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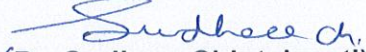
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Sub: Minutes of 75th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life-reg.

Sir/Madam,

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

Yours faithfully,


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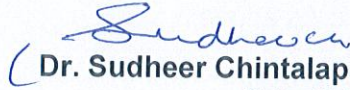
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MINUTES OF THE 75th MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL BOARD FOR WILD LIFE HELD ON 17th November, 2023

The 75th meeting of the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life was held on 17th November, 2023 under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change. The list of participants is placed at **Annexure-I**.

The Member Secretary welcomed the participants to the meeting and informed about the number and type of proposals that were to be taken for discussion in the 75th meeting. He also informed the Standing Committee that the proposals from the States where model code of conduct is in force would not be taken up for discussion in the meeting. He then requested Deputy Inspector General of Forests (WL) to initiate the discussion on the Agenda Items.

AGENDA ITEM No.1

75.1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 74th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 29th August, 2023

The 74th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life was held on 29th August, 2023. The minutes of the meeting were circulated vide letter **F. No. WL-6/106/2023-WL-Part dated 20th September, 2023** amongst all the Members. Copy of the minutes is placed at **ANNEXURE-1**.

The Standing Committee was informed that with respect to Agenda item no. 74.3.2 - 'Conservation of Elephant corridors', Dr. R. Sukumar, Member NBWL requested vide email requested for corrections of figures from 25 to 125 in the sentence, 'The number four decades ago'.

Shri H. S. Singh, Member, NBWL mentioned that the official figures may be mentioned.

It was clarified that the Dr. Sukumar wished to get his statement recorded in the minutes to be corrected.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee noted that the number of human deaths has gone up per year and decided to confirm the minutes of the meeting with the amendment suggested in his statement by Dr. Sukumar.

AGENDA ITEM No.2

(Action Taken Report)

- 75.2.1** Proposal for use of 12.98 ha of land from Seshachalam tiger corridor landscape between Nagarjunasagar Srisaiaam Tiger Reserve (NSTR) and Sri Venkateshwara National Park for development of Samarththa Sadguru Sri Kasnayana Ashramam at Jyothi Kshetram in SAKN Mandal of YSR Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh.

FP/AP/Others/35298/2018

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

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

The Standing Committee was informed that the Chief Wild Life Warden, Andhra Pradesh in his letter dated 15.11.2023 has mentioned that the proposed area falls outside the tiger corridor. He has informed that since multiple agencies are involved in the construction activities, it would take more time for the actions as directed by the Standing Committee. He has therefore requested for not taking up the proposal for discussion in the present meeting.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Andhra Pradesh informed that the proposed area is falling adjacent to the tiger corridor. The proposal was placed for consideration of the Standing Committee since the area falls in tiger corridor landscape. He suggested for re-inspection by a team of NTCA. He accepted that the constructions have happened in violation of the Forest Conservation Act and action would be taken in that act.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that there are several proposals placed for discussions in this meeting. The local staff including the DFO should be aware of such large scale constructions in the area. He suggested for action against all the staff who ignored such violations.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal for next meeting.

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

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for modification in the conditions with regard to declaration of conservation reserve imposed by the Standing Committee regarding the proposal for diversion of Tale Sanctuary for Lower Subhansri Hydro Electric Project by NHPC

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

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

The Scientist 'F', WII informed that the funds have been received. Field work has been completed and the report would be submitted by the end of December, 2023 to the Ministry.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal for next meeting.

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

FP/HR/Others/4493/ 2019.

75.2.4

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

FP/HR/Others/5208/2020.

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposals were first considered by the Standing Committee in the 67th meeting. These two projects are proposed to be located in the notified Eco-sensitive Zone of Sultanpur National Park. For disposal of non-biodegradable

waste, copies of agreements signed by both these User Agencies with M/S Gurgaon Waste Management System (P) Ltd. (Empaneled by Municipal corporation/MCG) for Solid Waste Management have been submitted. The agreement by M/s Signature Infrabuild Pvt. Ltd. is for the period from 1st October, 2024 till 30th September, 2027. The agreement signed by M/s Sternal Buildcon shall remain into effect from 1st January, 2024 till 31st December, 2027.

The proposals were discussed in 73rd meeting of the Standing Committee wherein it was noted that the proposal is under consideration of the Standing Committee since its 67th meeting but requisite compliance report from State Government is awaited. The State Government shall identify the reasons for the delay in submission of compliance report in timely manner for consideration of the Standing Committee and take action for the delay. The State Government shall take action against the User Agency if the projects have already been commenced on the site. It shall be the responsibility of the District Magistrate, Gurugram to ensure action against the violators and that no construction activities shall be carried out in violation in future. The State Government shall also submit report regarding the stoppage of further construction activities. With these directions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposals.

The proposals were also discussed in the 74th meeting wherein the Standing Committee decided to further not list the proposals till the proceedings as per the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 in respect of the violations are completed and direct the Regional Office, Chandigarh of the Ministry to monitor and submit the updates on the actions against violations for every 3 months to the Ministry.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Haryana informed that the construction works have been stopped and cases have been filed for violation of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 in special Environment Court, Faridabad on 31st October, 2023.

The Chairman noted that lots of construction have come up surrounding Sultanpur National Park in which water is supplied through the canal from Rohtak. The water might also get polluted if proper solid waste management is not practiced. There should be seriousness in actions taken for protection of Sultanpur National Park and its ESZ.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a site inspection team shall carry out visit of the project areas and submit factual report. This violation issue must be dealt seriously. The Standing Committee therefore, decided to defer the proposals for the next meeting.

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

The proposal was discussed by the Standing Committee in the 69th meeting held on 29th July, 2022 wherein the Standing Committee recommended that the proposal may be examined by the WII, Dehradun for suggesting mitigation measures. WII submitted its report vide letter dated 22nd May 2023 wherein it has been observed that the road proposal is already completed excepting blacktopping within the sanctuary area. The necessary widening through rock cutting has already been done by PWD. A total of 12.826 Crores out of the total project cost of 14.50 Crores, have already been spent in constructing this road by the Himachal Pradesh PWD. In addition to the proposed 3 no's of muck dumping sites evidences of muck, rocks and boulders cut for road expansion have been dumped in the slopes all along the road and especially near the drainage structures. The calculation of the total area to be diverted from the sanctuary (1.59 ha) is wrongly calculated by the User Agency. The total diversion of area will be around 5.10 ha and not 1.59 ha as mentioned in the proposal.

The proposal has been discussed in the 73rd meeting of the Standing Committee wherein it was decided to return the proposal for re-submission as there is huge variation in actual requirement and the area as per the proposal. The State Government shall take action against the violation and an action taken report with regard to the reported violations shall be submitted before the next meeting.

The proposal was again discussed in the 74th meeting wherein the Standing Committee took note that the report from the State Government is still awaited and decided to defer the matter for discussion in the next meeting.

The Chief Wild Life Warden accepted that there has been violation and the requirement of land from the sanctuary for the project is also 5.10 ha instead of 1.59 ha mentioned in the proposal. Road construction has been carried out except for black topping. The

names of the officials from the PWD have been obtained and the Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, PWD, has been requested to take action them. The Forest Department staff who were posted during the violations have been identified and an officer of the level of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has been appointed as enquiry officer to fix responsibility for negligence. The DFO posted at the time when violations occurred has been transferred. The State Government would keep the Ministry informed of the actions taken against the reported violations. A proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act is being prepared for submission to the Regional Office of the Ministry.

The Member Secretary informed that Himachal Pradesh does not have a regular Chief Wild Life Warden in place.

The Chief Wild Life Warden informed that in Himachal Pradesh, PCCF (Wildlife) has been given the charge of Chief Wild Life Warden. However, at present, the charge of Chief Wild Life Warden has been given to the PCCF and HoFF and posting of regular Chief Wild Life Warden is awaited.

Dr. H. S. Singh proposed that serious action should be taken against violators.

DGF & SS mentioned that the area involve in violation is large and action should be taken by the State Government against the violators.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the matter till the submission of report by the State Government.

- 75.2.6** Proposal for expansion of Grain based Distillery from 85 KLPD to 285 KLPD and Co-generation Power Plant from 1.5 to 9 MW by new installation of 200 KLPD Grain based Ethanol Plant at Plot no. 1 & 1A, Industrial area, Phase III, Sansarpur Terrace, Tehsil Jaswan, District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh by M/s. Premier Alcobev Pvt. Ltd.

WL/HP/IND/402918/2022

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for expansion of Grain based Distillery from 85 KLPD to 285 KLPD and Co-generation Power Plant from 1.5 to 9 MW by new installation of 200 KLPD Grain based Ethanol Plant at Plot no. 1 & 1A, Industrial area, Phase III, Sansarpur Terrace, Tehsil Jaswan, District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh by M/s. Premier Alcobev Pvt. Ltd.

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

A proposal for expansion of grain based distillery (45 KLPD to 85 KLPD) and co-generation power plant (1.3 MW to 1.5 MW) by Premier Alcobev Private Limited (FP/HP/IND/4727/2019) at this location has been recommended by the Standing Committee in its 69th meeting held on 29th July, 2022.

Ministry had sought details regarding discharge from the State Government, who have informed that the existing plant is running on 100% zero discharge in compliance to the conditions imposed by the Standing Committee whereby the capacity was enhanced from 45 KLPD to 85 KLPD.

The proposal was taken up for discussion in the 74th meeting wherein the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal as no official from the State Government was available to brief the Standing Committee about the project proposal with a view to have E-Flow study of the project.

