretary, NTCA and the Chief Wild Life Warden, Kerala suggested for a revisit on the criteria for MEE.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Madhya Pradesh suggested for undertaking security audit for Protected Areas.

81.4.5 Management of areas below transmission lines in PAs

The Inspector General of Forests (WL) mentioned that Protected areas and power infrastructure are both expanding in the Country and that the power transmission system is an important infrastructure; often intersect critical wildlife habitats and effective management of land under transmission lines inside PAs is required. The following actions were proposed:

- Mapping of transmission lines within protected areas
- Integration in Management Plan and adaptive management of areas below transmission lines
- Monitoring and data collection

81.4.6 Guidelines for mobile tower proposals in PAs:

The Inspector General of Forests (WL) mentioned that the Ministry has

issued guidelines for proposals regarding telecommunication (4G) in January 2024. DoT has requested for modification of few requirements in the guidelines.

Dr. H S Singh suggested that the mobile tower should be established on boundary of Protected Areas and not inside.

The Inspector General of Forests, PT&E highlighted the need for getting CDR's in case of wildlife offences.

The Chairman, thereafter, requested for generic views from the participants.

The Joint Director (WL) suggested for an MoU with Technical institutes for developing radio collars, etc indigenously. He also suggested for the need for awarding Community Reserves.

The Deputy Inspector General of Forests (WL) informed about the statutory requirement for preparation of Management Plan and that the guidelines issued by the Ministry mandates the incorporation of suggestions of MEE in the management plans.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Maharashtra suggested that there is need to focus on floral conservation as well besides faunal conservation.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Assam suggested for undertaking carrying capacity for all Protected Areas.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Odisha informed about the carrying capacity assessments undertaken in state of Odisha.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Ladakh suggested for a validity period for Wildlife clearances.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttarakhand highlighted on ecotourism aspects.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu suggested that Ministry shall finalize the guidelines for preparation of Zonal Master Plan for Eco Sensitive Zones.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Haryana and Chief Wild Life Warden, Gujarat suggested that Forest Department shall also be vested with powers for dealing with violations in ESZ.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttar Pradesh suggested that Ministry shall frame guidelines for handling/management of elephants that move across state borders to human habitations.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Rajasthan suggested for enhancement of compensation funds for land diversions in protected areas from existing 2% to 5% of the total project cost.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Manipur informed about the realignment of ESZ for Zeila Sanctuary.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Karnataka suggested for developing guidelines for research on endemic species that are not listed in Schedules of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. He also suggested that the declaration of wildlife trophy window be enhanced.

The Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, mentioned that this was her last meeting of SC-NBWL as Secretary, MoEFCC. She thanked the SC NBWL for their valuable inputs during the meetings.

Hon'ble Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change mentioned that this was his first meeting and was a good learning experience. He highlighted the need to consider both ecological and social angles while developing policies for wildlife management.

The Chairman mentioned that several good suggestions were received from the members and the Chief Wild Life Wardens. He also welcomed the idea for development of MoU with technical/Technological Institutes/Universities for developing equipment like radio collards, camera traps, etc indigenously.

The Chairman suggested that in the next meeting also the discussions on policy issues would continue. He mentioned that in the next meeting of SC NBWL, the Ministry shall make a detailed presentation connecting the suggestions made during this meeting and also suggest points for developing a workable policy document for wildlife conservation.

AGENDA ITEM No. 5

81.5 FRESH PROPOSALS FALLING INSIDE/OUTSIDE THE PROTECTED AREA

- 81.5.1** Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from Balaram Ambaji Wildlife Sanctuary for installation of mobile tower for 4G saturation project of village Rupvas, Survey No.16 in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

WL/GJ/CommPost/459053/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from Balaram Ambaji Wildlife Sanctuary for installation of mobile tower for 4G saturation project of village Rupvas, Survey No.16 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 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 User Agency shall not violate any provisions under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
6. The User Agency shall not harm or destroy wildlife habitat including fauna and flora of the Sanctuary.
7. The User Agency agrees to make good the land after use/maintenance.
8. The User Agency shall seek permission from the State Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance.
9. The User Agency shall complete the work within 2 years from the date of approval.
10. Approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980, if required, shall be obtained separately for use of forest land.
11. 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.
12. The User Agency shall restore the land in its original form after

completion of the work.

13. The User Agency shall not use the area for any other work other than the work permitted.
14. The User Agency shall not establish any temporary or permanent labour camp in the Sanctuary.
15. The User Agency or his contractor shall not create any fire places inside the Sanctuary.
16. All the material required for the work shall be prepared outside the sanctuary.
17. The work in the Sanctuary will be allowed only in the day time from 8 AM to 6 PM.
18. The mobile tower shall be installed near road or near the forest boundary.
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.

81.5.2 Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from Sharavathi Valley Wild Life Sanctuary for erection and commissioning of 4G Mobile Tower under saturation project in Henjile village in F.Sy.No.17, Bhatkal Taluk, Uttara Kannada District, Karnataka.

WL/KA/CommPost/446052/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from Sharavathi Valley Wild Life Sanctuary for erection and commissioning of 4G Mobile Tower under saturation project in Henjile village in F.Sy.No.17, Bhatkal Taluk, Uttara Kannada District, Karnataka.

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. Yearly monitoring of electromagnetic field (EMF) shall be conducted in and around the areas of Sharavathi Valley Lion Tailed Macaque (LTM) Sanctuary.
6. Use visual day time markers in the area having large numbers of bird movement to avoid bird hits.
7. 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.
8. Signage Boards regarding wildlife to be instated at the cost of User Agency.
9. The construction work shall be restricted to day time hours i.e. between 6 AM to 6 PM.
10. The implementing 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.
11. The User Agency shall not collect the raw materials, forest produce including firewood from the forest.
12. 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, will be taken.
13. Care shall be taken not to disturb the wildlife species and their habitat during construction activities.
14. The User Agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act & Rules, Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
15. The muck generated during the project implementation shall be taken out of the corridor without endangering the flora and fauna.
16. The work shall be taken up only under the close supervision of the jurisdictional officers & staff, to avoid any damage to the flora and

fauna.

17. No tents or any other stay arrangement shall be permitted inside the protected area.
18. The mobile tower shall be installed near road or near the forest boundary.
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.

81.5.3 Proposal for use of 4.004 ha of forest land from buffer and core zones of Similipal Tiger Reserve for Installation of 4G Mobile Tower & laying of OFC in Mayurbhanj District, Odisha in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

WL/OR/CommPost/450891/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 4.004 ha of forest land from buffer and core zones of Similipal Tiger Reserve for Installation of 4G Mobile Tower & laying of OFC in Mayurbhanj District, Odisha 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. As the mobile towers are proposed to be installed in the tiger reserve, advice of NTCA was sought as per section 38-O(1)(g) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. NTCA has not recommended installation of mobile towers in respect of one village lying in the core zone and 25 villages lying close to the core zone of tiger reserve. The NTCA has recommended installation of mobile towers in respect of 8 villages in the buffer zone of the tiger reserve.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that in principle the mobile towers shall erected close to roads and forest boundary.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Odisha informed that out of 34 mobile towers, 33 are proposed in the buffer zone of tiger reserve. He explained that the villages are enclaved within core zone but are part of buffer zone. He also that Cabinet decision is for complete 4G saturation of villages. He explained the location of the proposed mobile towers on maps.

Dr. Sukumar mentioned that Simlipal is a very large area. There is practically no mobile connectivity inside the tiger reserve. Even the forest department may not be able to communicate effectively in the absence of mobile connectivity. There may be exceptional cases as approved by the Standing Committee in Namdapha Tiger Reserve which is near international border. On case by case basis, though may be in core zone of tiger reserve, if the mobile tower is proposed within

forest establishment or along the road, the Standing Committee may consider approving the proposal.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided not to approve the proposal for installation of mobile tower and laying of OFC in the Core Zone of Simlipal Tiger Reserve, namely, Bakua. In case of the installation of mobile towers and laying of OFC proposed in villages surrounded by critical tiger habitat/ core zone of Simlipal Tiger Reserve, namely, Budhabalanga, Bandirabasa, Gopinathpur, Chandikhaman, Khejuria, Kolha, Kukurbhuka, Makabadi, Naana, Netraghosra, Nikhirda, Jajadihi, Rautala, Kolkjhari, Kuanribil, Saruda, Lembujharan, Saharpat, Sankasira, Asanabani, Bareipani, Barsia, Bhradachua, Bilapaka, and Gudgudia, the Standing Committee decided to seek detailed site-specific information from the NTCA.

The Standing Committee decided to approve the eight proposals in for installation of mobile towers and laying of OFC in respect of villages namely, Jharjhari, Satabedi, Alapani, Jerkani, Baula, Jambani, Charabandh and Dhadipani in the Buffer Zone of the Simlipal Tiger Reserve subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall submit to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project an Undertaking 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. No work will be undertaken after sunset and before sunrise.
6. The User Agency shall take prior permission from local forest officials before commencement of work.
7. The User Agency shall follow simultaneous cutting & filling of trench at the time of laying of OFC & electrical conductors and maintain the forest road to facilitate unhindered movement of wildlife.
8. Regulation of the Central Electrical Authority & Guidelines of the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun on Mitigative Measures for

Linear Infrastructure Projects shall be strictly adhered to prevent disturbance to wildlife.

9. There shall not be any damage to existing flora and fauna.
10. No construction material shall be procured from within the Tiger Reserve and/or its ESZ. Construction debris shall be disposed of away from the Tiger Reserve and/or its ESZ at the cost of the User Agency.
11. No labour camp shall be allowed inside the Tiger Reserve at nights.
12. The User Agency shall ensure that no labourer trespasses inside the forests apart from the construction site.
13. While installing the mobile tower, the work shall be executed in a timely manner to minimize the disturbance to wildlife.
14. The Network range of mobile tower network shall be limited to human habitations and not be extended inside boundaries of the tiger reserve.
15. Any future maintenance of the mobile tower would be subject to prior approval of the competent authority of Odisha Forest Department.
16. The mobile tower shall be installed near road or near the forest boundary.
17. CWLW, Odisha shall develop appropriate mechanism to monitor compliance of the conditions stipulated herein at various phases of project implementation.
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.

81.5.4 Proposal for use of 0.0151 ha of land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for construction and Installation of Waste Disposal and Processing Plant at Hanle Village, UT of Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

WL/LA/DEF/465822/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0151 ha of land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for construction and Installation of Waste Disposal and Processing Plant at Hanle Village, UT of Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the UT of Ladakh.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that the presence of Forest Department is negligible in the UT of Ladakh compared to its vast geographical area. The Standing Committee has recommended large number of proposals for defence establishments. There is a need for sensitization of defence

personnel in Ladakh towards wildlife. A group of defence personnel may be formed to take care of wildlife issues in Ladakh. A field visit of members of the Standing Committee and meeting with defence personnel may be organized to facilitate wildlife cause in Ladakh.

The Chairman suggested that a meeting with the Hon'ble Minister of Defence may be scheduled to explain the wildlife issues, number of proposals recommended by the Standing Committee in Ladakh along with field visit of expert members to Ladakh.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a meeting with Ministry of Defence may be convened to discuss wildlife management issues and mitigation plans for the projects recommended by the Standing Committee. Further, a visit of expert members of the Standing Committee to Ladakh may also be scheduled. The Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to the following conditions:

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance.
2. The User Agency will 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 NBWL.
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) Adhinyam, 1980, Environment (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 User Agency 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.
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 Wild Life 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 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.
13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues 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.
14. 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.
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.

81.5.5 Proposal for use of 4.47 ha of land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for Boat Shed area at Lukung, UT of Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

WL/LA/DEF/478450/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 4.47 ha of land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for Boat Shed area at Lukung, UT of Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the UT of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
2. 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 NBWL.
3. 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.
4. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite

clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.

5. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
6. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues 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.
13. 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.
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.

81.5.6 Proposal for use of 23.8 ha of land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for Infantry Battalion Camp ST Erath II, UT of Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

WL/LA/DEF/478470/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of

23.8 ha of land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for Infantry Battalion Camp ST Erath II, UT of Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the UT of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance.
2. The User Agency will 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 NBWL.
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, Environment (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 User Agency 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.
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 Wild Life 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 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.
13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble

Supreme Court, issues 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.

14. 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.
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.

81.5.7 Proposal for use of 0.92 ha of land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for Traffic Control Post No 01, UT of Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence

WL/LA/DEF/478834/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.92 ha of land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for Traffic Control Post No 01, UT of Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the UT of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance.
2. The User Agency will 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 NBWL.
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) Adhinyam, 1980, Environment (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 User Agency 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.
 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 Wild Life 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 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.
 13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues 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.
 14. 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.
 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.

81.5.8 Proposal for use of 3.1 ha of land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for Traffic Control Post No 02 at Parma UT of Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

WL/LA/DEF/478876/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 3.1 ha of land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for Traffic Control Post No 02 at Parma UT of Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the UT of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance.
2. The User Agency will 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 NBWL.
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, Environment (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 User Agency 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.
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 Wild Life 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 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.
13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues 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.
14. 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.

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.

81.5.9 Proposal for use of 3.71 ha of land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for Post of Infantry Battalion (IGLOO) at Parma, Tangtse, UT of Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

WL/LA/DEF/479047/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 3.71 ha of land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for Post of Infantry Battalion (IGLOO) at Parma, Tangtse, UT of Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the UT of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance.
2. The User Agency will 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 NBWL.
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) Adhinyam, 1980, Environment (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 User Agency 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.
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 Wild Life 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 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.
13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues 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.
14. 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.
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.

81.5.10 Proposal for use of 5.76 ha of forest land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for Post of Artillery Regiment (FASF), UT of Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

WL/LA/DEF/479063/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 5.76 ha of forest land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for Post of Artillery Regiment (FASF), UT of Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the UT of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance.
2. The User Agency will 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 NBWL.
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) Adhinyam, 1980, Environment (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 User Agency 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.
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 Wild Life 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 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.
13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues 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.
14. 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.
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.

81.5.11 Proposal for use of 0.023 ha of land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for Army Signals Mobile Tele Communication Tower (Ascon Node) at Lukung, UT of Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

WL/LA/DEF/479091/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.023 ha of land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for Army Signals Mobile Tele Communication Tower (Ascon Node) at Lukung, UT of Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the UT of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance.
2. The User Agency will 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 NBWL.
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) Adhinyam, 1980, Environment (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 User Agency 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.
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 Wild Life 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 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.
13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues 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.
14. 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.
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.

81.5.12 Proposal for use of 0.63 ha of land from Karakorum Nubra Shyok Wildlife Sanctuary for Infantry Battalion at Turtuk Zangpal, UT of Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

WL/LA/DEF/489109/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.63 ha of land from Karakorum Nubra Shyok Wildlife Sanctuary for Infantry Battalion at Turtuk Zangpal, UT of Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the UT of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance.
2. 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 NBWL.
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) Adhinyam, 1980, Environment (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 User Agency 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 Wild Life 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.