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

1. There shall be zero discharge from the proposed plant.
2. There shall be no adverse impact on the fauna and flora of the Pong Dam Lake Sanctuary because of this Grain Based Distillery Plant.
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 of India.

75.2.7 Proposal for Redevelopment of Police staff quarters on plot bearing C.T.S. No. 258/A (Old Sy.No. 89/P, 88/P, 87/P, 77/P, 76/P, 70/P, 73/P, 72/P, 71/P, 69, 66, 63/P, 68, 67, 65, 57/P, 64/P) Aarey Village (SRPF), at Goregaon (E) Mumbai over an area of 8.959 ha about 2.95 km away from Sanjay Gandhi National Park in its notified Eco-Sensitive Zone.

FP/MH/Others/5490/2020

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for Redevelopment of Police staff quarters over an area of 8.959 ha about 2.95 km away from Sanjay Gandhi National Park in its notified Eco-Sensitive Zone.

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

The Standing Committee was informed that the construction was already done and it is a case of violations.

The proposal was taken up for discussion in the 74th meeting wherein the Standing Committee decided to seek a detailed report from the State Government regarding the action taken for violation and accordingly decided to defer the project proposal.

The action taken report is still awaited from the State Government.

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra informed that a report has been sought from the Director General of Police and it would be followed up.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that the Director General of Police shall be present in the next meeting with the report regarding action taken on the violations and therefore, deferred the matter.

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

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

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

The proposal was discussed in the 73rd meeting of the Standing Committee wherein it was decided that the State Government shall take immediate steps to settle rights and claims in the forest areas

near the Shettihalli Sanctuary, and submit report before the next meeting. Accordingly, the proposal was deferred.

The proposal was again taken up for discussion in the 74th meeting wherein the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal till the next meeting for want of report from the State Government regarding the action taken for addition of areas to the buffer zone of Bhadra Tiger Reserve.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Karnataka informed that as per the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, public consultations with seven Gram Sabha have been held regarding addition of these forest areas to the buffer zone of Bhadra Tiger Reserve. There has been opposition to the proposed inclusion. However, the State Government is taking serious efforts for addition of these areas to the buffer zone of the Bhadra Tiger Reserve. The Chief Wild Life Warden mentioned that it would take some more time to convince local people.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that the Chief Wild Life Warden shall take effective steps for notification of additional areas as buffer zone of Bhadra Tiger Reserve and submit report and therefore, decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

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

FP/MN/Others/5539/2020

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal for diversion of 82.54 ha of land [i.e. for construction of Golf Course (42.14 ha) and Resort (40.40 ha)] falling within the Eco-Sensitive Zone of Keibul Lamjao National Park and Khongjaingamba Ching Sanctuary for the proposed Loktak Lake Eco-Tourism Project of Tourism Department, Manipur was first considered by the Standing Committee in its 67th meeting.

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

The proposal was again considered in the 73rd and 74th meeting wherein it was decided to defer the proposal till the meeting is

convened in Manipur to discuss the proposal with officials of the State Forest Department, Loktak Development Authority and other stakeholders.

The meeting could not be conducted in Manipur due to unforeseen circumstances.

Decision taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal noting that the meeting to discuss the proposal with officials of the State Forest Department, Loktak Development Authority and other stakeholders could not be held.

75.2.10 a. Proposal for collection of Minor Minerals from Song 1, 2, 3 and Jakhan 1, 2 of Dehradun Forest division, Uttarakhand.
FP/UK/MIN/38285/2020

b. Proposal for extraction of RBM over an area of 9.878 ha by Windlass RBM Mining Project
FP/UK/MIN/5059/2020

c. Proposal for extraction of RBM over an area of 13.161 ha by Windlass RBM Mining Project
FP/UK/MIN/5052/2020

The Standing Committee was informed that these proposals for mining of River Bed Materials in the default Eco-sensitive Zones around Rajaji Tiger Reserve were considered by the Standing Committee and deferred.

The Standing Committee in the 67th meeting held on 25th March 2022 had decided that the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) shall be requested to prepare a holistic plan for critical passage of wild animal for the landscape around 10 km from the Rajaji Tiger Reserve to identify zones for sand and boulder mining within two months. It was therefore, decided to defer the proposal.

Accordingly, Ministry requested WII for preparation of a holistic plan for critical passage of wild animal for the landscape around 10 km from Rajaji Tiger Reserve. WII has submitted the plan.

In the 72nd meeting, the Standing Committee decided to request the WII to conduct a study in the areas of Uttar Pradesh which lie within a 10 km radius around Rajaji Tiger Reserve and submit the report within two months for further examination.

The proposals were again discussed in the 73rd and 74th meetings of the Standing Committee. In the 74th meeting, the Standing Committee noted that Report from the Wildlife Institute of India is yet to be received and decided that the Ministry shall convene a

meeting with the WII, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand Forest Department Officials to facilitate the details required by the WII and the accordingly the proposals were deferred.

A meeting was convened on 9th October 2023 under the Chairmanship of Additional Director General of Forest (WL) along with the Director, WII, Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttar Pradesh and Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttarakhand. In the meeting ADGF (WL) emphasized that the State Government of Uttar Pradesh must provide the necessary data to WII promptly so that WII could complete its report by the end of October, 2023.

The requisite information is yet to be provided by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh to the WII.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttar Pradesh assured that the details would be provided to the WII within a week's time.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposals to the next meeting noting the commitment given by the Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttar Pradesh to furnish the necessary information to Uttarakhand.

- 75.2.11** Proposal for use of 400.89 ha for construction of Jamrani Drinking Water Multipurpose Project, Nanital, Uttarakhand in Dudhwa Lagga Tiger Corridor.

FP/UK/WATER/5918/2021

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 400.89 ha for construction of Jamrani Drinking Water Multipurpose Project, Nanital, Uttarakhand in Dudhwa Lagga Tiger Corridor.

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

The proposal was taken up for discussion in the 74th meeting wherein the Standing Committee decided that the proposal shall be examined by a site inspection committee under the Chairmanship of Sri H. S. Singh, representative of Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, CWLW, Uttarakhand and one representative from the Ministry and accordingly, deferred the proposal for the next meeting.

The Ministry constituted a committee vide letter WL – 6/125/2023 WL dated 27th September, 2023 for site inspection and submission of report.

The site inspection report of the committee is yet to be received.

The Chairman observed that the proposal has not been recommended by the NTCA and therefore, it should not be recommended by the Standing Committee.

Member Secretary, NTCA informed that the area has fragile ecosystem and this project would lead to submergence of the tiger corridor.

DGF & SS mentioned that this project would lead to submergence of area from Kathgodam to Ranibagh and therefore should be rejected.

The Secretary suggested that there is no need of site visit.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttarakhand mentioned that the project has been approved by the Central Cabinet and it has been declared as project of national importance. He informed that the visit of the committee has been planned from 18.11.2023 and therefore requested to defer any decision on the proposal till the receipt of the report of site inspection committee.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the matter to the next meeting.

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

The Standing Committee was informed that a proposal for development of residential township (198.801 acres) at Sector-3, 4 & 4A, village Islamnagar Pinjore-Kalka Urban complex, Panchkula, Haryana by Magnolia Propbuild Private Limited was recommended by the SCNBWL in its 33rd meeting held on 14th March, 2015 along with the conditions prescribed by Chief Wild Life Warden located within default 10 km ESZ of Sukhna Sanctuary on Haryana side. At a later stage, the MPPL filed an insolvency. Thereafter Trident Hills Private Limited (THPL) was admitted in Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process ("CIRP") via an order dated 13th December 2018. Hon'ble NCLT vide its order dated 6th August 2021 mentioned thereafter all the compliance of such approvals shall be fulfilled by THPL.

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

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

The Forest Conservation Division adopts a defined procedure for name change in cases of project proposals approved for diversion.

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

The Ministry has designed a format for submission of application for name transfer and developed draft guidelines which are placed for consideration of the Standing Committee.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee desired to have a presentation on the format and the draft guidelines and therefore, decided to defer the matter to the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO 3

(Amendment in the minutes of previous meetings)

- 75.3.1** Proposal for use of 6.704 ha of land from Piliphit Tiger Reserve for railway electrification work of Kuraiya-Dudhiyakhurd Section from CH.No.212.520 to 213.070 and Sandai-Mala Section from CH. No. 242.310 to 250.140 in Connection with the work of Railway electrification of Daliganj-Mailani-Kasganj Section of Izzatnagar Division of North-Eastern Railway in District-Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh-

(FP/UP/RAIL/6173/2021)

The Standing Committee was informed that an online proposal was received from Government of Uttar Pradesh for use of 6.704 ha of land from Pilibhit Tiger Reserve for railway electrification work of Kuraiya-Dudhiyakhurd Section from CH.No.212.520 to 213.070 and Sandai-Mala Section from CH. No. 242.310 to 250.140 in Connection with the work of Railway electrification of Daliganj-Mailani-Kasganj Section of Izzatnagar Division of North-Eastern Railway in District-Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh. The proposal was considered and recommended with certain conditions by the Standing Committee in the 73rd meeting.

One of the conditions imposed by the Standing Committee was that *Amount of Net Present Value (N.P.V.) shall be paid by the User Agency as per directions issued by Ministry of Environment of Forest (FC Division), New Delhi vide Letter No. F.No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and Letter No.F.No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 19.01.2025 for proposed of Forest land.*

This condition was imposed based on the recommendations of the Chief Wild Life Warden and the State Board for Wild Life.