81.5.13 Proposal for use of 40.5 ha of land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for Formation Ammunition Storage Facility

(FASF) at Photi LA, UT of Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

WL/LA/DEF/492851/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 40.5 ha of land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for Formation Ammunition Storage Facility (FASF) at Photi LA, UT of Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the UT of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance.
2. 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 NBWL.
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) Adhinyam, 1980, Environment (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 User Agency 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 Wild Life 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 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
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.

81.5.14 Proposal for use of 7.1 ha of land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for Inland Water Transport Platoon at Lukung in favour of Ministry of Defence.

WL/LA/DEF/494233/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 7.1 ha of land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for Inland Water Transport Platoon at Lukung in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the UT of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance.
2. 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 NBWL.
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, Environment (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 User Agency 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 Wild Life 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.

81.5.15 Proposal for use of 0.1 ha of forest land from core zone of Dampa Tiger Reserve for construction of Dampalui MAJ PMT bridge in District - Mamit, Mizoram in favour of 74 RCC GREF Zothalang.

WL/MZ/DEF/487818/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.1 ha of forest land from core zone of Dampa Tiger Reserve for construction of Dampalui MAJ PMT bridge in District-Mamit, Mizoram in favour of 74 RCC GREF Zothalang.

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 approve the proposal subject to the following conditions:

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the tiger reserve shall be deposited by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F. No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
2. The User Agency shall implement the mitigation plan submitted along with the proposal.
3. 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.

81.5.16 Proposal for use of 0.0928 ha of land from Girnar Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of underground sewerage pipeline and sewerage pumping station in Bhavnath, Tal./Distt. Junagadh in favour of Public Health sub-division, Municipal Corporation, Junagadh, Gujarat.

WL/GJ/DRKWATER/454115/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0928 ha of land from Girnar Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of underground sewerage pipeline and sewerage pumping station in Bhavnath, Tal. /Distt. Junagadh in favour of Public Health sub-division, Municipal Corporation, Junagadh, Gujarat.

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

Though the User Agency has selected the category of drinking water, the proposal is actually for construction of sewerage treatment plant and laying of underground sewage line for disposal of sewage at Bhavnath in Junagarh, Gujarat.

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

1. The User Agency shall not violate any provisions 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 will be allowed only in the day time from 8 AM to 6 PM.
8. Approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 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 restore the land in its original form after completion of the work.
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.

81.5.17 Proposal for use of 0.0442 ha of forest land from Anamudi Shola National Park for construction of RCC Weir across Chilandhiyar river at Chilandhiyar in Vattavada Panchayath Jal Jeevan Mission-JJM CWSS to Vattavada panchayath in Idukki district, Kerala.

WL/KL/RainHarvest/487100/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0442 ha of forest land from Anamudi Shola National Park for construction of RCC Weir across Chilandhiyar river at Chilandhiyar in Vattavada Panchayath Jal Jeevan Mission-JJM CWSS to Vattavada panchayath in Idukki district, Kerala.

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

The NGT suo moto registered an O.A. no. 181 of 2024. On 24.5.2024, the NGT directed that the Government of Kerala in particular, the Water Resources Department (WRD) and the Forest Department to ensure that all the required approvals for such construction of check dam are in place. The matter is now posted on 03.01.2025.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to

recommend the proposal subject to the following conditions:

1. The diverted land shall not be used for other purposes.
2. The construction shall not cause any damage to the environment and wildlife.
3. Blasting including chemical blasting shall not be allowed for construction.
4. The trees if any, to be cut shall be done at the cost of Kerala Water Authority and stacked.
5. The work shall be completed within one year from the date of sanction.
6. The working hours shall be immediately limited between sunrise and sunset.
7. As part of RCC Weir construction, no permission will be allowed for construction of temporary shed, cooking food or labour camps etc. inside the forest.
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.

81.5.18 Proposal for use of total 4.7066 ha land (1.8169 ha forest land and 4.7066 ha Revenue land) for laying of underground drinking water pipeline (area 4.1667 ha,) and water tank structure (0.54 ha) structure for Vadiya MBR Water supply Scheme for the villagers of the villages located in Core Zone (4.2496 ha) and Buffer Zone (0.457 ha) Sanjay Dubri Tiger Reserve by Madhya Pradesh Jal Nigam Maryadit, PIU, Sidhi, Madhya Pradesh.

WL/MP/DRKWATER/458720/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 4.7066 ha land (1.8169 ha forest land and 4.7066 ha Revenue land) for laying of underground drinking water pipeline (area 4.1667 ha,) and water tank structure (0.54 ha) structure for Vadiya MBR Water supply Scheme for the villagers of the villages located in Core Zone (4.2496 ha) and Buffer Zone (0.457 ha) Sanjay Dubri Tiger Reserve by Madhya Pradesh Jal Nigam Maryadit, PIU, Sidhi, 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 suggested for constitution of a committee to conduct a comprehensive site appraisal.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that in case of the proposals which involve construction of tank along with laying of pipeline, tank construction shall not be allowed inside forest areas. This requires a policy decision.

The Inspector General of Forests, Forest Conservation Division

suggested for examination of alternatives if available.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a site inspection committee comprising of representatives of the Ministry, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Wildlife Institute of India, Madhya Pradesh Forest Department and the User Agency may be constituted for evaluation of the project proposal and examination of alternative sites if any and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

- 81.5.19** Proposal for use of 0.8784 ha forest land and 0.3755 ha non-forest land from Core Zone and 0.4668 ha forest land and 0.3342 ha non-forest land (Total 2.055 ha) for laying of underground drinking water pipeline (1.875 ha) and water tank structure (0.18 ha) for Dhanoli MBR water supply Scheme by MP Jal Nigam Maryadit, PIU, Sidhi in Sanjay Durbri Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh.

WL/MP/DRKWATER/459107/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.8784 ha forest land and 0.3755 ha non-forest land from Core Zone and 0.4668 ha forest land and 0.3342 ha non-forest land (Total 2.055 ha) for laying of underground drinking water pipeline (1.875 ha) and water tank structure (0.18 ha) for Dhanoli MBR water supply Scheme by MP Jal Nigam Maryadit, PIU, Sidhi in Sanjay Durbri Tiger Reserve, 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 suggested for constitution of a committee to conduct a comprehensive site appraisal.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a site inspection committee comprising of representatives of the Ministry, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Wildlife Institute of India, Madhya Pradesh Forest Department and the User Agency may be constituted for evaluation of the project proposal and examination of alternative sites if any and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

- 81.5.20** Proposal for use of 6.6810 ha (3.9472 ha forest land and 2.7338 ha revenue land) for laying of underground drinking water pipeline and Water tank structure for the villagers of the of land from Core and Buffer Zones of Sanjay-Dubri Tiger Reserve for Bastua MBR Water Supply Scheme by MP Jal Nigam Maryadit.

WL/MP/DRKWATER/459547/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of

6.6810 ha (3.9472 ha forest land and 2.7338 ha revenue land) for laying of underground drinking water pipeline and Water tank structure for the villagers of the of land from Core and Buffer Zones of Sanjay-Dubri Tiger Reserve for Bastua MBR Water Supply Scheme by MP Jal Nigam Maryadit.

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 to conduct a comprehensive site appraisal.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a site inspection committee comprising of representatives of the Ministry, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Wildlife Institute of India, Madhya Pradesh Forest Department and the User Agency may be constituted for evaluation of the project proposal and examination of alternative sites if any and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

- 81.5.21** Proposal for use of 0.407 ha of land from core zone of Kanha Tiger Reserve for laying of underground drinking water pipeline in ROW of the road for forest villagers Kisli-Bhilwani (area 0.400 ha,) and water tank structure (0.007 ha) by Public Health Engineering, Department of Mandla.

WL/MP/DRKWATER/464450/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.407 ha of land from core zone of Kanha Tiger Reserve for laying of underground drinking water pipeline in ROW of the road for forest villagers Kisli-Bhilwani (area 0.400 ha,) and water tank structure (0.007 ha) by Public Health Engineering, Department of Mandla.

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 to conduct a comprehensive site appraisal.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a site inspection committee comprising of representatives of the Ministry, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Wildlife Institute of India, Madhya Pradesh Forest Department and the User Agency may be constituted for evaluation of the project proposal and examination of alternative sites if any and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

- 81.5.22** Proposal for use of 0.2738 ha of forestland from core zone of Kanha Tiger Reserve for laying of underground drinking water pipeline (0.2700 ha) and construction of 2 no. tubewell (0.0001 ha.) and water tank

structure (0.0036 ha) for Jhapul village in favour of Public Health Engineering Department, Mandla.

WL/MP/DRKWATER/487202/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.2738 ha of forestland from core zone of Kanha Tiger Reserve for laying of underground drinking water pipeline (0.2700 ha) and construction of 2 no. tubewell (0.0001 ha.) and water tank structure (0.0036 ha) for Jhapul village in favour of Public Health Engineering Department, Mandla.

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 to conduct a comprehensive site appraisal.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a site inspection committee comprising of representatives of the Ministry, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Wildlife Institute of India, Madhya Pradesh Forest Department and the User Agency may be constituted for evaluation of the project proposal and examination of alternative sites if any and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

- 81.5.23** Proposal for use of 4.9798 ha of land (2.167 ha forest land and 2.8128 ha revenue land) from Eco-Sensitive Zone area of Son Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground drinking water and construction of 3 overhead water tanks in Sidhi District, Madhya Pradesh.

WL/MP/Pipeline/486323/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 4.9798 ha of land (2.167 ha forest land and 2.8128 ha revenue land) from Eco-Sensitive Zone area of Son Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground drinking water and construction of 3 overhead water tanks in Sidhi 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 suggested for constitution of a committee to conduct a comprehensive site appraisal.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a site inspection committee comprising of representatives of the Ministry, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Wildlife Institute of India, Madhya Pradesh Forest Department and the User Agency may be constituted for evaluation of the project proposal and examination of alternative sites if any and therefore decided to defer the proposal for

the next meeting.

- 81.5.24** Proposal for use of 0.6010 ha of forest land from Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground drinking water pipeline for supply in Mauja Mokhada & 58 Villages at Taluka Mokhada, Dist-Palghar (Village-Amale) under Jal Jeevan Mission Scheme in favour of Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran.

WL/MH/Pipeline/441660/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.6010 ha of forest land from Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground drinking water pipeline for supply in Mauja Mokhada & 58 Villages at Taluka Mokhada, Dist-Palghar (Village-Amale) under Jal Jeevan Mission Scheme in favour of Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran.

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, Maharashtra informed that the sanctuary has rich evergreen type of forests away from the coast. It is near Sanjay Gandhi National Park.

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F. No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023 with Deputy Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Thane.
2. Modern technology shall be used while construction activity to reduce sound pollution and to minimize disturbance to the wildlife habitat inside the Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary and Eco- Sensitive Area.
3. Construction material shall be brought from outside of the sanctuary.
4. No work can be done on the area other than the demanded area as shown on map attached.
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 to make good the land after use / maintenance.
7. The User Agency shall to make good any loss to forest / environment.
8. The User Agency shall 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 mentioned above.

10. The User Agency shall submit NOC from the agency the right to use the right of way.
11. The length of trench dug at a time does not exceed 500 m, filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500 m.
12. The time frame for completing the work of underground laying of drinking water pipeline, shall be adhered to.
13. The User Agency shall provide water supply points within the PAs if demanded by the in-charge of PA.
14. The User Agency 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 will be turned unauthorized. In the State of Maharashtra the Director (IT) of Directorate of Information Technology is State Nodal for CBuD.
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.

81.5.25 Proposal for use of 0.0624 ha forestland from Kalsubai Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary for laying drinking water pipeline for Rural Water Supply Scheme under Jal Jeevan Mission in Village Ghatghar Taluka-Akole Dist. Ahmednagar in favour of Urban Development Department.

WL/MH/Pipeline/458476/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0624 ha forestland from Kalsubai Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary for laying drinking water pipeline for Rural Water Supply Scheme under Jal Jeevan Mission in Village Ghatghar Taluka-Akole Dist. Ahmednagar in favour of Urban Development Department.

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, Maharashtra informed that the forest in the sanctuary is home to Leopard, Giant Squirrel etc.

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited for by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F. No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023 with Deputy Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Nashik.
2. Modern technology shall be used while construction activity to

reduce sound pollution and to minimize disturbance to the wildlife habitat inside the Kalsubai-Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary.

3. Construction material shall be brought from outside of the sanctuary.
4. No work shall be done on the area other than the demanded area as shown on map attached.
5. The User Agency shall restore the land after use / maintenance.
6. The User Agency shall take precaution to avoid any loss to forest / environment.
7. The User Agency shall take permission from the State Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance.
8. The diameter of drinking water pipeline shall commensurate with the width of the trench mentioned above.
9. The User Agency shall submit NOC from the agency the right to use the right of way.
10. The length of trench dug at a time shall 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 User Agency 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 treated unauthorized. In the State of Maharashtra, the Director (IT) of Directorate of Information Technology is State Nodal for CBuD.
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.

81.5.26 Proposal for use of 0.0496 ha forest land from Kalsubai Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary for Rural Water Supply Scheme under Jal Jeevan Mission in Village Panjare Taluka-Akole Dist. Ahmednagar in favour of Urban Development Department.

WL/MH/Pipeline/458479/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0496 ha forest land from Kalsubai Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary for Rural Water Supply Scheme under Jal Jeevan Mission in Village Panjare Taluka-Akole Dist. Ahmednagar in favour of Urban Development Department.

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. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F. No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023 with Deputy Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Nashik.
2. Modern technology shall be used while construction activity to reduce sound pollution and to minimize disturbance to the wildlife habitat inside the Kalsubai-Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary.
3. Construction material shall be brought from outside of the sanctuary.
4. No work shall be done on the area other than the demanded area as shown on map attached.
5. The User Agency shall restore the land after use / maintenance.
6. The User Agency shall take precaution to avoid any loss to forest / environment.
7. The User Agency shall take permission from the State Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance.
8. The diameter of drinking water pipeline shall commensurate with the width of the trench mentioned above.
9. The User Agency shall submit NOC from the agency the right to use the right of way.
10. The length of trench dug at a time shall 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 User Agency 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 treated unauthorized. In the State of Maharashtra the Director (IT) of Directorate of Information Technology is State Nodal for CBuD.
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.

81.5.27 Proposal for use of 0.7574 ha forest land from Kalsubai Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary for laying drinking water supply pipeline under Jal Jeevan Mission in village Ambit Taluka-Akole district Ahmednagar in favour of Urban Development Department.

WL/MH/Pipeline/458492/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.7574 ha forest land from Kalsubai Harishchandragad Wildlife

Sanctuary for laying drinking water supply pipeline under Jal Jeevan Mission in village Ambit Taluka-Akole district Ahmednagar in favour of Urban Development Department.

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. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F. No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023 with Deputy Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Nashik.
2. Modern technology shall be used while construction activity to reduce sound pollution and to minimize disturbance to the wildlife habitat inside the Kalsubai-Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary.
3. Construction material shall be brought from outside of the sanctuary.
4. No work shall be done on the area other than the demanded area as shown on map attached.
5. The User Agency shall restore the land after use / maintenance.
6. The User Agency shall take precaution to avoid any loss to forest / environment.
7. The User Agency shall take permission from the State Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance.
8. The diameter of drinking water pipeline shall commensurate with the width of the trench mentioned above.
9. The User Agency shall submit NOC from the agency the right to use the right of way.
10. The length of trench dug at a time shall 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 User Agency 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 treated unauthorized. In the State of Maharashtra, the Director (IT) of Directorate of Information Technology is State Nodal for CBuD.
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.

81.5.28 Proposal for use of 5.3148 ha for laying of underground pipeline (2.5423 ha forest land and 2.5025 ha revenue land) and for constructing Overhead Tank (0.27 ha forest land) from core and buffer zone of Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve for Hindoli-Nainwa Water Supply Project from Chambal- Bhilwara WSP (PHASE-I) in District-Bundi in favour of Public Health Engineering Department.

WL/RJ/DRKWATER/438857/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 5.3148 ha for laying of underground pipeline (2.5423 ha forest land and 2.5025 ha revenue land) and for constructing Overhead Tank (0.27 ha forest land) from core and buffer zone of Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve for Hindoli-Nainwa Water Supply Project from Chambal-Bhilwara WSP (PHASE-I) in District-Bundi in favour of Public Health Engineering Department.

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 for site appraisal.

Dr. H. S. Singh suggested that the tank should be constructed in the village area.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Rajasthan mentioned that as suggested by the NTCA, a site inspection committee may be constituted.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a site inspection committee comprising of representatives of the Ministry, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Wildlife Institute of India, Rajasthan Forest Department and the User Agency may be constituted for evaluation of the project proposal and examination of alternative sites if any and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

81.5.29 Proposal for expansion project of Shriram Rayons, Kota in favour of M/s. Shriram Rayons (A unit of DCM Shriram Industries Ltd.) over 1.51 ha non-forest land 4.50 km away from National Chambal Ghariyal Wildlife Sanctuary.

WL/RJ/IND/443744/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for expansion project of Shriram Rayons, Kota in favour of M/s. Shriram Rayons (A unit of DCM Shriram Industries Ltd.) over 1.51 ha non-forest land 4.50 km away from National Chambal Ghariyal Wildlife Sanctuary. It is located in the Notified Industrial Area and operating since 1965. The total area of Shriram Rayons is 32.5 Ha and the proposed

expansion area is 1.51 Ha.

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 subject to certain conditions.

The Special Secretary, MoEFCC suggested that a condition may be imposed that there is no increase in pollution load due to expansion.

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the ESZ shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F. No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
2. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area.
3. The User Agency shall not fell trees and burn fuel wood inside the Protected Area and its ESZ.
4. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
5. The User Agency shall not establish any labour camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
6. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
7. Green belt shall be created by the User Agency on the periphery of the project area.
8. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
9. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
10. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
11. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
12. Quality of outflow water shall be strictly maintained as per norms prescribed by State Pollution Board and Central Pollution Control Board.
13. There is no increase in existing treated effluent quantity, which is within the prescribed norms.
14. The User Agency shall make sure that there shall be no increase in treated effluent discharge after the expansion projects.
15. No toxic/ harmful effluents for biodiversity to be discharged in the river/ water bodies passing through MHTR and Chambal Ghariyal Sanctuary.

16. Outflow water quality would be strictly maintained as per norms prescribed by State Pollution Board and Central Pollution Control Board.
17. Construction work shall be permitted during daytime. No labour camps shall be established inside the tiger reserve.
18. Construction materials shall be procured from outside the Tiger Reserve. Construction debris shall be disposed away from the Tiger Reserve by the User Agency.
19. The alignment of the construction activities shall not disrupt any natural water channel.
20. There shall not be any increase in the pollution level due to the expansion.
21. CWLW, Rajasthan shall monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
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.

81.5.30 Proposal for use of 1.42 ha private land for Stone crusher unit of M/S Shri Sidhbali Stone Crusher in Khasra No- 8,19,21,70,71,72,73,16/123,19/124- Village-Bhupdevpur, Patti-Haldukhata, Tehsil kotdwara, District -pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand 25 meters from the boundary of Buffer Zone of Rajaji Tiger Reserve in default Eco-sensitive Zone.

WL/UK/IND/434575/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.42 ha private land for Stone crusher unit of M/S Shri Sidhbali Stone Crusher in Khasra No- 8,19,21,70,71,72,73,16/123,19/124- Village-Bhupdevpur, Patti-Haldukhata, Tehsil kotdwara, District -pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand 25 meters from the boundary of Buffer Zone of Rajaji Tiger Reserve in default Eco-sensitive Zone.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has also recommended the proposal subject to certain conditions.

The proposal has been placed for consideration of the Standing Committee based on judgement of Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand dated 02.01.2023 in WP PIL 168 of 2019 wherein User Agency (Shri Sidhbali Stones) is the respondent.

Dr. Sukumar mentioned that the previously the Standing Committee had assigned WII for preparation of comprehensive landscape level plan wherein the areas for collection of river bed materials, boulders

etc. were earmarked.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee directed that a review meeting may be convened to deliberate on the matter in greater detail along with court case. It was emphasized that all relevant legal perspectives and inputs are required to be examined and therefore, the proposal was deferred for the next meeting.

- 81.5.31** Proposal for Residential cum Commercial Building construction Project over an area of 1.2809 ha by Kerala State Housing Board at Survey. Nos. 1176/1- 2, 1176/2-2 & 2498, Marine Drive, Ernakulam Village, Kochi Municipal Corporation, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District at an aerial distance of 0.22 km in default ESZ of Mangalavanam Bird Sanctuary.

WL/KL/INFRA/491140/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for Residential cum Commercial Building construction Project over an area of 1.2809 ha by Kerala State Housing Board at Survey. Nos. 1176/1- 2, 1176/2-2 & 2498, Marine Drive, Ernakulam Village, Kochi Municipal Corporation, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District at an aerial distance of 0.22 km in default ESZ of Mangalavanam Bird Sanctuary. The project is proposed to be located in the area outside the proposed ESZ around the sanctuary.

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

The Chairman mentioned that the such infrastructure development projects around Keoladeo National Park, Rajasthan and Sultanpur National Park , Haryana have been considered by the Standing Committee in the past. This project should also be examined in light of the decisions taken in those cases.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee defer the proposal for the next meeting for examination of proposal in light of the decisions taken with regard to the infrastructure development projects around Keoladeo National Park and Sultanpur National Park by the Standing Committee in the past.

- 81.5.32** Proposal for use of 11.963 ha of land from buffer zone of Sanjay Dubri Tiger Reserve for construction of Amoharadol Earthen Dam for irrigation project in Majhouli Tehsil of Sidhi district, Madhya Pradesh by EE Mahan Canal Division.

WL/MP/IRRIG/478045/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of

11.963 ha of land from buffer zone of Sanjay Dubri Tiger Reserve for construction of Amoharadol Earthen Dam for irrigation project in Majhoul Tehsil of Sidhi district, Madhya Pradesh by EE Mahan Canal Division.

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

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

1. No labourer will be allowed to stay inside the Tiger Reserve area.
2. Construction work will not be permitted after sun set and before sunrise.
3. The tank shall not disrupt the water source or any wildlife.
4. Dust suppression measures shall be undertaken such as regular sprinkling of water around vulnerable areas of the construction site by suitable methods to control fugitive dust during earthwork and construction material handling/ over hauling.
5. Safe passage is to be designated and maintain for wild animals. For emergency situations/avoiding accidents of wild animals a contingency plan shall be in place.
6. Properly tuned construction machinery & vehicles in good working condition with low noise & emission shall be used and engines shall be turned off when not in use.
7. Construction work shall be permitted during daytime. No labour camps shall be established inside the tiger reserve.
8. Construction materials shall be procured from outside the Tiger Reserve. Construction debris shall be disposed away from the Tiger Reserve by the User Agency.
9. CWLW, Madhya Pradesh shall monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
10. 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.

81.5.33 Proposal for use of 254.9347 ha (38.8022 ha forest land and 126.1325 ha non-forest land from critical tiger corridor linking Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve to Navegaon Nagzira Tiger Reserve for construction of underground Pipe Distribution Network of Sub branch-2 & 3 to creating irrigation potential of 8000 ha on Ghodazari branch canal of Gosikhurd project in Sindewahi taluka of Chandrapur district in favour of Department of Irrigation.

WL/MH/IRRIG/491594/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 254.9347 ha (38.8022 ha forest land and 126.1325 ha non-forest land from critical tiger corridor linking Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve to Navegaon Nagzira Tiger Reserve for construction of underground Pipe Distribution Network of Sub branch-2 & 3 to creating irrigation potential of 8000 ha on Ghodazari branch canal of Gosikhurd project in Sindewahi taluka of Chandrapur district in favour of Department of Irrigation.

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 for site appraisal.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Maharashtra mentioned that one of the recommendations is that there should be a combined overall mitigation plan for this project and Asolamedha project discussed previously.

The Chairman mentioned that each river has its own ecosystem and a catchment. He expressed concerns about withdrawal of water from the catchments due to which the rivers are not getting recharged. The core and buffer zones of tiger reserves are catchments of several rivers. The origin of river Narmada is not getting enough water flow. The tributaries of major rivers are also being used for drawl of water. This is a matter of river rejuvenation and it should be discussed with Ministry of Jalshakti which through its experts suggest how the water from the rivers should be extracted properly. The Standing Committee while approving such projects in tiger landscapes should examine through experts the requirement of water for the habitat as per its tiger bearing capacity. The natural flow of these rivers should be taken into consideration. In next five years, some tributaries of Narmada rivers would dry up at this pace of water extraction.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee that a site inspection committee comprising of representatives of the Ministry, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Wildlife Institute of India, Maharashtra Forest Department and the User Agency may be constituted for evaluation of the project proposal together with the Asolamedha project and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

81.5.34 Proposal for use of 4.7 ha non-forest land for Granite Building Stone Quarry of M/s A-One Sands Private Limited at a distance of approximately 3.96 kms from the Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, Kerala & approximately 1.58 kms from Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu in Palakkad District, Kerala.

WL/KL/MIN/QRY/453300/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of

4.7 ha non-forest land for Granite Building Stone Quarry of M/s A-One Sands Private Limited at a distance of approximately 3.96 kms from the Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, Kerala & approximately 1.58 kms from Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu in Palakkad District, Kerala.

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

The proposal for declaration of ESZ around Anamalai Tiger Reserve has been received in the Ministry and the draft notification has been published. Along the inter-state border the ESZ for Anamalai Tiger Reserve is proposed as zero. The complete proposal for declaration of ESZ around Parambikulam Tiger Reserve is expected from the State Government of Kerala.

Dr. Sukumar mentioned that as part of the committee for delineation of Eco-sensitive Area for Western Ghats, he has been part of consultations with various State Governments. He desired to know if the project site is in the plains or hilly terrain and if the area is frequented by elephants.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Kerala informed that the project site is in plains and outside the proposed ESZ for Parambikulam Tiger Reserve. There have been one or two incidents of crop raiding by elephants. However, the area does not have much ecological value. Due to this reason, the project has been recommended by the State Government subject to mitigation plan. He also mentioned if the ESZ is finally notified to the proposed extent, the proposal would not require consideration by the Standing Committee.

The Special Secretary, MoEFCC mentioned that wherever, the ESZ is not finally notified, the ESZ would be default 10 km. In such cases, the mining proposals should not be recommended.

The Inspector General of Forests (Wildlife) informed that meetings with all the States/UTs were held to review the status of proposals of declaration of ESZ around National Parks and sanctuaries. The States/UTs were requested to expedite submission of the proposals and essential information sought by the Ministry.

The Chairman suggested that wherever proposals for declaration ESZ around National Parks and sanctuaries have not been received, the Standing Committee should not discuss the project proposals involving those protected areas.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the project proposal until the State Government submits complete proposal for declaration of Eco-sensitive Zone around Parambikulam

Tiger Reserve. Further, the Standing Committee also decided that the projects proposed inside default Eco-sensitive Zones around National Parks and sanctuaries shall not be considered unless complete proposals for declaration of ESZ is submitted by the concerned State/UT Governments to the Ministry as per the guidelines.

- 81.5.35** Proposal for use of 4.0425 ha for Building Stone Mine (Quarry) project at Sy. Nos. 340/1AS/75/6/2, 340/1A/S/75/6/3/2, 340/1A/S/75/6/9, 340/1A/S/75/6/10, Kottappady Village, Kothamangalam Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala 8.21 km away from Thattekkad Bird Sanctuary.

WL/KL/MIN/QRY/475208/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 4.0425 ha for Building Stone Mine (Quarry) project at Sy. Nos. 340/1AS/75/6/2, 340/1A/S/75/6/3/2, 340/1A/S/75/6/9, 340/1A/S/75/6/10, Kottappady Village, Kothamangalam Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala 8.21 km away from Thattekkad Bird Sanctuary.

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

The project is proposed inside default ESZ around Thattekkad Bird Sanctuary. The complete proposal for declaration of ESZ around the sanctuary is expected from the State Government.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the project proposal until the State Government submits complete proposal for declaration of Eco-sensitive Zone around Thattekkad Bird Sanctuary.

- 81.5.36** Proposal for use of 0.09 ha of land from Karakoram (Nubra Shyok) Wildlife Sanctuary for establishment of a fuel Station in Hunder Village under khasra number 2096/12, UT of Ladakh in favour of Indian Oil Corporation Limited.

WL/LA/PetrolPump/495045/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.09 ha of land from Karakoram (Nubra Shyok) Wildlife Sanctuary for establishment of a fuel Station in Hunder Village under khasra number 2096/12, UT of Ladakh in favour of Indian Oil Corporation Limited.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the UT of Ladakh.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to

recommend the proposal subject to the following conditions:

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance.
2. 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 NBWL.
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) Adhinyam, 1980, Environment (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 User Agency 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 Wild Life 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 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.

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.

81.5.37 Proposal for use of 0.0735 ha of land from Karakoram Nubra Shayok Wildlife Sanctuary for establishment of a fuel Station in Turtuk area, UT of Ladakh in favour of Indian Oil Corporation Limited.

WL/LA/PetrolPump/495415/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0735 ha of land from Karakoram Nubra Shayok Wildlife Sanctuary for establishment of a fuel Station in Turtuk area, UT of Ladakh in favour of Indian Oil Corporation Limited.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the UT of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance.
2. 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 NBWL.
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) Adhinyam, 1980, Environment (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 User Agency 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 Wild Life 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 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
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.