Another proposal for use of 6.704 ha of forest land from Pilibhit Tiger Reserve for Mailani-Pilibhit Gauge Conversion from chainage 212.50-213.070 KM and 242.310-250.140 Km (8.38 KM) between Kuriya-Dudhiyakhurd and Sandai Mala, Uttar Pradesh was considered and recommended by Standing Committee in 62nd meeting held on 30.03.2021. One of the conditions imposed by the Standing Committee while recommending the proposal was that the NPV as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India and Government of Uttar Pradesh shall be borne by the user agency.

Now the Chief Wild Life Warden vide his letter informed that the user agency for the proposal for gauge conversion in the 62nd meeting has deposited NPV of Rs.297,33,000/-. Now the proposal for electrification recommended by the Standing Committee in the 73rd

meeting is for the same railway lines. He has requested a clarification regarding deposition of NPV for same condition.

Shri H. S. Singh mentioned that the Chief Wild Life Warden should not have recommended the proposal again with the conditions of deposition of NPV for the same area.

The Chairman suggested that the relevant policy decisions taken by the Standing Committee regarding consideration of the project proposals by the Standing Committee should be compiled.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to omit the condition, '*Amount of Net Present Value (N.P.V.) shall be paid by the User Agency as per directions issued by Ministry of Environment of Forest (FC Division), New Delhi vide Letter No. F.No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and Letter No.F.No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 19.01.2025 for proposed of Forest land.*' from its recommendations in the 73rd meeting with respect to this proposal.

- 75.3.2** Proposal for use of 54 ha of forest land from Buffer Zone of Nagarjuna Sagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve (NSTR) for rehabilitation and up-gradation of National Highway-565 from Km 133.922 to Km 154.900 (Davupally to Mallapalem Junction) to two lanes with paved shoulders, Andhra Pradesh.

FP/AP/ROAD/146577/2021

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal for use of 54 ha of forest land from Buffer Zone of Nagarjuna Sagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve (NSTR) for rehabilitation and up-gradation of National Highway-565 from Km 133.922 to Km 154.900 (Davupally to Mallapalem Junction) to two lanes with paved shoulders, Andhra Pradesh was recommended in the 74th meeting by the Standing Committee with certain conditions. The Regional Empowered Committee under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 recommended only 35.9728 ha of forest land instead of 54 ha proposed in the original proposal. However, the site inspection committee by the NTCA acknowledged that some additional working space would be required for constructing the mitigation structures and therefore recommended 38.60 ha for use by the User Agency.

Though discussed in the 74th meeting, the reduction in area recommended for the project from the buffer zone was not specifically mentioned in the minutes. Now, the State Government has requested for amendment in the minutes of the meeting.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend use of 38.60 ha of forest land from Buffer Zone of Nagarjuna Sagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve (NSTR) for rehabilitation

and up-gradation of National Highway-565 from Km 133.922 to Km 154.900 (Davupally to Mallapalem Junction) to two lanes with paved shoulders, Andhra Pradesh (FP/AP/ROAD/146577/2021) as against 54 ha mentioned in the recommendations of the Standing Committee with the conditions mentioned for the agenda item no. 74.5.1 discussed in the minutes of its 74th meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO 4

75.4 Fresh Proposals falling inside / Outside the Protected Area)

- 75.4.1** Proposal for use of 32.25 ha of land from the tiger corridor connecting Nagarjunasagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve) with Sri Venkateswara Wildlife Sanctuary in Nandyal and Giddalur division for execution of various engineering works for doubling railway line between Guntur and Guntakal stations, Andhra Pradesh.

FP/AP/RAIL/147706/2021

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 32.25 ha of land from the tiger corridor connecting Nagarjunasagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve) with Sri Venkateswara Wildlife Sanctuary in Nandyal and Giddalur division for execution of various engineering works for doubling railway line between Guntur and Guntakal stations, Andhra Pradesh.

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.

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

1. The proposed area will be utilized only for the purpose for which the user agency has sought, but not for any other commercial purpose.
2. The User Agency should inform the commencement of the work. The diversion work will be executed under the supervision of the Forest Department
3. The User Agency should invariably demarcate the proposed land for diversion with any suitable permanent stones/pillars. After demarcation only the works should be commenced.
4. The User Agency should not resort to the excavation of the surrounding forest land for collection of the earth to be used. If such excavation is found during the work period or later, the User Agency will be charged with suitable provisions of relevant acts.
5. The User Agency shall obey any other conditions stipulated by the Forest Department as per Acts and Rules.

6. The User Agency will be solely responsible for every violation which attracts the provisions of A.P. Forest Act and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
7. The Mitigation measures will be implemented as part of Wildlife Mitigation Plan and Conservation of Wildlife plan funds for Rs. 1,483.00 lakhs submitted by the User Agency and approved by the Chief Wild Life Warden, Andhra Pradesh.
8. The User Agency to deposit an amount of 5% of the proportionate project cost in the said area in the Biodiversity Society of Andhra Pradesh (BIOSAP) Account of the State of Andhra Pradesh as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court Orders (vide I.A. Nos. 1865 & 2059 in W.P. (c) No. 202/1995) towards to take up immediate Mitigation Measures and to avoid Man-Animal Conflicts.
9. Wildlife signage boards to be erected in and around the entire project.
10. The User Agency has submitted undertaking that, "Any modification proposed at a later stage after approval of TCP and Tiger Corridor Plan will be implemented". Sufficient budget provision for any modifications in future will be made in the project costs and compliance report will be submit the on this aspect".
11. Work shall be carried out only from dawn to dusk.
12. No labour camps to be established in the protected area.
13. 16 underpasses, 28 pipe culverts and 28 canopy bridges have been proposed for the existing and proposed tracks. Since the landscape has presence of tigers, the minimum height of the underpasses should be 5 m in adherence to WII Guidelines.
14. The existing track also needs to be retrofitted with smart green infrastructures. The underpasses on the proposed track shall be placed at the locations of existing underpasses along the existing track so as to allow the animals to move across both tracks and also at regular intervals so as to provide passage to animals.
15. Railways should ensure that all underpasses are fortified with integrated options of light and sound barriers, camouflaging, and landscaping including restoration habitat beneath underpasses after construction.
16. In order to avoid animal crossing and prevent wildlife mortality, the Railway should construct chain link mesh fencing with a height of at least 10 feet for a stretch of 100 m on both sides of the animal underpasses.

17. Sound based early warning systems near sensitive places such as cutting locations, tunnels and turnings etc., to alert loco pilot as well as animals regularly.
18. All electric poles within wildlife areas should be equipped with anti-climbing structures for arboreal species and spikes/diverter mirrors for preventing the birds to perch by the User Agency.
19. User Agency should ensure that the construction period within tiger corridor area is kept minimal. Pre-fabricated structures should be used to the maximum possible extent to reduce the extent of disturbance in the habitat.
20. No construction material should be procured from forest. Construction debris should be disposed outside the forest area.
21. Further, caution signboards (fluorescent/radium) at every 500 meters about animal crossing, restriction on feeding animals, garbage dumping, etc. as per the advice of the Forest Department should be provided by the Railway all along the forest patches on the railway track.
22. Steps should be taken by Railway for enhancing the visibility for train drivers along sensitive sections by clearing vegetation (weeds and shrubs), leveling mounds (under supervision of Forest Department) and putting solar-light posts at appropriate places.
23. Regular clearance of vegetation around blind curves should be done by the Railways to improve visibility. All blind curves should be fenced by Railways to prevent wildlife from crossing across these blind curves and avoid wildlife mortality.
24. CWLW, Andhra Pradesh should develop an appropriate monitoring mechanism to monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated herein.
25. The animal passage plan shall be implemented by the User Agency with such modifications as or may be suggested by the NTCA and the State Government.
26. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government of India.

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

WL/HR/Others/420554/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 3.67 ha land for Affordable Group Housing Colony by M/s Mega Infratech Pvt. Ltd. at Village- Garhi Harsaru, Sector 95 B, Gurugram at a distance ranging from 4.12 to 4.33 kilometer from the boundary of Sultanpur National Park within its Eco-Sensitive Zone.

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

As per the proposal, no construction activity has begun at the project site. The Chief Wild Life Warden had recommended a Wildlife Conservation Plan of about Rs. 7 cr for mitigation of impacts due to the Project.

The Member Secretary, NBWL mentioned that the User Agency has not submitted any solid waste disposal plan with the project proposal.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee that a site inspection team shall carry out visit of the project area and submit factual report. The Standing Committee therefore, decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

75.4.3 Proposal for construction of New Broad Gauge Railway Line over an area of 72.8563 ha (24.0609 ha forest land and 48.7954 ha non-forest land) in Distt.-Panchkula, Haryana at an aerial distance ranging from 1.110 km to 10 km from the boundary of Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary.

WL/HR/RAIL/442159/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for construction of New Broad Gauge Railway Line over an area of 72.8563 ha (24.0609 ha forest land and 48.7954 ha non-forest land) in District - Panchkula, Haryana at an aerial distance ranging from 1.110 km to 10 km from the boundary of Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary.

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

Out of 23.250 km of total length of the proposed railway line in the default ESZ of 10 km from the boundary of the Sukhna Sanctuary on Haryana side, 12.725 km shall be elevated track. In the remaining 10.625 km of the track, 13 bridges and 8 no. of ROBs/RUBs.