81.5.38 Proposal for use of 17.28 ha of forest land from Sri Venkateshwara Wildlife Sanctuary and 27.91 forest land and 5.75 ha non-forest land from the Eco- sensitive Zone around Sri Venkateshwara Wildlife Sanctuary for four laning of Pileru-Kalur from km 55+900 to km 95+717 section of NH-71 of Tirupati District under the Bharatmala Pariyojna (Package II) in favour of NHAI PIU Tirupati.

WL/AP/ROAD/448446/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 17.28 ha of forest land from Sri Venkateshwara Wildlife Sanctuary and 27.91 forest land and 5.75 ha non-forest land from the Eco- sensitive Zone around Sri Venkateshwara Wildlife Sanctuary for four laning of Pileru-Kalur from km 55+900 to km 95+717 section of NH-71 of Tirupati District under the Bharatmala Pariyojna (Package II) in favour of NHAI PIU Tirupati.

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 for site appraisal.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided

that a site inspection committee comprising of representatives of the Ministry, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Wildlife Institute of India, Andhra Pradesh Forest Department and the User Agency may be constituted for evaluation of the project proposal, examination of animal passage plan and suggest modifications in the animal passage plan if any and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

- 81.5.39** Proposal for use of 9.89 ha of forest land from tiger corridor connecting Sri Lankamalleswara Wild Life Sanctuary with Nagarajunasagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve (NSTR) and within notified ESZ at about 500m from the Sanctuary for widening and improvement of existing two lanes carriageway to 4 lanes of Mydukur-Badavel (NH-67) from chainage 606.500 to 609.800 on Hybrid Annuity mode under Bharatmala Pariyojana in favour of National Highways of India in YSR District, Andhra Pradesh.

WL/AP/ROAD/456886/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 9.89 ha of forest land from tiger corridor connecting Sri Lankamalleswara Wild Life Sanctuary with Nagarajunasagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve (NSTR) and within notified ESZ at about 500m from the Sanctuary for widening and improvement of existing two lanes carriageway to 4 lanes of Mydukur-Badavel (NH-67) from chainage 606.500 to 609.800 on Hybrid Annuity mode under Bharatmala Pariyojana in favour of National Highways of India in YSR District, Andhra Pradesh.

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 for site appraisal.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a site inspection committee comprising of representatives of the Ministry, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Wildlife Institute of India, Andhra Pradesh Forest Department and the User Agency may be constituted for evaluation of the project proposal, examination of animal passage plan and suggest modifications in the animal passage plan if any and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

- 81.5.40** Proposal for use of 133.56 ha of land which includes 44.43 ha forest land and 10.93 ha of non-forest land from Eco-sensitive Zone (ESZ) of Sri Venkateswara Wildlife Sanctuary, 33.22 ha forest land and 26.70 ha non-forest land from ESZ of Sri Penusila Lakshmi Narasimha Wildlife Sanctuary (114.58 ha in the ESZ also falls in the tiger corridor connecting Nagarjuna Sagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve - Sri Venkateswara National Park) and 18.28 ha forest land from tiger corridor connecting Nagarjuna Sagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve - Sri Venkateswara National Park for construction of four lane national

highway from Kadapa to Renigunta section of NH-716 from km 0 to km 121.935, Andhra Pradesh in favour of National Highways Authority of India.

WL/AP/ROAD/496488/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 133.56 ha of land which includes 44.43 ha forest land and 10.93 ha of non-forest land from Eco-sensitive Zone (ESZ) of Sri Venkateswara Wildlife Sanctuary, 33.22 ha forest land and 26.70 ha non- forest land from ESZ of Sri Penusila Lakshmi Narasimha Wildlife Sanctuary (114.58 ha in the ESZ also falls in the tiger corridor connecting Nagarjuna Sagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve - Sri Venkateswara National Park) and 18.28 ha forest land from tiger corridor connecting Nagarjuna Sagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve - Sri Venkateswara National Park for construction of four lane national highway from Kadapa to Renigunta section of NH-716 from km 0 to km 121.935, Andhra Pradesh in favour of National Highways Authority of India.

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 for site appraisal.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a site inspection committee comprising of representatives of the Ministry, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Wildlife Institute of India, Andhra Pradesh Forest Department and the User Agency may be constituted for evaluation of the project proposal, examination of animal passage plan and suggest modifications in the animal passage plan if any and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

- 81.5.41** Proposal for use of 0.18 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Pakke Tiger Reserve for construction of Jeepable Bridge (Only light vehicles) at Seijosa- Pakke Tiger Reserve, Span- 260 mtrs under RIDF XXIX, in Pakke Kessang District, Arunachal Pradesh.

WL/AR/ROAD/459661/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.18 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Pakke Tiger Reserve for construction of Jeepable Bridge (Only light vehicles) at Seijosa- Pakke Tiger Reserve, Span- 260 mtrs under RIDF XXIX, in Pakke Kessang District, Arunachal Pradesh.

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

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

1. The User Agency shall implement the mitigation plan submitted along with the project proposal.
2. The User Agency shall build low-impact, eco-friendly safety walls along the bridge approaches to prevent wildlife from wandering onto the road, reducing the risk of accidents and ensuring their safety.
3. No trees shall be felled during the construction of this bridge. If any rare/endangered plants are removed from the site, they shall be transplanted temporarily or permanently.
4. Barrier/checkposts to be established on entry/exit of bridge to regulate vehicle movement and entry in the tiger reserve.
5. Ensure periodic maintenance of the bridge and any associated wildlife mitigation structures to prevent future ecological damage.
6. Existing drainage culverts shall be retrofitted to facilitate wildlife crossings by animals. Construction work shall be permitted during the daytime and avoid sensitive periods like breeding seasons of key species.
7. No labour camps shall be established inside the tiger reserve. Use noise-dampening equipment and avoid bright construction lights at night to minimize disturbance to wildlife. Construction materials shall be procured from outside the Tiger Reserve.
8. Construction debris shall be disposed away from the Tiger Reserve and any waterbodies by the User Agency. The alignment of the bridge and construction activities shall not disrupt any natural water channel. Use of heavy machinery shall be controlled in a way to maintain acceptable soil, water and vegetation quality.
9. CWLW, Arunachal Pradesh shall monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
10. 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.

81.5.42 Proposal for use of 134.1 ha (9.526 ha forest land and 124.574 ha non-forest land) for construction of 4/6 Lanning of Palakkad - Kozhikode of NH- 966(Greenfield) from Km.0.000 to Km.121.006 (Total length 121.006Km) at an aerial distance of minimum 5.70 km and maximum 7.30 km from nearest boundary of Silent Valley National Park in its default 10 km Eco-sensitive Zone in Palakkad, Kerala under Bharatmala Pariyojana in favour of NHAI.

WL/KL/ROAD/401933/2022

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 134.1 ha (9.526 ha forest land and 124.574 ha non-forest land) for

construction of 4/6 Lanning of Palakkad - Kozhikode of NH-966(Greenfield) from Km.0.000 to Km.121.006 (Total length 121.006 Km) at an aerial distance of minimum 5.70 km and maximum 7.30 km from nearest boundary of Silent Valley National Park in its default 10 km Eco-sensitive Zone in Palakkad, Kerala under Bharatmala Pariyojana in favour of NHAI.

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

The State Government is expected to submit complete proposal for notification of ESZ around Silent Valley National Park.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Kerala mentioned that the State Government had earlier submitted proposal for declaration of ESZ around Silent Valley National Park. The Ministry has requested additional information on the proposal. The project of NHAI is proposed outside the extent of ESZ proposed by the State Government.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal till the submission of complete proposal for declaration of Eco-sensitive Zone around Silent Valley National Park by the State Government.

81.5.43 Proposal for use of 4.5 ha from Kanha-Nagzira- Tadoba-Indrawati Tiger corridor for upgradation of Kachcha Road to bituminous from km 45 of T-20 to Kattiparkala road under RCPLWEA Scheme by MPRRDA, Balaghat District. Madhya Pradesh.

WL/MP/ROAD/465293/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 4.5 ha from Kanha-Nagzira- Tadoba-Indrawati Tiger corridor for upgradation of Kachcha Road to bituminous from km 45 of T-20 to Kattiparkala road under RCPLWEA Scheme by MPRRDA, 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 also recommended the proposal subject to certain conditions.

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

1. The User Agency shall implement the animal passage plan submitted along with the proposal.
2. No labourer will be allowed to stay inside the forest area.
3. Construction work will not be permitted after sun set and before sunrise.

4. All the construction materials shall be carried out from the forest area.
5. User Agency, in consultation with the Forest Department, shall construct speed breakers / rumble strips and install warning signboards at areas sensitive for wildlife crossings.
6. The width of the road shall not exceed the width of a typical forest road.
7. Underpasses/overpasses shall be constructed at wildlife crossing points for uninterrupted movement of wild animals.
8. No trees shall be felled during the construction of this road although vegetation shall be cleared to improve visibility along the road to avoid accident with wild animals.
9. Existing drainage culverts shall be retrofitted to facilitate wildlife crossings by animals.
10. Construction work shall be permitted during daytime. No labour camps shall be established inside the tiger reserve.
11. Construction materials shall be procured from outside the Tiger Reserve/forest area. Construction debris shall be disposed away from the Tiger Reserve/forest area by the User Agency.
12. The alignment of the road and construction activities shall not disrupt any natural water channel.
13. CWLW, Madhya Pradesh shall monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
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.

81.5.44 Proposal for use of 6.318 ha (4.858 ha of forestland + 1.46 ha non-forest land) from buffer zone of Kanha Tiger Reserve for construction of Bandhankhero Devgaon Saraipatera Akalpur Jairasi road under RCPLWEA Scheme, in district- Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh.

WL/MP/ROAD/468549/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 6.318 ha (4.858 ha of forestland + 1.46 ha non-forest land) from buffer zone of Kanha Tiger Reserve for construction of Bandhankhero Devgaon Saraipatera Akalpur Jairasi road under RCPLWEA Scheme, in district- Balaghat, 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 also recommended the proposal subject to certain conditions.

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

1. The User Agency shall implement the animal passage plan submitted along with the proposal.
2. No labourer shall be allowed to stay inside the Buffer zone area.
3. Construction work will not be permitted after sun set and before sunrise.
4. Construction materials shall be carried out from the forest area.
5. The User Agency, in consultation with the Forest Department, shall construct speed breakers / rumble strips and install warning signboards at areas sensitive for wildlife crossings.
6. Vegetation shall be cleared to improve visibility along the road to prevent accidents of wild animals but no felling of trees is permitted.
7. Existing drainage culverts shall be retrofitted to facilitate wildlife crossings by animals.
8. The width of road shall be maintained as prescribed for the forest roads.
9. Construction work shall be permitted during daytime. No labour camps shall be established inside the tiger reserve.
10. Construction materials shall be procured from outside the Tiger Reserve. Construction debris shall be disposed away from the Tiger Reserve by the User Agency.
11. The alignment of the road and construction activities shall not disrupt any natural water channel.
12. CWLW, Madhya Pradesh shall monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
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.

81.5.45 Proposal for use of 4.25 ha of forest land for upgradation of road to bituminous from village Bhaishwahi to Jaldidand under RCPLWEA scheme through corridor connecting Kanha Tiger Reserve and Navegaon- Nagazira Tiger Reserve in district Balaghat at a distance of 7.33 kilometers from the buffer zone of Kanha Tiger Reserve and 9.33 kilometers from Kanha-pench Corridor.

WL/MP/ROAD/468409/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 4.25 ha of forest land for upgradation of road to bituminous from village Bhaishwahi to Jaldidand under RCPLWEA scheme through corridor connecting Kanha Tiger Reserve and Navegaon- Nagazira Tiger Reserve in district Balaghat at a distance of 7.33 kilometers from the buffer zone of Kanha Tiger Reserve and 9.33 kilometers from Kanha-pench Corridor.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has also recommended the proposal subject to certain conditions.

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

1. The User Agency shall implement the animal passage plan submitted along with the proposal.
2. No labourer will be allowed to stay inside the forest area.
3. Construction work will not be permitted after sun set and before sunrise.
4. Construction materials shall be carried out from the forest area.
5. User Agency, in consultation with the Forest Department, shall construct speed breakers rumble strips and install warning signboards at areas sensitive for wildlife crossings.
6. Vegetation shall be cleared to improve visibility along the road.
7. Existing drainage culverts shall be retrofitted to facilitate wildlife crossings by animals.
8. Construction work shall be permitted during daytime. No labour camps shall be established inside the tiger reserve.
9. Construction materials shall be procured from outside the Tiger Reserve. Construction debris shall be disposed away from the Tiger Reserve by the User Agency.
10. The alignment of the road and construction activities shall not disrupt any natural water channel.
11. CWLW, Madhya Pradesh shall monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
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.

81.5.46 Proposal for use of 2.184 ha of land from buffer zone of Kanha Tiger Reserve for upgradation of kachcha road to bituminous road from village Malumjhola to Hathbandh via Bandhankhero road in district Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh under RCPLWEA Scheme

WL/MP/ROAD/468539/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 2.184 ha of land from buffer zone of Kanha Tiger Reserve for upgradation of kachcha road to bituminous road from village Malumjhola to Hathbandh via Bandhankhero road in district Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh under RCPLWEA Scheme.

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

also recommended the proposal subject to certain conditions.

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

1. The User Agency shall implement the animal passage plan submitted along with the proposal.
2. No labourer will be allowed to stay inside the Buffer zone area.
3. Construction work will not be permitted after sun set and before sunrise
4. All construction materials shall be carried out from the forest area.
5. User Agency, in consultation with the Forest Department, shall construct speed breakers rumble strips and install warning signboards at areas sensitive for wildlife crossings.
6. Vegetation shall be cleared to improve visibility along the road.
7. Existing drainage culverts shall be retrofitted to facilitate wildlife crossings by animals.
8. Construction work shall be permitted during daytime. No labour camps shall be established inside the tiger reserve.
9. Construction materials shall be procured from outside the Tiger Reserve. Construction debris shall be disposed away from the Tiger Reserve by the User Agency.
10. The alignment of the road and construction activities shall not disrupt any natural water channel.
11. CWLW, Madhya Pradesh shall monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
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.

81.5.47 Proposal for use of 14.045 ha of forestland from Kanha -Pench Tiger Corridor for upgradation of Khursud-Gaunajhola to Khara road under RCPLWEA Scheme by MPRRDA, District-Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh.

WL/MP/ROAD/480149/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 14.045 ha of forestland from Kanha -Pench Tiger Corridor for upgradation of Khursud-Gaunajhola to Khara road under RCPLWEA Scheme by MPRRDA, District-Balaghat, 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 also recommended the proposal subject to certain conditions.

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

1. The User Agency shall implement the animal passage plan submitted along with the proposal.
2. No labourer will be allowed to stay inside the forest area.
3. Construction work will not be permitted after sun set and before sunrise.
4. All construction materials shall be carried out from the forest area.
5. User Agency, in consultation with the Forest Department, shall construct speed breakers / rumble strips and install warning signboards at areas sensitive for wildlife crossings.
6. Vegetation shall be cleared to improve visibility along the road.
7. Existing drainage culverts shall be retrofitted to facilitate wildlife crossings by animals.
8. Construction work shall be permitted during daytime. No labour camps shall be established inside the tiger reserve or notified forest area.
9. Construction materials shall be procured from outside the Tiger Reserve and notified forest area. Construction debris shall be disposed away from the Tiger Reserve and notified forest areas by the User Agency.
10. The alignment of the road and construction activities shall not disrupt any natural water channel.
11. CWLW, Madhya Pradesh shall monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
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.

81.5.48 Proposal for use of 0.117 ha of forest land from Kanha-Nagzira-Tadoba-Indrawati Tiger corridor for upgradation of Bodadalkha to Dhiri murum road to bituminous road under RCPLWEA Scheme by MPRRDA in Balaghat District, Madhya Pradesh

WL/MP/ROAD/468651/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.117 ha of forest land from Kanha-Nagzira-Tadoba-Indrawati Tiger corridor for upgradation of Bodadalkha to Dhiri murum road to bituminous road under RCPLWEA Scheme by MPRRDA 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 also recommended the proposal subject to certain conditions.

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

1. The User Agency shall implement the animal passage plan submitted along with the proposal.
2. No labourer will be allowed to stay inside the forest area.
3. Construction work will not be permitted after sun set and before sunrise.
4. All construction materials shall be carried out from the forest area.
5. User Agency, in consultation with the Forest Department, shall construct animal passages, speed breakers / rumble strips and install warning signboards at areas sensitive for wildlife crossings. Vegetation shall be cleared to improve visibility along the road to prevent accidents of animals but no tree felling is permitted.
6. Existing drainage culverts shall be retrofitted to facilitate wildlife crossings by animals.
7. The width of road shall be at par with as prescribed for the forest roads. Construction work shall be permitted during daytime.
8. No labour camps shall be established inside the tiger reserve. Construction materials shall be procured from outside the Tiger Reserve.
9. Construction debris shall be disposed away from the Tiger Reserve by the User Agency.
10. The alignment of the road and construction activities shall not disrupt any natural water channel.
11. CWLW, Madhya Pradesh shall monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
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.

81.5.49 Proposal for use of 4.10 ha (2.84 ha of forestland and 1.26 ha non-forest land) from Kanha-Nagzira Tadoba-Indravati Tiger Reserve for construction of black-topped road from Kandrikala to Kattipar Road in District Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh under RCPLWEA scheme.

WL/MP/ROAD/465890/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 4.10 ha (2.84 ha of forestland and 1.26 ha non-forest land) from Kanha-Nagzira Tadoba-Indravati Tiger Reserve for construction of black-topped road from Kandrikala to Kattipar Road in District Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh under RCPLWEA scheme.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has also recommended the proposal subject to certain conditions.

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

1. The User Agency shall implement the animal passage plan submitted along with the proposal.
2. No labourer will be allowed to stay inside the forest area.
3. Construction work will not be permitted after sun set and before sunrise.
4. Construction materials shall be carried out from the forest area.
5. User Agency, in consultation with the Forest Department, shall construct speed breakers / rumble strips and install warning signboards at areas sensitive for wildlife crossings.
6. The width of the road shall not exceed the width of a typical forest road.
7. Underpasses/animal passages shall be constructed at wildlife crossing points for uninterrupted movement of wild animals.
8. No trees shall be felled during the construction of this road but vegetation shall be cleared to improve visibility along the road to avoid accident with wild animals.
9. Existing drainage culverts shall be retrofitted to facilitate wildlife crossings by animals.
10. Construction work shall be permitted during daytime. No labour camps shall be established inside the tiger reserve.
11. Construction materials shall be procured from outside the Tiger Reserve. Construction debris shall be disposed away from the Tiger Reserve by the User Agency.
12. The alignment of the road and construction activities shall not disrupt any natural water channel.
13. CWLW, Madhya Pradesh shall monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
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.

81.5.50 Proposal for use of 65.17 ha (18.47 ha of forest land and 46.7 ha non-forest land) from default ESZ of Tokalo Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of 2- lane road with earthen shaller of Zorinpui-Longmasu section of NH-502A between Km 7.325 to Km 28.244 in Lawngtlai and Saiha Districts in the State of Mizoram on EPC mode by NHIDCL.

WL/MZ/ROAD/489262/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 65.17 ha (18.47 ha of forest land and 46.7 ha non-forest land) from default ESZ of Tokalo Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of 2- lane road with earthen shaller of Zorinpui-Longmasu section of NH-502A between Km 7.325 to Km 28.244 in Lawngtlai and Saiha Districts in the State of

Mizoram on EPC mode by NHIDCL.

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 implement the animal passage plan submitted along with the project proposal incorporating
 - a) Culverts for animal crossing
 - b) Passages along the road for passage for amphibians, reptiles and other fauna
 - c) Aerial passages for Hoolock gibbon.
 - d) Sign boards and other mitigative measures
2. In addition to the animal passage plan as mentioned above, the following mitigation measures shall also be implemented:

S.No.	Proposed items	Phy Target	Fin target (in lakh)
1	Woodland development by vegetative stabilization of Degraded and dumping site.	15 ha	22.50
2	Habitat improvement like planting fruit trees and other sps preferred by major fauna	20 ha	15.00
3	Construction of Patrolling shed	4 nos	10.00
4	Wildlife awareness campaigns for local people	LS	5.00
5	Equipments for rescue and treatment of animals	LS	8.00
6	Inspection path/ patrolling path	5kms	1.25
7	Boat	2 nos	6.00
8	Barbed wire fencing @Rs.500/- per mt	1000 mt	5.00
9	Erection of Pillar @ Rs.500/-per no	500 nos	2.50
Total			75.25

3. Before start of work, awareness campaign will be taken up by NHIDCL in association with EF&CC Department to create maximum awareness among the construction workers regarding safeguard of forest and wildlife.
4. No work shall be allowed at nights (i.e between sunset & sunrise) in the forest area.

5. No labour camps will be set up inside the forest area.
6. The excavated pits/holes for erection of foundation for protection wall/retaining wall shall be properly barricaded and fenced so as to prevent accidental falling of mammals in the vicinity of the construction sites.
7. Tree felling will be minimized along the project road alignment and only those trees which are unavoidable for road cuttings and erection will be felled under the supervision of Forest department.
8. To minimize the disturbance to wildlife, no new approach path will be constructed in the forest areas.
9. Eco-friendly engineering practices in the construction works and due care be taken to avoid injury to wildlife.
10. All pollution related aspects and waste management will be duly taken care during the implementation of the project.
11. Any other measures as envisaged by the forest department will be strictly adhered to during execution of the project of the project by NHIDCL.
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.

81.5.51 Proposal for use of 28.21 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve for widening of Bundi Silor Namana Garda Bhopatpura road (SH-29B) from existing 3 m to 20 m width for 14.105 km from Km 0/0 to 44/0 in favour of PWD, Kota, Rajasthan.

WL/RJ/ROAD/429009/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 28.21 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve for widening of Bundi Silor Namana Garda Bhopatpura road (SH-29B) from existing 3 m to 20 m width for 14.105 km from Km 0/0 to 44/0 in favour of PWD, Kota, Rajasthan.

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 for site appraisal.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a site inspection committee comprising of representatives of the Ministry, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Wildlife Institute of India, Rajasthan Forest Department and the User Agency may be constituted for evaluation of the project proposal, examination of animal passage plan, suggesting modifications if any and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

81.5.52 Proposal for use of 11.196 ha of land from core area of Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve for Construction of road including High Level

Bridges Indergarh-Dhipatri-Rajopa-Itawa-Shahnawada-Lalitpur Road (SH-120) Gothara Kalan village from chainage km 380 to km 2868 Across River Chambal, Distt. Kota and Bundi, Rajasthan in favour of Public Works Department.

WL/RJ/ROAD/447841/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 11.196 ha of land from core area of Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve for Construction of road including High Level Bridges Indergarh-Dhipatri-Rajopa-Itawa-Shahnawada-Lalitpur Road (SH-120) Gothara Kalan village from chainage km 380 to km 2868 Across River Chambal, Distt. Kota and Bundi, Rajasthan in 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. The NTCA has suggested for constitution of a committee for site appraisal.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a site inspection committee comprising of representatives of the Ministry, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Wildlife Institute of India, Rajasthan Forest Department and the User Agency may be constituted for evaluation of the project proposal, examination of animal passage plan, suggesting modifications if any and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

- 81.5.53** Proposal for use of 0.3485 ha of forest land from Sanjay Gandhi National Park and 0.8419 ha of forest land from Tungreshwar Wildlife Sanctuary (total 1.1904) for laying 320 kV underground transmission line in Palghar, Thane and Mumbai Suburban districts, Maharashtra in favour of Adani Electricity Mumbai Infra Limited(AEMIL)

WL/MH/TRANS/463003/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.3485 ha of forest land from Sanjay Gandhi National Park and 0.8419 ha of forest land from Tungreshwar Wildlife Sanctuary (total 1.1904) for laying 320 kV underground transmission line in Palghar, Thane and Mumbai Suburban districts, Maharashtra in favour of Adani Electricity Mumbai Infra Limited(AEMIL)

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

Dr. H. S. Singh highlighted that the User Agency is going to lay about 50 km of 320kv transmission line underground.

It was clarified that the transmission line project involves two protected areas and their ESZs. However, the proposed requirement within the

protected areas is relatively very less.

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

1. As per Indian Electricity rule, minimum ground clearance of about 7 meters (for 220 KV transmission line) shall be maintained.
2. The mitigation measures as stipulated by Forest dept. and the statutory authorities for conservation and protection of biodiversity shall be implemented by the company.
3. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate the impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F. No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023 with Deputy Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Thane.
4. No dumping of debris on wet lands and forest area shall be done by User Agency.
5. The laying of transmission line and its ancillary works shall be carried out with utmost care so as to cause least impact on the corridor.
6. All the other mandatory permissions from different statutory authorities shall be 'Obtained prior to commencement of work.
7. The onus of restoring the forest area back to the earlier condition lies completely on the User Agency and under the monitoring and satisfaction of the Forest Department.
8. User Agency shall not collect any Forest produce either from Sanjay Gandhi National Park or Tungareshwar Wildlife Sanctuary.
9. Since the current project also passes through the Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZ) of Sanjay Gandhi National Park and Tungareshwar Wildlife Sanctuary, the User Agency must obtain the necessary permissions from the respective monitoring committees.
10. Necessary engineering and vegetative measures shall be undertaken by the Project Authority to control soil erosion from the adjoining forest area.
11. The User Agency shall fund the studies and research for effect of the project upon the wildlife, SGNP and wild animal movements.
12. The User Agency shall ensure that wild animals are protected from accidents during the execution phase and as also after its completion. The Project shall be made wild animal safe for avoiding any accidents in future.
13. Project personnel involved in the work must adhere to all relevant legal provisions, particularly the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, and the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, along with their associated rules. They must also implement precautionary measures to conserve and protect the flora and fauna in the project's vicinity.
14. During excavation phase, rules laid down for minor minerals excavation shall be followed.

15. Norms of Noise, Air & Water pollution to be strictly followed. The measures for reducing noise, dust & air pollution need to be adopted.
16. The permission of the Hon'ble High Court, Mumbai being mandatory, vide its order in W.P.2780/1995 (PIL-17/1996), the same shall be obtained prior to commencement of any work in the mangroves and the designated wetlands.
17. There shall be no blasting within the National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary and their Eco-sensitive zones (ESZ).
18. No works shall be carried out from sunset to sunrise to avoid disturbance to wildlife.
19. Free movement of wild animals within the boundary of the Protected Area shall not be hindered.
20. The project authority shall erect big bill boards as per the locations and design provided by the SGNP Authorities, to caution the general public for the presence of wildlife & its importance.
21. Horizontal drilling machines shall be used for cable laying work.
22. The User Agency 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 will be turned unauthorized. In the State of Maharashtra the Director (IT) of Directorate of Information Technology is State Nodal for CBuD.
23. The User Agency shall implement the mitigation plan submitted along with the proposal.
24. 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.

81.5.54 Proposal for use of 0.1 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for laying 11 kV transmission line for power connection to own Khatedari land in Barmer district, Rajasthan in favour of Shri Sakur Khan.

FP/RJ/IRRIG/3954/2019

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.1 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for laying 11 kV transmission line for power connection to own Khatedari land in Barmer district, Rajasthan in favour of Shri Sakur Khan.

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

The Standing Committee was also informed that such project proposals have been previously recommended inside the Desert National Park Sanctuary by the Standing Committee.

Dr. H. S. Singh suggested that in these areas 2 MW Solar Power plants may be sanctioned in each village.

Dr. H.S. Singh mentioned that there is a time limit prescribed in the Eco-sensitive Zone notification for preparation of Zonal Master Plan. In Gujarat, the State Government has taken initiative for preparation of Zonal Master Plans for at least a dozen ESZs. However, many states have not prepared Zonal Master Plans. He suggested that the provision of solar energy may be prescribed in Zonal Master Plans.

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Gujarat mentioned that the requirement of Zonal Master Plans is very simple. However, preparation of zonal master plans of ESZs is very cumbersome and complicated process that it takes lot of time. A notification for ESZ categorizes activities as prohibited, regulated or promoted. In case of prohibited activities, no further discussion is required. In case of regulated activities, the area and the process of regulation is required to be prescribed. In case of promoted activities, a 5-year or 10-year plan is required to be prepared for promotion of those activities. The draft guidelines for preparation of Zonal Master Plans circulated by the Ministry prescribe several studies, preparation of micro-plan for each village falling within the notified ESZ which appears to be totally irrelevant.

The Chairman mentioned that the area required is negligible compared to the notified area of the sanctuary. The Chairman mentioned that Government of India has launched the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Yojana. The concerned DFO should also submit report regarding the utilization of the Yojana in villages while forwarding the project proposals for transmission lines.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that concerned DFO should submit report regarding implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Yojana in villages while forwarding the project proposals for transmission lines or communication towers. The Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposals subject to the following conditions:

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F. No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
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 will 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 will be no labour camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
7. No blasting will 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. The User Agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
10. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of Tiger Reserve/PA.
11. The User Agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of Standard SOP/Guidelines issued by WII, Dehradun for linear projects.
12. Any permission/clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
13. Power transmission line shall be laid underground in view of the Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 19.04.2021 in Case No.838/2019.
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.