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

1. The clearance of the forest related laws, rules and instructions shall be obtained from the Conservator of Forests (Forests Conservation)/or concerned Territorial Wing of Forest Department.
2. The User Agency shall seek necessary/mandatory permissions from the other concerned departments as applicable and shall not violate the Hon'ble Court order, if any.
3. All activities inside Eco-Sensitive Zone, shall be implemented in consultation with Divisional Wildlife Officer, Panchkula. Project Authority shall not violate by any means the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
4. The proposed Conservation Plan with a cost of Rs. 24.8 crore shall be implemented. Project Authority shall deposit the amount in the O/o Divisional Wildlife Office, Panchkula.
5. Till the funds are not deposited by the User Agency, no activity shall be allowed on the site.
6. The User Agency shall fell only the minimum number of trees while executing the work.
7. Care shall be taken to ensure no incidents of fire occur in the forest area. No explosives shall be used.
8. Noise limit of all the construction equipments etc. shall be fixed as guided by any expert deputed by the Forest/Wildlife Department, Haryana.
9. Project Authority shall not violate any provision of Ministry of Environment and Forest notification and Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary.
10. Implementation of a project for the construction and maintenance of Khels/water holes (small water points) in the surrounding villages. Regular filling of water in these points shall ensure a steady water supply for wildlife and improve their habitat.
11. Undertaking habitat improvement activities in the buffer zone to enhance food availability for wildlife. This shall include measures to encourage the growth of natural vegetation and promote a diverse range of food sources for animals.
12. Erecting feeding platforms and providing artificial nests on trees to support wildlife in the area. These platforms and nests shall offer additional food and shelter options for various species.
13. Launching an extensive awareness program among the local communities to emphasize the significance of

wildlife conservation. Educating them about the importance of preserving plants and animals and discouraging poaching and harming endangered species.

14. Implementing soil and moisture conservation initiatives in the buffer zone area to prevent erosion and maintain the ecological balance. This shall help sustain the environment for both wildlife and the local population.
15. Green area development by planting suitable species and shrubs in accordance with the local conditions to create a wildlife-friendly environment in the buffer zone. These efforts shall enrich the ecosystem and enhance the overall environment.
16. Setting up water harvesting systems in the proposed site to collect and store rainwater. This shall aid in maintaining water availability for wildlife during dry periods and contribute to ecological sustainability.
17. Conducting educational campaigns to sensitize the local population about the importance of adhering to speed limits while driving through areas where wild animals frequently cross roads. This shall reduce the risk of accidents and animal fatalities.
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 of India.

75.4.4 Proposal for use of 0.175 ha of forest land from Koderma Wildlife Sanctuary for electrification of Phulwaria Village in Koderma, Jharkhand.

FP/JH/TRANS/36983/2018

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.175 ha of forest land from Koderma Wildlife Sanctuary for electrification of Phulwaria Village in Koderma, Jharkhand.

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. Insulated cables shall be used in the stretch of proposed transmission line passing through the sanctuary.

2. The minimum clearance of ground to the lowest conductor of overhead lines should be 6 meters.
3. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the protected area.
4. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the protected area.
5. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the protected area.
6. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the protected area.
7. There shall be no labour camp within protected area.
8. There shall be no high mast/beam/search lights on the poles inside the protected area.
9. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of the protected area.
10. The user agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
11. Management plan for the area below the transmission lines shall be prepared and implemented at the cost of the User Agency.
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 of India.

75.4.5 Proposal for use of 1.1979 ha of land from Overa-Aru Wildlife Sanctuary for upgradation and Re-Development of Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation Limited Unit at Aru, Pehalgam, UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

WL/JK/INFRA/433714/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.1979 ha of land from Overa-Aru Wildlife Sanctuary for upgradation and Re-Development of Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation Limited Unit at Aru, Pehalgam, UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

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

Shri H. S. Singh enquired if additional area is required for execution of the proposed project.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Jammu and Kashmir clarified that proposed works shall be carried out in the area which is already with the User Agency.

The Member Secretary informed that the User Agency has also submitted a mitigation plan.

DGF & SS mentioned that the User Agency should get the lease renewed properly and regularly. It should be one of the conditions for recommending the proposal.

The Chairman observed that there would not be any felling of trees.

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

1. The proprietary and the legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
2. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.
3. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue.
4. No harm to any wildlife species shall be done, if found accidentally in the project area.
5. User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, Hon'ble High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and orders of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir in this regard.
6. Waste material including muck generated during execution of proposal shall be disposed of outside the protected area.
7. The User Agency shall ensure disposal of solid waste generated during functioning of proposed amenities, outside the protected area.
8. The User Agency shall fence its area with animal proof fencing.
9. The area proposed shall not be used by the User Agency for any purpose other than proposed.
10. The land so allowed to be used shall be returned to the department free of any encumbrances when it is no longer required by the User Agency.

11. The User Agency shall abide by all the conditions laid down in the sanction order/approval issued by the Competent Authority.
12. The User Agency shall implement the mitigation plan submitted through the Chief Wild Life Warden.
13. The lease for the area shall be renewed properly and regularly by the User Agency.
14. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government of India.

75.4.6 Proposal for use of 3.1 ha of land from Ram nagar Wildlife Sanctuary for upgradation and Re-Development of Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation Limited Unit Hotel Ashoka at Jammu, UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

WL/JK/INFRA/433892/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the is proposal for use of 3.1 ha of land from Ramnagar Wildlife Sanctuary for upgradation and Re-Development of Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation Limited Unit Hotel Ashoka at Jammu, UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

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, Jammu and Kashmir clarified that proposed works shall be carried out in the area which is already with the User Agency.

Shri H. S. Singh enquired if additional area is required for execution of the proposed project.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Jammu and Kashmir clarified that proposed works shall be carried out in the area which is already with the User Agency.

The Member Secretary informed that the User Agency has also submitted a mitigation plan.

DGF & SS mentioned that the User Agency should get the lease renewed properly and regularly. It should be one the conditions for recommending the proposal.

The Chairman observed that there would not be any felling of trees.

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

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

75.4.7 Proposal for use of 3.2 ha of land from Gulmarg Wildlife Sanctuary for Upgradation and Re-Development of Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation Limited Unit at Gulmarg, UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

WL/JK/INFRA/433873/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the is proposal for use of 3.2 ha of land from Gulmarg Wildlife Sanctuary for Upgradation and Re-Development of Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation Limited Unit at Gulmarg, UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

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

Shri H. S. Singh enquired if additional area is required for execution of the proposed project.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Jammu and Kashmir clarified that proposed works shall be carried out in the area which is already with the User Agency.

The Member Secretary informed that the User Agency has also submitted a mitigation plan.

DGF & SS mentioned that the User Agency should get the lease renewed properly and regularly. It should be one the conditions for recommending the proposal.

The Chairman observed that there would not be any felling of trees.

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

1. The proprietary and the legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
2. The User Agency shall pay NPV (Net Present Value) in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

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

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

FP/KA/ROAD/49295/2020

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FP/KL/Others/6127/2021

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

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

Member Secretary, NBWL mentioned that the area of the sanctuary is 2.74 ha.

Shri H. S. Singh observed that the project site is quite far from the sanctuary.

DGF & SS suggested that the SACON could be assigned the task of monitoring the conditions and implementation of waste disposal plan proposed by the User Agency.

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

1. No activities will be carried out by the User Agency before sun rise and after sun set.
2. The waste management plan submitted by the User Agency shall be implemented in toto.
3. The User Agency shall provide necessary funding assistance to the SACON, Coimbatore for monitoring the conditions and implementation of the waste management plan and impact on avian biology.
4. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government of India.

75.4.10 Proposal for use of 0.748 ha for Proposed Residential project to be developed by M/s Noel Villas & Apartments at Survey Nos. 254/13-2, 254/13-3, 254/13-4, 254/13-5, 254/14-2, 255/13-2, Maradu Village, Maradu Municipality, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala 8.30 kms away from Mangalavanam Bird Sanctuary from its default ESZ.

FP/KL/Others/6047/2021

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.748 ha for Proposed Residential project to be developed by M/s Noel Villas & Apartments at Survey Nos. 254/13-2, 254/13-3, 254/13-4, 254/13-5, 254/14-2, 255/13-2, Maradu Village, Maradu Municipality, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala 8.30 kms away from Mangalavanam Bird Sanctuary from its default ESZ.

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

Member Secretary, NBWL mentioned that the area of the sanctuary is 2.74 ha.

Shri H. S. Singh observed that the project site is quite far from the sanctuary.

DGF & SS suggested that the SACON could be assigned the task of monitoring the conditions and implementation of waste disposal plan proposed by the User Agency.

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

1. The User Agency shall create greenery in available space after completion of the project.
2. The waste management plan submitted by the User Agency shall be implemented in toto.
3. The User Agency shall provide necessary funding assistance to the SACON, Coimbatore for monitoring the conditions and implementation of the waste management plan and impact on avian biology.
4. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government of India.

75.4.11 Proposal for use of 1.899 ha for proposed Housing Project ("Sobha Silver Sand") of M/s Sobha Limited at Nadama Village, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala 8 kms away from Mangalavanam Bird Sanctuary in default Eco-sensitive Zone.

FP/KL/Others/4870/2020

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.899 ha for proposed Housing Project ("Sobha Silver Sand") of M/s Sobha Limited at Nadama Village, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala 8 kms away from Mangalavanam Bird Sanctuary 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.

Member Secretary, NBWL mentioned that the area of the sanctuary is 2.74 ha.

Shri H. S. Singh observed that the project site is quite far from the sanctuary.

DGF & SS suggested that the SACON could be assigned the task of monitoring the conditions and implementation of waste disposal plan proposed by the User Agency.

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

1. The User Agency shall plant sufficient number of trees in the project site after completion.
2. The waste management plan submitted by the User Agency shall be implemented in toto.
3. The User Agency shall provide necessary funding assistance to the SACON, Coimbatore for monitoring the conditions and implementation of the waste management plan and impact on avian biology.
4. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government of India.

75.4.12 Proposal for use of 15.545 ha for Expansion of Existing Hospital Project with Hotel, Convention Centre, Service Apartment, supporting Services & Infrastructure facilities jointly developed by M/s DM Healthcare Pvt. Ltd., M/s Ambady Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. and M/s DM Medicity Hospitals India Pvt. at 5.7 Kms away from Mangalavanam Bird Sanctuary in default Eco-sensitive Zone.

FP/KL/DISP/1844/2017

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 15.545 ha for Expansion of Existing Hospital Project with Hotel, Convention Centre, Service Apartment, supporting Services & Infrastructure facilities jointly developed by M/s DM Healthcare Pvt. Ltd., M/s Ambady Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. and M/s DM Medicity Hospitals India Pvt. 5.7 Kms away from Mangalavanam Bird Sanctuary 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.

Member Secretary, NBWL mentioned that the area of the sanctuary is 2.74 ha.

Shri H. S. Singh observed that the project site is quite far from the sanctuary.

DGF & SS suggested that the SACON could be assigned the task of monitoring the conditions and implementation of waste disposal plan proposed by the User Agency.

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

1. The User Agency shall plant five times the number of trees felled for the construction of the project.
2. The bio-medical waste generated shall be disposed of in accordance with guidelines issued by the Government from time to time.
3. The User Agency shall provide necessary funding assistance to the SACON, Coimbatore for monitoring the conditions and implementation of the waste management plan and impact on avian biology.
4. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government of India.

75.4.13 Proposal for use of 6.75 ha for Proposed Residential Project "Marine View at Marine Drive" at Ernakulam Village, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala of M/s Puravankara Projects Ltd 800 m away from Mangalavanam Bird Sanctuary in default Eco-sensitive Zone.

FP/KL/Others/4683/2019.

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 6.75 ha for Proposed Residential Project "Marine View at Marine Drive" at Ernakulam Village, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala of M/s Puravankara Projects Ltd 800 m away from Mangalavanam Bird Sanctuary 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.

Member Secretary, NBWL mentioned that the area of the sanctuary is 2.74 ha. He further suggested that SACON could out an impact assessment study.

Shri H. S. Singh observed that the project site is very near the sanctuary and may be re-examined.

DGF & SS suggested that the SACON could be assigned the task of monitoring the conditions and implementation of waste disposal plan proposed by the User Agency.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee noting that the project site is very close to the sanctuary decided that the SACON shall carry out site inspection and impact assessment study on the sanctuary due to the project. The Standing Committee therefore, decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

- 75.4.14** Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of land from Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of proposed 4G Mobile Tower at Village Chibra Kargyam Village, UT of Ladakh.

WL/LA/CommPost/430420/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of land from Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of proposed 4G Mobile Tower at Village Chibra Kargyam Village, UT of Ladakh.

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 approve the proposal subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall provide a certificate issued by the Collector and District Magistrate to the effect that no alternate land outside the protected areas is available for the project proposal.
2. The User Agency shall not violate any provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
3. The User Agency shall not harm or destroy wildlife habitat including fauna and flora of the sanctuary.
4. The User Agency shall ensure that they will not create any dumping site within the Protected Area.
5. The User Agency shall not establish any temporary or permanent labour camp in the protected area.
6. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire places or use the firewood and bushes from the protected area.
7. The User Agency or its contractor shall be responsible for any act of forest and wildlife crime committed by its staff and labour inside the protected area.
8. Approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 if required, shall be obtained separately for use of forest land.
9. The User Agency shall deposit Net Present Value for the use of land of Protected area as per the guidelines.
10. The systems are to be operated through solar power.
11. To prevent overlapping high radiations fields, new towers should not be permitted within a radius of one kilometer of existing towers in ecologically sensitive areas. BSNL should ensure that installation of the tower should not obstruct flight path of birds, and also should not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area. This is in accordance with MoEFCC advisory issued in 2012.
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 of India.

74.5.15 Proposal for use of 22.8001 ha (0.0248 ha forestland and 22.7753 ha Non-Forestland) from tiger corridors for Eastern Vidharbha landscape involving Bor-Pench Tiger Reserve for laying of 18" dia underground Natural Gas Pipeline along with Optical Fiber Cable from MH/MP Border of Nagpur-Jabalpur in Nagpur District, Maharashtra.

WL/MH/Pipeline/408723/2022

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 22.8001 ha (0.0248 ha forestland and 22.7753 ha Non-

Forestland) from tiger corridors for Eastern Vidharbha landscape involving Bor-Pench Tiger Reserve for laying of 18" dia underground Natural Gas Pipeline along with Optical Fiber Cable from MH/MP Border of Nagpur-Jabalpur in Nagpur District, Maharashtra.

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

The NTCA has also recommended the proposal.

The Standing Committee was informed a portion of this gas pipeline in Madhya Pradesh was recommended in 74th meeting.

Member Secretary, NBWL mentioned that the proposal in the State of Madhya Pradesh was recommended subject to preparation of contingency plan and this proposal also does not have a contingency plan.

The Chairman suggested that the proposal may be recommended subject to preparation of contingency plan.

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

1. In Tiger Corridor area, the gas pipeline laying work shall be carried out within RoW, during day time only.
2. The User Agency shall restore the land after use/maintenance.
3. The User Agency shall compensate for any loss to forest/environment.
4. The User Agency shall seek permission from State Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance.
5. The User Agency shall have to submit NOC from the agency which holds the right to be the right of way.
6. Horizontal drilling machine shall be used for pipeline laying work inside corridor.
7. The length of trench dug at a time shall not exceed 500 m. which shall be filled up & compacted before digging next stretch of 500 m. to avoid accidental damage to wildlife inside the corridor.
8. While executing the work and thereafter also there shall be no violation of provisions Wild Life (Protection), Act 1972, by User Agency or their contractors.
9. A contingency plan shall be prepared by the User Agency to manage leakage / any accident which may affect the

aquatic birds and ecosystem. The contingency plan shall include:

- i. Leak detection system to immediately identify the leakages, if any.
 - ii. Remote operated valves (ROV) for terminating the pipeline operation and isolation.
 - iii. Stopping of pipeline operation and isolation of leaky segment by closing of block valves at Specializing valve (SV) stations.
 - iv. Intelligent pigging for monitoring of pipeline defects and maintaining pipeline integrity.
 - v. Impressed Current Cathodic protection to prevent corrosion
 - vi. Three layered PE coating on outer surface of the pipeline to prevent external corrosion
 - vii. Regular patrolling of the pipeline by Line walkers to prevent any third party incidents.
 - viii. In order to have effective control on the pipeline and for its optimum utilization and safety, an appropriate system such as Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) and Applications Software (APPS) package shall be implemented.
 - ix. Dedicated Pipeline integrity & Maintenance team for monitoring, maintenance and repairs of pipeline along with leak arresting equipment's and machines.
10. User Agency shall deposit 2% of project cost of areas falling in Tiger Corridor area for wildlife conservation and management activities of the State with Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Pench Tiger Foundation, Nagpur.
 11. Alignment of pipeline and OFC within tiger corridor shall be decided in a manner that tree felling is minimal.
 12. No construction material shall be procured from within the forest. The pipeline and OFC shall be covered with excavated materials after the construction. Construction debris should be disposed of away from the forest by the cost of the user agency.
 13. No alteration in the existing drainage pattern shall be allowed within the forest for implementing the proposed construction.
 14. No blasting shall be permitted for digging trenches within tiger corridor area.
 15. While laying the pipeline and OFC, the work shall be executed in a timely manner simultaneously excavating the trenches and laying the structures so as to minimize the disturbance to wildlife. The User Agency shall not

dig trenches along long stretches and leave them open for several weeks without completion of work.

16. Any future maintenance of the pipeline and OFC shall be subject to prior approval of the competent authority of Maharashtra Forest Department.
17. CWLW, Maharashtra shall develop a mechanism for monitoring the compliances of conditions stipulated herein.
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 of India.

75.4.16. Proposal for use of 0.405 ha land for proposed production of Linear Alkyl Benzene Sulphonic Acid (LABSA)- Detergeo Chem Private Limited 8.12 Kms away from the Pulicat Bird Sanctuary, Thiruvallur, Tamil Nadu.

FP/TN/IND/3719/2018

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.405 ha land for proposed production of Linear Alkyl Benzene Sulphonic Acid (LABSA)- Detergeo Chem Private Limited 8.12 Kms away from the Pulicat Bird Sanctuary, Thiruvallur, Tamil Nadu.

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

The DGF & SS enquired if the industry is existing one or new.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu clarified that this is a new industry.

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

1. The project proponent shall obtain all other statutory clearance and also submit impact mitigation plan of wild and marine life conservation of Pulicat Bird Sanctuary if required.
2. The project proponent shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance will be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.
3. Any other conditions stipulated by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Director,

Arignar Anna Zoological Park / Wild Life Warden, Chennai shall be followed.

4. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government of India.

75.4.17 Proposal for use of 0.47 ha of land from Sakkarakottai Bird Sanctuary for construction 4 Nos of 150 mm dia bore well at Kazhungu Check Post in Ramananthapuram district for the purpose of drinking water by Commandant, TSP XII Battalion, Manimuthar (Survey No.68), Tamil Nadu.

WL/TN/DRKWATER/440863/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.47 ha of land from Sakkarakottai Bird Sanctuary for construction 4 Nos of 150 mm dia bore well at Kazhungu Check Post in Ramananthapuram district for the purpose of drinking water by Commandant, TSP XII Battalion, Manimuthar (Survey No.68), Tamil Nadu.