81.5.55 Following 3 proposals of power connection to own Khatedari lands inside Desert National Park Sanctuary, Rajasthan:

1. Proposal for use of 0.1 ha of forest land from Desert National Park for power connection to own Khatedari land in Barmer district, Rajasthan in favour of Shri Chaga Ram. **(FP/RJ/Others/5762/2021)**
2. Proposal for use of 0.1 ha of forest land from Desert National Park for power connection to own Khatedari land in Barmer district, Rajasthan in favour of Shri Kala Khan. **(FP/RJ/Others/5758/2021)**
3. Proposal for use of 0.1 ha of forest land from Desert National Park for power connection to own Khatedari land in Barmer district, Rajasthan in favour of Shri Dhana Ram. **(FP/RJ/Others/5757/2021)**

The Standing Committee was informed that these 3 proposals are for providing power connection to own Khatedari non-forest lands inside Desert National Park Sanctuary, Rajasthan. Each of the proposals involve 0.1 ha area.

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. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F. No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
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 will 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 will be no labour camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
7. No blasting will 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. The User Agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
10. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of Tiger Reserve/PA.
11. The User Agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of Standard SOP/Guidelines issued by WII, Dehradun for linear projects.
12. Any permission/clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
13. Power transmission line shall be laid underground.
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.

81.5.56 Proposal for laying of 400 KV RAPP (D)-Kota-Jaipur (South) transmission line over an area of 22.4766 through the buffer zone of the Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve due to infringement in the land of proposed new Greenfield Kota Airport by already existing line in favour of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd, in district Bundi, Rajasthan.

WL/RJ/TRANS/429646/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 400 KV RAPP (D)-Kota-Jaipur (South) transmission line over an area of 22.4766 through the buffer zone of the Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger

Reserve due to infringement in the land of proposed new Greenfield Kota Airport by already existing line in favour of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. in 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 the proposal for approval subject to certain conditions.

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project falling in the tiger reserve shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F. No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
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 will 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 will be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
7. No blasting will 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. The User Agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
10. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
11. The User Agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of Standard SOP/Guidelines issued by WII, Dehradun for linear projects.
12. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
13. In view of the limited project length, the option of laying the transmission line underground may be examined by the User Agency.
14. In case above is not possible bird diverters may be affixed on the transmission line as per guidelines.
15. The transmission line shall be designed to prevent electrocution risks for avifauna and arboreal species. This includes using insulated wiring in critical sections and installing measures to prevent wildlife access to live components. Additionally, this will

- reduce risks of poaching via illegal electrification.
16. Appropriate bird diverters must be installed along the entire length of the powerline at regular intervals to minimize bird collisions. These diverters shall be regularly monitored and maintained by the power company to ensure their effectiveness.
 17. For a 400 kV transmission line, the right of way on forest land shall not exceed 46 meters, in line with the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEFCC) guidelines. This width must be adhered to strictly to minimize habitat disturbance.
 18. The transmission line route shall be planned to avoid extensive vegetation clearance. Any tree felling or pruning must be done with the authorization of the competent authority of the Rajasthan Forest Department.
 19. No construction or maintenance activities shall take place within forested or wildlife-sensitive areas at night. Labor camps shall be situated at least 1 kilometer away from critical wildlife habitats and tiger corridors to minimize disturbance.
 20. Routine vegetation clearance beneath the powerline may introduce invasive plant species. The power company shall work in collaboration with the Rajasthan Forest Department to implement an Integrated Vegetation Management program. This program shall focus on planting native, palatable species to support local wildlife and prevent the spread of invasive species.
 21. Construction materials, including soil and stones, shall not be sourced from forest areas. Construction debris must not be disposed of in forests or wetlands.
 22. The project shall incorporate an animal passage plan, establishing ground-level or elevated structures where feasible to ensure the safe movement of wildlife, particularly along known migration or dispersal routes within tiger corridors and other critical wildlife habitats.
 23. CWLW, Rajasthan shall develop appropriate mechanism to monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated herein at various phases of project implementation.
 24. 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.

81.5.57 Proposal for use of 3.33 ha land for drilling one exploratory location (Loc. OBCA) in the OALP Block AA-ONHP-2019/1 near Gohpur town, Sonitpur District at a distance of 9.8 km from the North- Eastern corner of the 6th Addition to Kaziranga National Park.

WL/AS/Others/470486/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 3.33 ha land for drilling one exploratory location (Loc. OBCA) in the

OALP Block AA-ONHP-2019/1 near Gohpur town, Sonitpur District at a distance of 9.8 km from the North- Eastern corner of the 6th Addition to Kaziranga National Park.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has also recommended the proposal subject to certain mitigation measures.

The State Government of Assam has submitted proposal for declaration of ESZ around Kaziranga Tiger Reserve and informed that this project is proposed outside the proposed ESZ of the Tiger Reserve.

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

1. No adverse impact shall be caused to the wild animals and their habitat.
2. The PP shall take adequate measures against all kinds of pollution likely to be caused by implementation of the project including disasters like oil & gas leakage or explosion of the well.
3. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the ESZ shall be deposited by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F. No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023 to be utilized by the CWLW.
4. Establish a buffer zone to minimize habitat disruption and avoid crucial wildlife corridors for tigers and elephants.
5. Implement noise barriers and restrict drilling activity during peak wildlife activity hours (dawn and dusk) to reduce disturbance to fauna.
6. Ensure proper waste disposal, prevent oil spills, and use environmentally safe drilling fluids.
7. Use minimal, non-intrusive lighting and low-impact fencing to prevent disturbing nocturnal wildlife.
8. Prepare a wildlife contingency plan for handling any unforeseen wildlife incidents, particularly involving elephants and tigers.
9. Designate and maintain safe passages for dispersing tigers and elephants to facilitate their movement between habitats.
10. Restore the drilling site to its natural state, including replanting native flora and ensuring that wildlife habitats are preserved.
11. Chief Wild Life Warden Assam to develop a monitoring mechanism for compliance of the conditions stipulated herein.
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.

for establishing Hydrological Observation Sites at Location Mahalli, District - Ramanagara, Karnataka in favour of Department of Irrigation.

WL/KA/Others/452195/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.01 ha forest land from Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary for establishing Hydrological Observation Sites at Location Mahalli, District - Ramanagara, Karnataka in favour of Department of Irrigation.

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 construction work shall be restricted to day time hours i.e. between 6 AM to 6 PM.
2. The implementing 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.
3. Will not be collecting the raw materials, forest produce including firewood from the forest.
4. 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, will be taken.
5. Care shall be taken not to disturb the wildlife species and their habitat during construction activities.
6. The User Agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act & Rules, Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
7. The muck generated during the project implementation shall be taken out of the corridor without endangering the flora and fauna.
8. The work shall be taken up only under the close supervision of the jurisdictional officers & staff, to avoid any damage to the flora & fauna.
9. No tents or any other stay arrangement shall be permitted inside the protected area.
10. 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.

81.5.59 Proposal for use of 0.69 Ha of Forest Land in Tungreshwar Wildlife Sanctuary for regularization of their existing activities of Temple &

Prayer Hall, Prasadalya, Samadhis, Ashram Kuti & Dhyana Kendra of Sadanand Maharaj & providing new basic amenities to devotee of Balyogi Sadanand Maharaj with medical treatment plant Centre and cow shed (Goshala) at Survey No.121 at Village Parol, Taluka Vasai, District Palghar, Maharashtra.

WL/MH/Others/458729/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.69 Ha of Forest Land in Tungreshwar Wildlife Sanctuary for regularization of their existing activities of Temple & Prayer Hall, Prasadalya, Samadhis, Ashram Kuti & Dhyana Kendra of Sadanand Maharaj & providing new basic amenities to devotee of Balyogi Sadanand Maharaj with medical treatment plant Centre and cow shed (Goshala) at Survey No.121 at Village Parol, Taluka Vasai, District Palghar, Maharashtra.

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

The matter is pending in Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to the decision in the matter pending before Hon'ble Supreme Court with the following conditions:

1. No construction of any type of buildings, except for the structures as allowed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its order dated 30.08.2019, i.e. the temple, Samadhi & three adjacent rooms to the temple limited to 796 Sq. mt. (0.0796 Ha.) shall be permitted.
2. The User Agency is required to obtain permission under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
3. The Forest department shall regulate the entry and exit of devotees, and the User Agency must provide an undertaking that it will not violate the conditions stipulated by the department in this regard.
4. Only vehicles belonging to Shri Balayogi Sadanand Maharaj Trust will be permitted to traverse the existing road, with a maximum of five vehicles.
5. The Forest department will collect entry fees from devotees/followers visiting the Ashram, the rates applicable at Sanjay Gandhi National Park.
6. Devotees/followers are prohibited from visiting on foot or using the Ashram motorcycles/privately- owned vehicles.
7. Devotees or followers wishing to visit the Ashram must utilize small buses operated by the Forest department.
8. To transport devotees/followers to the Ashram, the Shri Balayogi Sadanand Maharaj Ashram Trust will provide five electric/CNG mini- buses to the Forest department. The Forest department will

collect charges from the devotees and followers using the bus service for the maintenance of the said buses.

9. The Shri. Balayogi Sadanand Maharaj Ashram Trust is responsible for developing and maintaining a parking space for devotees/followers' vehicles on private land in Parol village, located outside boundary of sanctuary.
10. Shri Balayogi Sadanand Maharaj Ashram Trust will maintain a maximum of 5 milking cows at the proposed Ashram site. These cows shall not be permitted to graze within the Tungareshwar Wildlife Sanctuary, and any excess number of cows will be confiscated by the Forest department.
11. Personnel involved in the project work must adhere to all existing legal provisions, particularly the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, Indian Forest Act, 1927, and the rules established under these acts. They shall also take precautionary measures for conservation and protection of flora and fauna in the vicinity of the project.
12. Use of crackers or playing of high sound music instrument shall be prohibited.
13. The agency and the contractor appointed by the agency must strictly adhere to the provisions under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, Biological Diversity Act, 2002, and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and orders of Hon'ble supreme court issued from time to time.
14. The User Agency is prohibited from using this property for commercial activities such as hotels and resorts.
15. The User Agency is strictly prohibited from discharging untreated effluents and solid waste into the Sanctuary area and natural water bodies or land areas.
16. The User Agency must implement an eco- friendly sludge or solid waste disposal system and recycling of effluents within the said property.
17. The User Agency must take measures to prevent contamination or pollution of water from any source, including agriculture.
18. The User Agency is not allowed to dig any new well or bore well in the said project area that could affect the water table in the Protected Area.
19. Measures must be adopted to ensure the free movement of wild animals within the boundary of the Protected Area.
20. Focus lights or any high beam light that could disturb or alter the movement or behaviour of wildlife in the areas of SGNP landscape shall not be used by the Ashram.
21. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency with Chief Conservator of Forest and Director, Sanjay Ganthi National Park, Borivali in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F. No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
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.

81.5.60 Proposal for use of 1.86 ha of forest land from Pawalgarh Conservation Reserve near buffer zone of Corbett Tiger Reserve for construction of Heliport in Chhoi District Nainital under RCS Udan Project in favour of PWD, Uttarakhand.

WL/UK/Others/444188/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.86 ha of forest land from Pawalgarh Conservation Reserve near buffer zone of Corbett Tiger Reserve for construction of Heliport in Chhoi District Nainital under RCS Udan Project in favour of PWD, 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. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than the specified in the proposal.
5. The concerned territorial Divisional Forest Officer shall monitor the implementation of the project regularly and report for the violation, if any.
6. It shall be ensured that no labourer camp will be set up inside the forest area.
7. The User Agency shall comply with 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. No damage to the flora and fauna of the surrounding area shall be caused.
9. Ensure construction activities are aligned with the seasonal and daily movement patterns of wildlife to avoid disturbances.
10. Implement strict regulations to limit noise and light pollution from the heliport, especially during nighttime. Excessive noise and artificial lighting can disrupt wildlife behaviour, so it is important to use wildlife-friendly lighting and noise reduction strategies.
11. No labour camp shall not be set inside the forest area.
12. Under no circumstances shall construction waste or operational

materials be dumped into the nearby river. Strict rules shall be enforced, and compliance shall be monitored to avoid any contamination of the water body, which could affect local ecosystems and water quality downstream.

13. All flight operations must strictly adhere to DGCA guidelines, including altitude restrictions, no-fly zones, and operational timings to minimize disturbances to both wildlife and local communities. Low-altitude flying over sensitive wildlife areas, especially near Corbett Tiger Reserve, shall be prohibited to avoid stress to animals.
14. Limit flight operations during dusk and dawn when wildlife activity, especially for tigers, elephants and leopards, is at its peak. DGCA mandates avoidance of low-altitude flights during such sensitive times to minimize disruption to wildlife.
15. Designate clear, non-sensitive emergency landing areas outside the core and buffer zones of the tiger reserve, adhering to the DGCA's safety protocols.
16. Regular wildlife hazard assessments are required, especially around proposed helipad location as suggested by DGCA especially near wetlands, forests, and other ecologically sensitive areas.
17. Chief Wild Life Warden will develop monitoring mechanism for the compliance of conditions stipulated herein along with any other activities of the project which are not mentioned here and having a negative impact on wild animals and wildlife areas.
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.

81.5.61 Proposal for use of 4.5465 ha of land from core zone of Rajaji Tiger Reserve for development of ropeway from Triveni Ghat to Neelkanth Mahadev Mandir through Public Private Partnership Model under Design Built Finance Operate and Transfer (DBFOT Basis) in favour of Uttarakhand Metro Rail Urban Infra and Building Construction Corporation Limited, at Rishikesh, Uttarakhand.

WL/UK/Others/479373/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 4.5465 ha of land from core zone of Rajaji Tiger Reserve for development of ropeway from Triveni Ghat to Neelkanth Mahadev Mandir through Public Private Partnership Model under Design Built Finance Operate and Transfer (DBFOT Basis) in favour of Uttarakhand Metro Rail Urban Infra and Building Construction Corporation Limited, at Rishikesh, Uttarakhand.

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 Member Secretary, NTCA mentioned that in such cases, the existing road would also continue to be used along with the ropeway.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttarakhand mentioned that the actual requirement of the forest land would be less compared to that mentioned in the proposal and only for erection of towers. In the project area, there would be requirement of felling only 11 trees.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that the NTCA shall re-examine the proposal and therefore, decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM No. 6

81.6 ADDITIONAL AGENDA

- 81.6.1**
1. Mobile Tower installation by Bharti Hexacom Limited in revenue Village- Dhaneli, Tehsil & District- Jaisalmer (Reference No. R/NN-661446 - IN-3135583). **FP/RJ/Others/6625/2022**
 2. Mobile Tower installation by Indus Towers Limited in Private Land Khasra No. 304, revenue Village- Chouhani, Tehsil & District- Jaisalmer (Reference No. R/NN-648029-IN-3126015)- **FP/RJ/Others/6361/2022**
 3. Mobile Tower installation by Bharti Hexacom Limited in Private Land Patta No. 46, revenue Village- Katha, Tehsil & District- Jaisalmer (Reference No. R/NN-626530-IN-3126171)- **FP/RJ/Others/6358/2022**
 4. Mobile Tower installation by Bharti Hexacom Limited in Private Land Patta No. 26 revenue Village- Khariya Jethwi, Tehsil & District- Jaisalmer (Reference No. R/NN-634144-IN-3064620) **FP/RJ/Others/6357/2022**

The Standing Committee was informed that these four proposals are installation of mobile towers by Bharti Hexacomm in Dhaneli Village - FP/RJ/Others/6625/2022 (0.0232 ha), Katha Village - FP/RJ/Others/6358/2022 (0.0241 ha) and Khariya Jethwi Village FP/RJ/Others/6357/2022 (0.0334 ha) and by Indus Towers Limited in Chouhani Village (0.0334 ha) in Desert National Park Sanctuary.