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

The Member Secretary, NBWL desired to know if there is alternate source of drinking water supply in the district. As the underground water would be drawn from the sanctuary, this might lead to the sanctuary getting dried.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu stated that there are a series of PWD tanks in Ramanathapuram District which are filled by overflow of water from one tank to another. The sanctuary is a percolation pond and it is filled with flood water from other tank called the Big Tank. Only ground water would be taken from the sanctuary area and sanctuary would be filled with water from other tanks.

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

1. The project proponent shall obtain all other statutory clearance and also submit Impact Mitigation Plan of Wildlife Conservation of Sakkarakottai Birds Sanctuary if required.

2. The project proponent shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance will be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.
3. There should not be any disturbance to the bird feeding and breeding grounds.
4. Pipeline connecting bore well shall be placed below ground.
5. There shall not be any permanent structures inside the Sanctuary.
6. There shall not be any adverse changes in water regimes of Sanctuary due to the proposed project.
7. User agency shall monitor and maintain the ground water level and its interchange with surface water of Sanctuary.
8. Any other conditions stipulated by the Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve / Wildlife Warden, Ramanathapuram shall be followed.
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 of India.

75.4.18 Proposal for use of 0.315 ha of forest land from Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of UG Optical Fibre Cable along the roadside from Dharmapuri to Anchetti outside right of way across Woddappatti R.F. and Biligundala R.F. in Hosur Wildlife Division, Tamil Nadu.

WL/TN/OFC/436880/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.315 ha of forest land from Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of UG Optical Fibre Cable along the roadside from Dharmapuri to Anchetti outside right of way across Woddappatti R.F. and Biligundala R.F. in Hosur Wildlife Division, Tamil Nadu.

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 project proponent shall obtain all other statutory clearance, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation

- plan of Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.
2. All the material required for the work should be prepared outside the sanctuary.
 3. No fire places will be created inside the sanctuary.
 4. The work in the Sanctuary will be allowed only in the day time from 9 AM to 5 PM.
 5. No night camping by labour/survey personnel will be allowed inside the sanctuary area.
 6. Project personnel engaged in the project work shall observe the provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules made there under.
 7. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
 8. While undertaking the periodical maintenance works if any by the project proponent shall obtain prior approval of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wild Life Warden well in advance.
 9. The project proponent shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance will be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.
 10. The project proponent (Reliance JioInfocomm) also should offer facility of free data connection (unlimited 4G and upgraded version then there) to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wild Life Warden office/Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri and Wild Life Warden, Hosur office for facilitating the cause of conservation protection.
 11. Any other condition stipulated by the Conservator of Forests/Wild Life Warden shall be followed.
 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 of India.

75.4.19 Proposal for use of 3.72 ha of non-forest land from Pulicat Lake Bird Sanctuary for construction of Training walls for permanent stability of Bar Mouth at Pulicat village, Ponneri taluk, Tiruvallur district of Tamil Nadu over a length of 160m in North and 150mt in South with crest of 4 mtr.

WL/TN/Approach/411858/2022

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal for use of 3.72 ha of non-forest land from Pulicat Lake Bird Sanctuary for construction of Training walls for permanent stability of Bar Mouth at Pulicat village, Ponneri taluk, Tiruvallur district of Tamil Nadu over a length of 160m in North and 150mt in South with crest of 4 mtr.

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, Tamil Nadu stated that the proposal is from Fisheries Department and explained that the bar is required to be kept open to allow mixing of sea water with the water body to maintain the salinity and brackish nature of the water body.

The Member Secretary suggested that the socio-economic study may be conducted by SACON and NCSCM.

The Secretary, EF & CC observed that the maintenance of brackishness in the water body would help the fishermen.

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

1. The project proponent shall obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of Pulicat Birds Sanctuary, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.
2. All the materials required for the work should be prepared outside the Protected Area.
3. No fire places will be created inside the Protected Area.
4. The work in the Protected Area will be allowed only in the day time from 9 AM to 5 PM.
5. Project personnel engaged in the project work shall observe the provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules made there under.
6. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
7. While undertaking the periodical maintenance works if any by the project proponent shall obtain prior approval of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden well in advance.
8. The project proponent shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance will be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.
9. Any other condition stipulated by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Director / Wildlife Warden shall be followed.
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 of India.

75.4.20 Proposal for use of 215.834 ha non-forest land for Development of Industrial Park with Industrial Housing Facility at Soorapoondi and Vaniyamallee villages, Gummidipoondi Taluk, Thiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu 5.00 Kms away from the Pulicat Bird Sanctuary in its default Eco-sensitive Zone.

WL/TN/INFRA/442689/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 215.834 ha non-forest land for Development of Industrial Park with Industrial Housing Facility at Soorapoondi and Vaniyamallee villages, Gummidipoondi Taluk, Thiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu 5.00 Kms away from the Pulicat Bird Sanctuary in its 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 Standing Committee was informed that Dr. Sukumar in his email dated 05.11.2023 has mentioned that this proposal involves the use of 215.8 hectares of non-forest land in the default ESZ of Pulicat Bird Sanctuary for development of a major Industrial Park. Pulicat Lake is a unique coastal wetland on the east coast with large numbers of bird species and importance for coastal fisheries. He suggested that as a major Industrial Park can potentially make a large impact on the fauna of this wetland, a site inspection by a committee prior to granting clearance for this project.

Shri H. S. Singh stated that Dr. Sukumar has supposedly already carried out a study in the area and therefore, suggested that the proposal may be re-examined and a site visit may be carried out.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a site inspection committee constituted by the Ministry shall carry out inspection and submit report and therefore, deferred the matter for the next meeting.

75.4.21 Proposal for use of 17.661 ha of forest land (2.786 ha from core zone and 7.329 ha from buffer zone of Pilibhit Tiger Reserve and 7.546 ha from buffer zone of Dudhwa Tiger Reserve) for dredging work channelization of Sharda River near Village:

Rahul Ambe Chandiya Hazar in Tehsil: Puranpur, District: Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh.

FP/UP/Others/5143/2020

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 17.661 ha of forest land (2.786 ha from core zone and 7.329 ha from buffer zone of Pilibhit Tiger Reserve and 7.546 ha from buffer zone of Dudhwa Tiger Reserve) for dredging work channelization of Sharda River near Village: Rahul Ambe Chandiya Hazar in Tehsil: Puranpur, District: Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh.

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

The Member Secretary pointed out contradiction in the conditions proposed by the Chief Wild Life Warden and the NTCA. He mentioned that while the Chief Wild Life Warden has suggested against removal of any excavated earth material from the area, NTCA has suggested for disposal of debris and sediments outside the forest area. Removal of sediments and debris, boulders etc. would be against the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and therefore should not be allowed. The sediments and the boulders should therefore be used for stabilization of the channels.

DGF & SS opined that such removal would lead illegal sand mining.

Member Secretary, NTCA suggested that care should be taken so that the removed material does not get deposited in the channel.

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

1. The land shall not be used for any other purpose than specified for the purpose in the proposal.
2. The personnel working on the site should be well aware and will be bound to follow of provision of Wild Life Protection Act.
3. The project also involves 17.661 ha of reserve forest land therefore Forest Clearance as per provisions of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 will also be required.

4. The user agency will comply all the conditions imposed in the forest clearance under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
5. Amount of Net Present Value (N.P.V.) shall be paid by the User Agency as per directions contended in G. O. No writ 526/14-2-2008 dated 22-8-2008 of U.P.
6. User agency shall provide 2% proportionate cost of the project falling in eco-sensitive zone for implementation of mitigation measures and wildlife conservation plan duly approved by CWLW, U.P.
7. The user agency will ensure that no labour camp shall be established inside the sanctuary area 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 will arrange all the necessary equipment necessary for survey & demarcation.
9. The user agency will keep fire-fighting equipment as well as equipment to control ready for minimizing air and noise pollution at the site.
10. During the construction period, the User Agency shall establish two temporary forest check post along with the required manpower on its own cost.
11. The excavated pit shall be properly fenced so as to avoid injury/death of the wild animals in the sanctuary/forest area. These pits shall be leveled upon completion for the work so that there is no hindrance to the movement of wild animals.
12. User agency will fix sign board at appropriate point of the project.
13. No work shall be allowed between sunset to sunrise.
14. The excavated earth material from the protected area shall not be taken out of the sanctuary.
15. User agency should put flood protection structures along the river bank near woody forests for arresting the impacts of soil erosion due to flooding. Instead of permanent masonry walls, this should be preferably simple gabion structure (wire mesh boulders) made of galvanized iron (GI) wire crate.
16. The User Agency should construct eco-bridges (30-50 m length) on the channel at an interval of approximately every 500 m in consultation with Forest Department where wildlife crossing could be maximum. These will act as animal passageways even for species like elephant.
17. Openings of the eco-bridges on both the sides of the canal should be devoid of any modification resulting from physical alteration (spoil bank, inspection road) and be planted with native species to provide a smooth transition area to the nearest contiguous patches of

forest on either side of the canal. Landscape design of the eco-bridges should mimic adjacent habitats that the structure intends to connect. Dense shrubs should be planted on edges of bridges to provide cover and refuge for small- and medium-sized wildlife.

18. Remaining portions of the channel should be equipped with appropriate fences on both sides by the User Agency so that movement of key wildlife species such as tiger and elephant is deterred.
19. Use of heavy machinery should be minimal.
20. No construction material should be procured from forest.
21. The boulders should be used for stabilization of the channels.
22. The CWLW, Uttar Pradesh should have appropriate monitoring mechanism in place for compliance of the conditions laid herein during various phases of 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 of India.

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

The Chairman observed that after rationalization the proposal from Hastinapur Sanctuary should not come for consideration of the Standing Committee. Even after rationalization, project proposals are being submitted by the State Government for establishment of petrol pumps etc inside the sanctuary. It is a densely populated area.