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 should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should 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 should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should 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. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F. No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
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 will 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 Eco-Sensitive Zone.
10. There will be no labour camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
11. No blasting will 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 will 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 Tiger

- Reserve/PA.
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 will 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 will 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.

81.6.2 Proposal for use of 9.41 ha of land from Changthang Cold Desert Sanctuary for establishment of 124 RCC at Nyoma, UT of Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

WL/LA/DEF/464001/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 9.41 ha of land from Changthang Cold Desert Sanctuary for establishment of 124 RCC at Nyoma, UT of Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the UT of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
2. 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 NBWL.
3. 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.
4. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van

- (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.
5. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
 6. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
 7. 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.
 8. 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.
 9. 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.
 10. 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.
 11. 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.
 12. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues 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.
 13. 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.
 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.

81.6.3

1. Proposal for use of 0.06426 ha of land from Melghat Tiger Reserve for construction of Ruipathar village water supply scheme Tq chikhaldara under Jal Jivan scheme- **FP/MH/WATER/6709/2022.**
2. Proposal for use of 0.07 ha of land from Melghat Tiger Reserve for construction of Hatru village water supply scheme Tq chikhaldara under Jal Jivan scheme- **FP/MH/WATER/6707/2022**

The Standing Committee was informed that these two proposals are for laying of underground pipelines through the buffer zone of Melghat Tiger Reserve in Ruipathar Village (0.06426 ha) and Hatru Village (0.07 ha) under Jal Jeevan Mission.

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

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to approve the proposals subject to the following conditions:

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the tiger reserve shall be deposited by the User Agency with Deputy Conservator of Forest, Melghat Tiger Project, Sipan Wildlife Division, Paratwada in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F. No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
2. Modern technology shall be used while construction activity to reduce sound pollution and to minimize disturbance to the wildlife habitat inside the buffer zone of MTR.
3. Construction material shall be brought from outside of the sanctuary.
4. No work shall be done on the area other than the area approved.
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 to make good the land after use / maintenance.
7. The User Agency shall to make good any loss to forest / environment.
8. The User Agency shall 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 mentioned above.
10. No civil structures shall be built with the underground laying of drinking water pipeline except mentioned in the project.
11. The length of trench dug at a time shall not exceed 500 m, filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500 m.
12. The time frame for completing the work of underground laying of drinking water pipeline, shall be adhered to.
13. The User Agency shall provide water supply points within the PAs if demanded by the in-charge of PA.
14. The construction operation shall take into account the breeding season of animals.
15. No trees shall be felled during the construction of this pipeline. If any rare/endangered plants are removed from the site, they shall be transplanted temporarily or permanently.
16. The trenches for laying of shall not be left open for longer periods

- and shall be simultaneously covered with execution of work.
17. Enough security provisions shall be made to avoid accidents/mishaps wild animals during execution of work.
 18. Construction work shall be permitted during the daytime. No labour camps shall be established inside the tiger reserve.
 19. Construction materials shall be procured from outside the Tiger Reserve. Construction debris shall be disposed away from the Tiger Reserve and any waterbodies by the User Agency.
 20. The alignment of the pipeline shall not disrupt any natural water channel.
 21. Use of heavy machinery shall be controlled in a way to maintain acceptable soil, water and vegetation quality.
 22. CWLW, Maharashtra shall monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
 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.

81.6.4 Proposal for use of 0.75 ha of forest land from Neora Valley National Park for laying of drinking water supply pipeline and construction of tank for Pankhasari piped water supply scheme in favour of West Bengal Public Health Engineering Directorate, Kalimpong District, West Bengal.

WL/WB/DRKWATER/440375/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.75 ha of forest land from Neora Valley National Park for laying of drinking water supply pipeline and construction of tank for Pankhasari piped water supply scheme in favour of West Bengal Public Health Engineering Directorate, Kalimpong District, West Bengal.

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 boundary of forest land to be diverted shall be well demarcated on ground by putting boundary pillars.
2. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall not be used for any other purpose than that specified in proposal.
3. Concertina wires which are sharp and potentially very injurious to wildlife are not to be used for fencing.
4. No unnecessary illumination is to be done in the project site at night.
5. No night shelter or night accommodation shall be permitted inside sanctuary while executing the work.

6. No felling of trees shall be permitted.
7. No new road/ approach road/ ground clearing shall be permitted for construction of water supply structures/ underground boring of water pipes etc. for the purpose of gravity based water supply scheme at Neora Valley N.P. of Gorumara WL Division under Jal Jeewan Mission.
8. During acute water scarcity the park management reserves the right to use water from the source for refilling the water holes meant for wild animals.
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.

81.6.5 Proposal for use of 0.0425 ha of forest land from Neora Valley National Park for laying of water supply pipeline and construction of tanks under Jal Jiwan Mission for Todey Tangta Khasmahal PWSS for Zone -II, (TSM/014294 in favour of West Bengal Public Health Engineering Directorate in Kalimpong District, West Bengal.

WL/WB/DRKWATER/440922/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0425 ha of forest land from Neora Valley National Park for laying of water supply pipeline and construction of tanks under Jal Jiwan Mission for Todey Tangta Khasmahal PWSS for Zone -II, (TSM/014294 in favour of West Bengal Public Health Engineering Directorate in Kalimpong District, West Bengal.

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 boundary of forest land to be diverted shall be well demarcated on ground by putting boundary pillars.
2. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall not be used for any other purpose than that specified in proposal
3. Concertina wires which are sharp and potentially very injurious to wildlife are not to be used for fencing.
4. No unnecessary illumination is to be done in the project site at night.
5. No night shelter or night accommodation shall be permitted inside sanctuary while executing the work.
6. No felling of trees shall be permitted.
7. No new road/approach road/ground clearing shall be permitted for construction of water supply structures/ underground boring of

water pipelines etc. for the purpose of gravity based water supply scheme at Neora Valley N.P. of Gorumara WL Division under Jal Jeewan Mission.

8. During acute water scarcity the park management reserves the right to use water from the source for refilling the water holes meant for wild animals.
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.

81.6.6 Proposal for use of 0.0276 ha of forestland from Neora Valley National Park for laying of drinking water supply pipeline and construction of tanks under Jal Jiwan Mission for Todey Tangta Khasmahal PWSS for Zone-IV, (TSM/014294) in favour of West Bengal Public Health Engineering Directorate in Kalimpong District, West Bengal.

WL/WB/DRKWATER/440930/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0276 ha of forestland from Neora Valley National Park for laying of drinking water supply pipeline and construction of tanks under Jal Jiwan Mission for Todey Tangta Khasmahal PWSS for Zone-IV, (TSM/014294) in favour of West Bengal Public Health Engineering Directorate in Kalimpong District, West Bengal.

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 boundary of forest land to be diverted shall be well demarcated on ground by putting boundary pillars.
2. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall not be used for any other purpose than that specified in proposal.
3. Concertina wires which are sharp and potentially very injurious to wildlife are not to be used for fencing
4. No unnecessary illumination is to be done in the project site at night.
5. No night shelter or night accommodation shall be permitted inside sanctuary while executing the work.
6. No felling of trees shall be permitted.
7. No new road/approach road/ground clearing shall be permitted for construction of water supply structures/ underground boring of water pipelines etc. for the purpose of gravity based water supply scheme at Neora Valley N.P. of Gorumara WL Division under Jal Jeewan Mission.
8. During acute water scarcity the park management reserves the

right to use water from the source for refilling the water holes meant for wild animals.

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.

81.6.7 Proposal for use of 0.0129 ha of forest land from Neora Valley National Park for laying of pipeline under Gravity Based Piped Water Supply Scheme with Spring Water Source for Samsing Middle and Upper, under Block Gorubathan District Kalimpong in favour of West Bengal Public Health Engineering Directorate.

WL/WB/DRKWATER/485048/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0129 ha of forest land from Neora Valley National Park for laying of pipeline under Gravity Based Piped Water Supply Scheme with Spring Water Source for Samsing Middle and Upper, under Block Gorubathan District Kalimpong in favour of West Bengal Public Health Engineering Directorate.

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 boundary of forest land to be diverted shall be well demarcated on ground by putting boundary pillars.
2. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall not be used for any other purpose than that specified in proposal.
3. Concertina wires which are sharp and potentially very injurious to wildlife are not to be used for fencing.
4. No unnecessary illumination is to be done in the project site at night.
5. No night shelter or night accommodation shall be permitted inside sanctuary while executing the work.
6. No felling of trees shall be permitted.
7. No new road/ approach road/ ground clearing shall be permitted for construction of water supply structures/ underground boring of water pipes etc. for the purpose of gravity based water supply scheme at Neora Valley N.P. of Gorumara WL Division under Jal Jeewan Mission.
8. During acute water scarcity the park management reserves the right to use water from the source for refilling the water holes meant for wild animals.
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.

- 81.6.8** Proposal for use of 0.0352 ha of forest land from Neora Valley National Park for laying of drinking water supply pipeline and construction of tank under Jal Jiwan Mission for Todey Tangta Khasmahal PWSS for Zone-I, (TSM/014294) in favour of West Bengal Public Health Engineering Directorate.

WL/WB/DRKWATER/440914/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0352 ha of forest land from Neora Valley National Park for laying of drinking water supply pipeline and construction of tank under Jal Jiwan Mission for Todey Tangta Khasmahal PWSS for Zone-I, (TSM/014294) in favour of West Bengal Public Health Engineering Directorate.

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 boundary of forest land to be diverted shall be well demarcated on ground by putting boundary pillars.
2. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall not be used for any other purpose than that specified in proposal.
3. Concertina wires which are sharp and potentially very injurious to wildlife are not to be used for fencing.
4. No unnecessary illumination is to be done in the project site at night.
5. No night shelter or night accommodation shall be permitted inside sanctuary while executing the work.
6. No felling of trees shall be permitted.
7. No new road/approach road/ground clearing shall be permitted for construction of water supply structures/ underground boring of water pipelines etc. for the purpose of gravity based water supply scheme at Neora Valley N.P. of Gorumara WL Division under Jal Jeewan Mission.
8. During acute water scarcity the park management reserves the right to use water from the source for refilling the water holes meant for wild animals.
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.

- 81.6.9** Proposal for use of 0.057 ha of forest land from Neora Valley National Park for laying of drinking water supply pipeline and construction of tank

under Jal Jiwan Mission for Todey Tangta Khasmahal PWSS for Zone-III, (TSM/014294) in favour of West Bengal Public Health Engineering Directorate.

WL/WB/DRKWATER/440928/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.057 ha of forest land from Neora Valley National Park for laying of drinking water supply pipeline and construction of tank under Jal Jiwan Mission for Todey Tangta Khasmahal PWSS for Zone-III, (TSM/014294) in favour of West Bengal Public Health Engineering Directorate.

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 boundary of forest land to be diverted shall be well demarcated on ground by putting boundary pillars.
2. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall not be used for any other purpose than that specified in proposal.
3. Concertina wires which are sharp and potentially very injurious to wildlife are not to be used for fencing.
4. No unnecessary illumination is to be done in the project site at night.
5. No night shelter or night accommodation shall be permitted inside sanctuary while executing the work.
6. No felling of trees shall be permitted.
7. No new road/approach road/ground clearing shall be permitted for construction of water supply structures/ underground boring of water pipelines etc. for the purpose of gravity based water supply scheme at Neora Valley N.P. of Gorumara WL Division under Jal Jeevan Mission.
8. During acute water scarcity the park management reserves the right to use water from the source for refilling the water holes meant for wild animals.
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.

81.6.10 Proposal for use of 0.1629 ha of forest land from Neora Valley National Park under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) Scheme for laying of drinking water supply pipeline and construction of tank for Gravity-Based Water Supply Scheme for Lingsay Khasmahal piped water supply scheme under Kalimpong G.P.,Block, Kalimpong-II in favour of West Bengal Public Health Engineering Directorate.

WL/WB/DRKWATER/444332/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.1629 ha of forest land from Neora Valley National Park under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) Scheme for laying of drinking water supply pipeline and construction of tank for Gravity-Based Water Supply Scheme for Lingsay Khasmahal piped water supply scheme under Kalimpong G.P.,Block, Kalimpong-II in favour of West Bengal Public Health Engineering Directorate.

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 boundary of forest land to be diverted shall be well demarcated on ground by putting boundary pillars.
2. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall not be used for any other purpose than that specified in proposal.
3. Concertina wires which are sharp and potentially very injurious to wildlife are not to be used for fencing.
4. No unnecessary illumination is to be done in the project site at night.
5. No night shelter or night accommodation shall be permitted inside sanctuary while executing the work.
6. No felling of trees shall be permitted.
7. No new road/ approach road/ ground clearing shall be permitted for construction of water supply structures/ underground boring of water pipes etc. for the purpose of gravity based water supply scheme at Neora Valley N.P. of Gorumara WL Division under Jal Jeevan Mission.
8. During acute water scarcity the park management reserves the right to use water from the source for refilling the water holes meant for wild animals.
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.

- 81.6.11** Proposal for use of 0.0079 ha of forestland from Neora Valley National Park for laying of pipeline and construction of tank for Gravity Based Water Supply Scheme from Amboik Kholā to Gorubathan Tar under Dalim GP under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) Scheme in favour of West Bengal Public Health Engineering Directorate.

WL/WB/DRKWATER/456485/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0079 ha of forestland from Neora Valley National Park for laying of pipeline and construction of tank for Gravity Based Water Supply Scheme from Amboik Khola to Gorubathan Tar under Dalim GP under Jal Jeevan Misison (JJM) Scheme in favour of West Bengal Public Health Engineering Directorate.

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 boundary of forest land to be diverted shall be well demarcated on ground by putting boundary pillars.
2. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall not be used for any other purpose than that specified in proposal.
3. Concertina wires which are sharp and potentially very injurious to wildlife are not to be used for fencing.
4. No unnecessary illumination is to be done in the project site at night.
5. No night shelter or night accommodation shall be permitted inside sanctuary while executing the work.
6. No felling of trees shall be permitted.
7. No new road/ approach road/ ground clearing shall be permitted for construction of water supply structures/ underground boring of water pipes etc. for the purpose of gravity based water supply scheme at Neora Valley N.P. under Gorumara WL Division under Jal Jeewan Mission.
8. During acute water scarcity the park management reserves the right to use water from the source for refilling the water holes meant for wild animals.
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.