Shri H. S. Singh stated that the area has several non-forest patches. Once this was a suitable habitat for Rhinoceros.

Member Secretary, NBWL suggested that there should be a management plan for dolphin and gharial conservation along the entire riverine stretch of the sanctuary.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttar Pradesh requested that the proposal may be recommended with such conditions.

Decision Taken: After discussions, 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.

- 75.4.23** 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 has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

The Chairman observed that after rationalization the proposal from Hastinapur Sanctuary should not come for consideration of the Standing Committee. Even after rationalization, project proposals are being submitted by the State Government for establishment of petrol pumps etc inside the sanctuary. It is a densely populated area.

Shri H. S. Singh stated that the area has several non-forest patches. Once this was a suitable habitat for Rhinoceros.

Member Secretary, NBWL suggested that there should be a management plan for dolphin and gharial conservation along the entire riverine stretch of the sanctuary.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttar Pradesh requested that the proposal may be recommended with such conditions.

Decision Taken: After discussions, 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.

- 75.4.24** Proposal for use of 0.02ha of forestland from Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary for erection of Mobile Tower under 4G Saturation Project Mission 500 in Village:-Dugaulia, Uttar Pradesh.

WL/UP/CommPost/417772/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02ha of forestland from Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary for erection of Mobile Tower under 4G Saturation Project Mission 500 in Village:-Dugaulia, Uttar Pradesh.

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

Shri H. S. Singh mentioned that large number of proposals are being submitted for erection of mobile towers on forest inside the protected areas and tiger reserves. The User Agency should find non-forest lands in private areas. It appears that the forest and wildlife areas are available easily without much cost and therefore they are preferred. The area required for erection of a mobile tower might be less but a large number of such proposals are being submitted nowadays inside the forest and wildlife rich areas.

The Chairman suggested that the User Agency should submit a certificate issued by Collector and District Magistrate regarding non-availability of private land outside the protected areas.

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

1. The User Agency shall provide a certificate issued by the Collector and District Magistrate to the effect that no alternate land outside the protected areas is available for the project proposal.
2. The legal status of land shall remain unchanged. 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. The said land or part of it shall not be transferred to any other department,

institution or person without prior approval of State or Central Government.

3. The instructions/orders passed by the State or Central Government and the directions passed by Hon'ble High Court/Supreme Court from time to time, regarding such project shall be complied with.
4. The User Agency shall extend all support to forest department in case of any forest and wildlife offence.
5. If the project involves forest land in the project, Forest Clearance as per provisions of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 shall also be required and user agency shall be required to comply all conditions stipulated in forest clearance under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
6. Amount of Net Present Value (N.P.V.) shall be paid by the User Agency as per directions issued by Ministry of Environment of Forest (FC Division), New Delhi vide Letter No. F.No. 5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and Letter No. F.No. 5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 19.01.2022 for proposed forest land 0.02 ha. falling within the boundary of Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary under the jurisdiction of Divisional Forest Officer, Kaimur Wildlife Division, Mirzapur.
7. The personnel of user agency working on the site should be well aware and shall be bound to follow the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. (As amended).
8. The employees or workers shall never be involved in forest offences with regard to Wildlife and forest produce. In case of violation of this condition, the necessary compensation will be deposited by the User Agency as imposed by DFO concerned accordance to law.
9. The User Agency will ensure that no labor camp shall be established inside the sanctuary. Nights stay in the sanctuary neither firewood nor any other forest produce from the forest will be used.
10. The User Agency shall obtain consent to establish and to operate from UP Pollution Control Board (as per applicability) and effectively implement all the conditions stipulated therein.
11. Construction based materials will not be thrown inside the sanctuary area or the movement corridor of wildlife and ESZ area.
12. The User Agency shall undertake plantation work by planting the native species as proposed by DFO/WLW in the area adjacent to project area/sanctuary for which necessary finance will be provided by the user agency.

13. The user agency will keep fire-fighting equipment as well as equipment for minimizing noise pollution and muck disposals at the site.
14. During execution of the project work, the User Agency shall adopt certain technical measures to negate the impact relating any environmental pollution/radioactive pollution.
15. No labor camp shall be established in sanctuary area.
16. No work shall be allowed from sunset to sunrise.
17. The User Agency shall deposit of Rs 5.75 lakh (Rs. Five Lakh Seventy Five Thousand only) for mitigation measures to minimize the negative impact of the project on the wildlife habitat of the Kaimur 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 site specific work, as proposed by DFO/Protected Area Manager. The above Conditions will be ensured by Divisional Forest Officer, Kaimur Wildlife Division, Mirzapur.
18. To prevent overlapping high radiations fields, new towers should not be permitted within a radius of one kilometer of existing towers in ecologically sensitive areas. BSNL should ensure that installation of the tower should not obstruct flight path of birds, and also should not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area. This is in accordance with MoEFCC advisory issued in 2012.
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 of India.

75.4.25 Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forestland from Chandraprabha Wildlife Sanctuary for erection of mobile tower for 4G Saturation Project Mission 500 Semaria, Chandauli District, Uttar Pradesh.

WL/UP/CommPost/428131/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forestland from Chandraprabha Wildlife Sanctuary for erection of mobile tower for 4G Saturation Project Mission 500 Semaria, Chandauli District, Uttar Pradesh.

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

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

1. The User Agency shall provide a certificate issued by the Collector and District Magistrate to the effect that no alternate land outside the protected areas is available for the project proposal.
2. The legal status of land shall remain unchanged. 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. The said land or part of it shall not be transferred to any other department, institution or person without prior approval of State or Central Government.
3. The instructions/orders passed by the State or Central Government and the directions passed by Hon'ble High Court/Supreme Court from time to time, regarding such project shall be complied with.
4. The user agency shall extend all support to forest department in case of any forest and wildlife offence.
5. If the project involves forest land in the project, Forest Clearance as per provisions of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 shall also be required and user agency shall be required to comply all conditions stipulated in forest clearance under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
6. Amount of Net Present Value (N.P.V.) shall be paid by the User Agency as per directions issued by Ministry of Environment of Forest (FC Division), New Delhi vide Letter No. F.No. 5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and Letter No. F.No. 5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 19.01.2022 for proposed forest land 0.02 ha. falling within the Chandraprabha Sanctuary under the jurisdiction of Divisional Forest Officer, Kashi Wildlife Division, Ramnagar-Varanasi.
7. The personnel of user agency working on the site should be well aware and shall be bound to follow the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (As amended).
8. The employees or workers shall never be involved in forest offences with regard to Wildlife and forest produce. In case of violation of this condition, the necessary compensation will be deposited by the User Agency as imposed by DFO concerned accordance to law.

9. The user agency will ensure that no labor camp shall be established inside the sanctuary. Nights stay in the sanctuary neither firewood nor any other forest produce from the forest will be used.
 10. The User Agency shall obtain consent to establish and to operate from UP Pollution Control Board (as per applicability) and effectively implement all the conditions stipulated therein.
 11. Construction based materials will not be thrown inside the sanctuary area or the movement corridor of wildlife and ESZ area.
 12. The User Agency shall undertake plantation work by planting the native species as proposed by DFO/WLW in the area adjacent to project area/sanctuary for which necessary finance will be provided by the User Agency.
 13. The User Agency will keep fire fighting equipment as well as equipment for minimizing noise pollution and muck disposals at the site.
 14. During execution of the project work, the User Agency shall adopt certain technical measures to negate the impact relating any environmental pollution/radioactive pollution.
 15. No labor camp shall be established in sanctuary area.
 16. No work shall be allowed from sunset to sunrise.
 17. The user agency shall deposit of Rs.3.55 lakh (Rs.Three Lakh Fifty Five Thousand only) for mitigation measures to minimize the negative impact of the project on the wildlife habitat of Chandraprabha 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 site specific work, as proposed are as follows:

S.No.	Year 2024-25			Approximate Amount including all taxes (in Rs. Lakhs)
	Item of Work	Quantity	Rate (in Rs. Lakhs)	
1	2	3	4	5
1	Repair of Forest Road	10 km	0.20	2.00
2	Repair of Water hole	2	0.50	1.00
3	Expenditure on fuel of Government	L.S.	L.S.	0.55

	Vehicle for Patrolling			
		Total		3.55

18. To prevent overlapping high radiations fields, new towers should not be permitted within a radius of one kilometer of existing towers in ecologically sensitive areas. BSNL should ensure that installation of the tower should not obstruct flight path of birds, and also should not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area. This is in accordance with MoEFCC advisory issued in 2012.
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 of India.

75.4.26 Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from Chandraprabha Wildlife Sanctuary for erection of mobile tower for 4G Saturation Project Mission 500 Hinaut Ghat, Chandauli District, Uttar Pradesh.

WL/UP/CommPost/428130/2023.

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from Chandraprabha Wildlife Sanctuary for erection of mobile tower for 4G Saturation Project Mission 500 Hinaut Ghat, Chandauli District, Uttar Pradesh.

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

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

1. The User Agency shall provide a certificate issued by the Collector and District Magistrate to the effect that no alternate land outside the protected areas is available for the project proposal.
2. The legal status of land shall remain unchanged. 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. The said land or part of it shall not be transferred to any other department,

institution or person without prior approval of State or Central Government.