81.6.12 Proposal for survey & investigation over 259.858 ha, drilling bore holes over 0.03ha and foot track over 0.732 ha forest land for 1500 MW Varahi Pumped Storage Project involving Mookambika Wildlife Sanctuary and Someshwara Wildlife Sanctuary, Karnataka in favour of THDC India Limited.

WL/KA/HYD/492126/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for survey & investigation over 259.858 ha, drilling bore holes over 0.03ha and foot track over 0.732 ha forest land for 1500 MW Varahi Pumped Storage Project involving Mookambika Wildlife Sanctuary and Someshwara

Wildlife Sanctuary, Karnataka in favour of THDC India Limited.

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 site appraisal committee.

The Chairman mentioned that the proposal is only for exploratory drilling. The site inspection committee may be constituted at the time of submission of proposal for actual construction.

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

1. The construction work shall be restricted to day time hours i.e. between 6 AM to 6 PM.
2. The implementing 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.
3. Will not be collecting the raw materials, forest produce including firewood from the forest.
4. 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, will be taken.
5. Care shall be taken not to disturb the wildlife species and their habitat during construction activities.
6. The User Agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act & Rules, Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
7. The muck generated during the project implementation shall be taken out of the corridor without endangering the flora and fauna.
8. The work shall be taken up only under the close supervision of the jurisdictional officers & staff, to avoid any damage to the flora & fauna.
9. No tents or any other stay arrangement shall be permitted inside the protected area.
10. No trees shall be felled for the purpose of the above Survey & Investigation work.
11. The borehole drilling machine shall only be transported manually by head load, and no machinery vehicles shall be used in drilling operations.
12. Both the borehole machine and water pump, being small in size, shall be carried manually.
13. Upon completion of drilling and investigation, all boreholes shall be properly plugged with cement concrete.
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.

- 81.6.13** Proposal for use of 1.9404 ha non-forest land for proposed Commercial Complex with Service Apartment Project (J category as per KPBR) cum Service Apartments Project with built-up area of 45,435 sq.m at New Survey Nos. 2/91, 2/80, 2/180 & 2/80 & Re-Survey No. 2/1 of Raroth Village, Kattipara Panchayat, Thamarassery Taluk, Kozhikode District, Kerala developed by M/s Virsource Ventures Pvt. Ltd 7.55 km away from the boundary of Malabar Wildlife Sanctuary.

WL/KL/INFRA/468516/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.9404 ha non-forest land for proposed Commercial Complex with Service Apartment Project (J category as per KPBR) cum Service Apartments Project with built-up area of 45,435 sq.m at New Survey Nos. 2/91, 2/80, 2/180 & 2/80 & Re-Survey No. 2/1 of Raroth Village, Kattipara Panchayat, Thamarassery Taluk, Kozhikode District, Kerala developed by M/s Virsource Ventures Pvt. Ltd 7.55 km away from the boundary of Malabar Wildlife Sanctuary.

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 with the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall create sufficient greenery in the project site after the completion of the project.
2. The working hours shall be limited between sunrise and sunset.
3. The amount agreed by the User Agency shall be remitted to the State CAMPA before the commencement of the work.
4. The User Agency shall implement the mitigation plan submitted with the project proposal.
5. 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.

- 81.6.14** Proposal for use of 2.07 ha of non-forest land situated in the Pench TR to Melghat TR Corridor. or permission of Mining / Quarrying in Survey No. 178, Village Selgaon (Lawane,), Taluka Karanja, District- Wardha in the State of Maharashtra.

WL/MH/MIN/QRY/464915/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of

2.07 ha of non-forest land situated in the Pench TR to Melghat TR Corridor. or permission of Mining / Quarrying in Survey No. 178, Village Selgaon (Lawane,), Taluka Karanja, District- Wardha in the State 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 the proposal for approval subject to certain conditions.

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

1. The User Agency shall undertake fencing, of mining lease area and also undertake mining & reclamation of the mined out area as per the approved mining plan directions.
2. The said project is established since last 6 years. As per Eastern Vidharbha Landscape published by WII, Dehradun in 2016 The project is located within the corridor area. Hence 1% of project cost shall be levied as a penalty for wildlife disturbance in the said project.
3. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate the impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in Pench Tiger Reserve Conservation Foundation, Nagpur in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F. No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
4. No existing water passage shall be blocked by construction activities.
5. Regular replenishment study needs to be carried out to keep a balance between deposition and extraction.
6. Efforts shall be taken to minimize the disturbance from mining/quarrying activities outside the proposed site.
7. Efforts must be taken with the help of advanced techniques to reduce noise, vibration, and dust. Dust suppression systems must be installed and air and water quality shall be regularly monitored.
8. Suitable safety provisions to be kept by the User Agency to avoid accidents of animals shall be kept during construction, execution as well as operational phase of the project.
9. Construction materials shall be procured from outside the Protected Area. Construction debris shall be disposed away from the Protected Area by the User Agency.
10. The CWLW, Maharashtra shall have appropriate mechanism in place for compliance of the conditions laid herein during various phases of project implementation.
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.

81.6.15 Proposal for use of 1.92 ha of non-forest land situated in the Pench Tiger Reserve to Melghat Tiger Reserve Corridor for permission of Mining/Quarrying in Survey No. 521, Village – Nara, Taluka – Karnaja, District – Wardha in the state of Maharashtra.

WL/MH/MIN/QRY/466076/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.92 ha of non-forest land situated in the Pench Tiger Reserve to Melghat Tiger Reserve Corridor for permission of Mining/Quarrying in Survey No. 521, Village – Nara, Taluka – Karnaja, District – Wardha in the state 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 the proposal for approval subject to certain conditions.

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

1. The User Agency shall undertake fencing, of mining lease area and also undertake mining & reclamation of the mined out area as per the approved mining plan directions.
2. The said project is established since last 6 years. As per Eastern Vidharbha Landscape published by WII, Dehradun in 2016. The project is located within the corridor area. Hence 1% of project cost shall be levied as a penalty for wildlife disturbance in the said project.
3. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate the impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in Pench Tiger Reserve Conservation Foundation, Nagpur in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F. No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
4. No existing water passage shall be blocked by construction activities.
5. Regular replenishment study needs to be carried out to keep a balance between deposition and extraction.
6. Efforts shall be taken to minimize the disturbance from mining/quarrying activities outside the proposed site.
7. Efforts must be taken with the help of advanced techniques to reduce noise, vibration, and dust. Dust suppression systems must be installed and air and water quality shall be regularly monitored.
8. Suitable safety provisions to be kept by the User Agency to avoid accidents of animals shall be kept during construction, execution as well as operational phase of the project.
9. Construction materials shall be procured from outside the Protected Area. Construction debris shall be disposed away from

the Protected Area by the User Agency.

10. The CWLW, Maharashtra shall have appropriate mechanism in place for compliance of the conditions laid herein during various phases of project implementation.
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.

81.6.16 Proposal for use of 2.956 ha of forest land and 0.6 ha non-forest land (total: 3.556 ha) from Ken Ghariyal Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of road from NH-75 Toriya to Ranefall road under the scheme of PMGSY-3 by MPRRDA, Chhatarpur, Madhya Pradesh.

WL/MP/ROAD/424791/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 2.956 ha of forest land and 0.6 ha non-forest land (total: 3.556 ha) from Ken Ghariyal Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of road from NH-75 Toriya to Ranefall road under the scheme of PMGSY-3 by MPRRDA, Chhatarpur, 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 subject to certain conditions.

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

1. No labourer shall be allowed to stay inside the forest area.
2. Construction work shall not be permitted after sun set and before sunrise.
3. User agency, in consultation with the Forest Department, should construct speed breakers / rumble strips and install warning signboards at areas sensitive for wildlife crossings.
4. The width and of the road shall not exceed the width of the existing road.
5. Underpasses shall be constructed at wildlife crossing points for uninterrupted movement of wild animals.
6. No trees shall be felled during the construction of this road although vegetation may be cleared to improve visibility along the road to avoid accident with wild animals.
7. Existing drainage culverts shall be retrofitted to facilitate wildlife crossings by animals.
8. Construction work shall be permitted during daytime. No labour camps should be established inside the tiger reserve/sanctuary.
9. Construction materials shall be procured from outside the Protected area.
10. Construction debris shall be disposed away from the Tiger

Reserve and Ghariyal Sanctuary by the User Agency.

11. The alignment of the road and construction activities shall not disrupt any natural water channel.
12. CWLW, Madhya Pradesh shall monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
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.

81.6.17 Proposal for use of 7.2 ha forest land for construction of Pukzing to Silsury road (Intermediate lane) in buffer zone of Dampa Tiger Reserve in favour of Public Works Department, Mamit Division, Mamit District, Mizoram.

WL/MZ/ROAD/494397/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 7.2 ha forest land for construction of Pukzing to Silsury road (Intermediate lane) in buffer zone of Dampa Tiger Reserve in favour of Public Works Department, Mamit Division, Mamit District, Mizoram.

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 subject to certain conditions.

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

1. Construction and repair activities shall be limited to daylight hours to minimize disturbance to nocturnal wildlife.
2. Rumble strips and speed breakers shall be installed at regular intervals along the road to enforce speed control and reduce risks of wildlife collisions. These shall be strategically placed in wildlife crossing zones, especially near areas of known animal movement.
3. In addition, check posts at both ends of the road section by User Agency will help monitor traffic, and traffic regulation measures shall be enforced to ensure minimal disturbance to the wildlife.
4. Enforce reduced speed limits for vehicles on the road to avoid wildlife collisions. Speed limit signs shall be installed at least every 1-2 kilometres to enforce reduced speeds.
5. Prohibit any form of waste dumping, especially near water bodies or forests.
6. Wildlife crossing signs shall be placed at regular intervals (every 500 meters) where wildlife frequently crosses.
7. Hazard warnings signs alerting drivers to sharp turns or construction activities every 200 meters in active zones.
8. Replant native species and restore disturbed areas post-

construction to maintain the ecological balance.

9. No construction materials shall be sourced from within the protected area. No labour camps shall be established within the core or buffer zones of the tiger reserve.
10. 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.

81.6.18 Proposal for use of 8.179 ha non forest land from National Chambal Sanctuary and 139.332 ha non-forest land from default ESZ of National Chambal Sanctuary (total 147.511 ha) for purpose of development of access controlled 6 Lane Agra-Gwalior greenfield Road section starting from Agra Inner Ring road (Proposed Ch. 0+000) near Deori village and ending at Gwalior bypass (Proposed Ch. 88+400) near Susera village in Dholpur, Rajasthan.

WL/RJ/Road/431951/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 8.179 ha non forest land from National Chambal Sanctuary and 139.332 ha non-forest land from default ESZ of National Chambal Sanctuary (total 147.511 ha) for purpose of development of access controlled 6 Lane Agra-Gwalior greenfield Road section starting from Agra Inner Ring road (Proposed Ch. 0+000) near Deori village and ending at Gwalior bypass (Proposed Ch. 88+400) near Susera village in Dholpur, Rajasthan.

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

The State Government was requested to inform if the proposed project falls within the newly notified Dholpur Karauli Tiger Reserve of which National Chambal Sanctuary is a part. The State Government has informed that the proposed project does not fall in the tiger reserve.

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area and the ESZ shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F. No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
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 restrict movement of wild animals towards the road/railway track 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 tiger reserve/PA.
13. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of Standard SOP/Guidelines issued by WII, Dehradun for linear projects.
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 will 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. Species wise Animal passes shall be provided by User Agency at project cost as per WII SoP.
18. Plantation in the three rows on both sides along the road shall be done and maintain by User Agency in consultation of with PA in-charge (DCF).
19. The User Agency shall not create Burrow Pits in the Sanctuary area for construction of road.
20. The User Agency shall clear all the debris left after construction is over.
21. 11 Feet fencing must be installed on the bridge crossing the Chambal River to prevent litter or debris from being thrown or blown into the river. A check post must be established at the extreme end of bridge.
22. The bridge shall not be constructed during the crocodile nesting period.
23. The underpass should have at least 4m height, and minimum 5m width and length equal to the width of the proposed road and should be rectangular in shape. Also, sound and light barrier

- should also be installed in all the mentioned structures.
24. 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.

Annexure 1

List of participants

S.No.	Name	Designation
1	Shri Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Minister for EF&CC	Chairman
2	Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State EF&CC	Invitee
3	Ms. Leena Nandan, Secretary, MoEF&CC	Member
4	Shri Tanmay Kumar, Special Secretary	Invitee
5	Shri Jitendra Kumar, DGF&SS, MoEF&CC	Member
6	Shri Sushil Kumar Awasthi, MS, NBWL, ADGF(WL), MoEF&CC	Member Secretary
7	Dr Gobind Sagar Bhardwaj, ADGF (Project Tiger) & Member Secretary (NTCA)	Invitee
8	Dr. H. S. Singh, Member, NBWL	Member
9	Prof. R. Sukumar, Member, NBWL	Member
10	Shri Virendra Tiwari, Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.	Member
11	Shri. R. Raghu Prasad, IGF (WL), MoEF&CC	Invitee
12	Shri Ramesh Kumar Pandey, IGF (PT & E), MoEF&CC	Invitee
13	Shri N. Tam, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Arunachal Pradesh	Invitee
14	Shri Ajay Kumar Naik, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Andhra Pradesh	Invitee
15	Shri Vinay Gupta, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Assam.	Invitee
16	Shri Sanjay Shrivastava, APCCF (Wildlife) Gujarat	Invitee
17	Shri Vineet Garg, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Haryana	Invitee
19	Shri Pushpendra Rana, APCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Himachal Pradesh	Invitee
20	Shri Subhash K. Malkhede, PCCF and HoFF, Karnataka.	Invitee
21	Shri Pramod G. Krishnan, APCCF and Chief Wild	Invitee

	Life Warden, Kerala	
22	Shri Brij Mohan Sharma, Chief Wild Life Warden, Ladakh	Invitee
23	Shri Vivek Khandekar, APCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Maharashtra	Invitee
24	Dr. Shubharanjan Sen, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Madhya Pradesh	Invitee
25	Shri P.K. Upadhyaya, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Rajasthan	Invitee
26	Shri Elusing Meru, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Telangana.	Invitee
27	Shri R.K. Mishra, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttarakhand	Invitee
28	Ms. Anuradha Vemuri, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttar Pradesh	Invitee
29.	Shri Pee Lee Ete, CF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Mizoram	Invitee
30.	Shri. Prem Kumar Jha, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Odisha	Invitee
31	Shri Joykumar Longjam, Chief Conservator of Forests, Manipur	Invitee
32	Shri Rakesh Kumar Dogra, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu	Invitee
33	Director, Department of Mines, State Government of Uttarakhand	Invitee
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35	Dr. Sunil Sharma, JD(WL), MOEFCC, New Delhi	Invitee
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