3. The instructions/orders passed by the State or Central Government and the directions passed by Hon'ble High Court/Supreme Court from time to time, regarding such project shall be complied with.
4. The User Agency shall extend all support to forest department in case of any forest and wildlife offence.
5. If the project involves forest land in the project, Forest Clearance as per provisions of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 shall also be required and user agency shall be required to comply all conditions stipulated in forest clearance under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
6. Amount of Net Present Value (N.P.V.) shall be paid by the User Agency as per directions issued by Ministry of Environment of Forest (FC Division), New Delhi vide Letter No. F.No. 5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and Letter No. F.No. 5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 19.01.2022 for proposed forest land 0.02 ha. falling within the Eco Sensitive Zone of Chandraprabha Wildlife Sanctuary under the jurisdiction of Divisional Forest Officer, Kashi Wildlife Division, Ramnagar-Varanasi.
7. The personnel of user agency working on the site should be well aware and shall be bound to follow the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (As amended).
8. The employees or workers shall never be involved in forest offences with regard to Wildlife and forest produce. In case of violation of this condition, the necessary compensation will be deposited by the User Agency as imposed by DFO concerned accordance to law.
9. The User Agency will ensure that no labor camp shall be established inside the sanctuary. Nights stay in the sanctuary neither firewood nor any other forest produce from the forest will be used.
10. The User Agency shall obtain consent to establish and to operate from UP Pollution Control Board (as per applicability) and effectively implement all the conditions stipulated therein.
11. Construction based materials will not be thrown inside the sanctuary area or the movement corridor of wildlife and ESZ area.
12. The User Agency shall undertake plantation work by planting the native species as proposed by DFO/WLW in the area adjacent to project area/sanctuary for which necessary finance will be provided by the user agency.

13. The User Agency will keep fire fighting equipment as well as equipment for minimizing noise pollution and muck disposals at the site.
14. During execution of the project work, the user agency shall adopt certain technical measures to negate the impact relating any environmental pollution/radioactive pollution.
15. No labor camp shall be established in sanctuary area.
16. No work shall be allowed from sunset to sunrise.
17. The User Agency shall deposit of Rs.3.55 lakh (Rs.Three Lakh Fifty Five Thousand only) for mitigation measures to minimize the negative impact of the project on the wildlife habitat of Chandraprabha 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 site specific work, as proposed are as follows:

S.No.	Year 2024-25			Approximate Amount including all taxes (in Rs. Lakhs)
	Item of Work	Quantity	Rate (in Rs. Lakhs)	
1	2	3	4	5
1	Repair of Forest Road	10 km	0.20	2.00
2	Repair of Water hole	2	0.50	1.00
3	Expenditure on fuel of Government Vehicle for Patrolling	L.S.	L.S.	0.55
		Total		3.55

18. To prevent overlapping high radiations fields, new towers should not be permitted within a radius of one kilometer of existing towers in ecologically sensitive areas. BSNL should ensure that installation of the tower should not obstruct flight path of birds, and also should not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area. This is in accordance with MoEFCC advisory issued in 2012.
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 of India.

- 75.4.27** Proposal for use of 3.5 ha of Non-forest land from Jai Prakash Narayan (Surhatal) Bird Sanctuary for construction of building/road in the premises of Jannayak Chandrashekhar University in Village-Basantpur Ehatmali located in Tahsil and District Ballia, Uttar Pradesh.

WL/UP/SCH/427387/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 3.5 ha of Non-forest land from Jai Prakash Narayan (Surhatal) Bird Sanctuary for construction of building/road in the premises of Jannayak Chandrashekhar University in Village-Basantpur Ehatmali located in Tahsil and District Ballia, Uttar Pradesh.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The User Agency has carried out construction partly in violation of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The Member Secretary informed that the sanctuary has large area under the non-forest status.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttar Pradesh informed that in the settlement process this area has been proposed for exclusion from the sanctuary area as this is a private land.

DGF & SS mentioned that the violations of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 might have happened with the involvement of local staff. Therefore, responsibility should be fixed. He further desired to know whether the State Government has submitted proposal for declaration ESZ around the sanctuary.

It was informed that the ESZ around the sanctuary has already been notified and the extent of ESZ is one km from the boundary of the sanctuary.

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, maintenance and use of different Buildings & Approach road for the use of Jannayak Chandrashekhar

University, Ballia at Village-Basantpur Ehatmali in Tehsil & District-Ballia. The land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.

2. The instructions/orders passed by the State or Central Government and the directions issued by Hon'ble High Court/Hon'ble Supreme Court from time to time, regarding such project shall be complied with.
3. Since this project is sub judice before Hon'ble NGT, any order passed by Hon'ble NGT 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 of Forest (FC Division), New Delhi vide Letter No. F.No. 5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and Letter No. F.No. 5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 19.01.2022 for proposed land 3.5 ha. falling within the Jai Prakash Narayan (Surhatal) Bird Sanctuary.
5. The User Agency shall deposit of Rs 243.49 lakhs (Rs Two Crore Forty Three Lakhs and Forty Nine Thousand only) for mitigation measures to minimize the negative impact of the project and for ecological development of wildlife habitat in the Jai Prakash Narayan (Surhatal) Bird Sanctuary.
6. The personnel of User Agency working on the site should be well aware and shall be bound to follow of provision of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
7. For the violation of undertaking construction without having permission of NBWL under the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 suitable penal provisions as per law imposed by SBWL/NBWL shall be complied with by user agency.
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 & noise pollution. High mast lights/intense lights will not be used 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. During the rainy season proper arrangements for drainage of water will be ensured so that the University does not obstruct the flow of water of the surrounding areas to reach in the aquatic area of the bird sanctuary.
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 of India.

The Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Lucknow shall monitor the action taken for violation of the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 by the User Agency and disciplinary action initiated against the staff responsible for the violation and submit quarterly report to the Ministry.

- 75.4.28** Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of non-forest land within the boundary of Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary for installation of 4G Mobile Tower at Khanpur Garhi, Near Shivanagar Gram Panchayat Ghar, Khasra No. 111/4 to provide network coverage in Khanpur Garhi village proposed and funded by Govt under USOF 4G Saturation Project, Uttar Pradesh.

WL/UP/OTHERS/407309/2022

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of non-forest land within the boundary of Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary for installation of 4G Mobile Tower at Khanpur Garhi, Near Shivanagar Gram Panchayat Ghar, Khasra No. 111/4 to provide network coverage in Khanpur Garhi village proposed and funded by Govt under USOF 4G Saturation Project, Uttar Pradesh.

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

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

1. The legal status of land shall remain unchanged. 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. The said land or part of it shall not be transferred to any other department, institution or person without prior approval of State or Central Government.

2. The instructions/orders passed by the State or Central Government and the directions passed by Hon'ble High Court/Supreme Court from time to time, regarding such project shall be complied with.
3. The User Agency shall deposit of Rs.6.65 lakhs (Rs. Six Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand only) for improvement of habitat and for enforcement and monitoring work as mitigation measures of the project. The User Agency shall extend all support to forest department in case of any forest and wildlife offence.

S. No		Description	Amount (Lakhs)
1	Rescue/study	Butter flies and insects habitat study in Hastinapur WLS	1.00
2	Habitat Improvement	(A) Grass land management like Grass Cutter equipments etc	1.00
		(B) Tractor Trolley for easy movement of rescued wildlife animal	1.40
		(c) Water Tanker with pump for fire control and water hole refilling and various purpose for wildlife management.	2.25
3	Enforcement and Monitoring	Binocular/Night Vision/Smart stick etc	1.00
		Total	6.65 Lakhs

4. Amount of Net Present Value (N.P.V.) shall be paid by the User Agency as per directions issued by Ministry of Environment of Forest (FC Division), New Delhi vide Letter No. F.No. 5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and Letter No. F.No. 5-3/2011-FC (Vol-D) dated 19.01.2022 for proposed non forest land 0.02 ha. falling within the Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary. The personnel of User Agency Working on the site should be well aware and shall be bound to follow the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. (As amended)

5. The employees or workers shall never be involved in forest offences with regard to Wildlife and forest produce. In case of violation of this condition, the necessary compensation will be deposited by the User Agency as imposed by DFO concerned accordance to law.
6. The User Agency will ensure that no labor camp shall be established inside the sanctuary, Nights stay in the sanctuary neither firewood nor any other forest produce from the forest will be used.
7. The Project Proponent shall obtain consent to establish and to operate from UP Pollution Control Board (as per applicability) and effectively implement all the conditions stipulated therein.
8. Construction based materials shall not be thrown inside the sanctuary area or the movement corridor of wildlife and ESZ area.
9. The project proponent shall undertake plantation work by planting the native species as proposed by DFO/WLW in the area adjacent to project area/sanctuary for which necessary finance will be provided by the user agency.
10. The User Agency will keep firefighting equipments as well as equipments for minimizing noise pollution and muck disposals at the site.
11. During execution of the project work) the User Agency shall adopt certain technical measures to negate the impact relating any environmental pollution/radioactive pollution.
12. No labor camp shall be established in sanctuary area.
13. No work shall be allowed from sunset to sunrise.
14. To prevent overlapping high radiations fields, new towers should not be permitted within a radius of one kilometer of existing towers in ecologically sensitive areas. BSNL should ensure that installation of the tower should not obstruct flight path of birds, and also should not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area. This is in accordance with MoEFCC advisory issued in 2012.
15. A certificate from the concerned District Magistrate will be mandatory that no alternate government/ private land is available for erection of Mobile tower.
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 of India.

- 75.4.29** 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 has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

The Chairman observed that after rationalization the proposal from Hastinapur Sanctuary should not come for consideration of the Standing Committee. Even after rationalization, project proposals are being submitted by the State Government for establishment of petrol pumps etc inside the sanctuary. It is a densely populated area.

Shri H. S. Singh stated that the area has several non-forest patches. Once this was a suitable habitat for Rhinoceros.

Member Secretary, NBWL suggested that there should be a management plan for dolphin and gharial conservation along the entire riverine stretch of the sanctuary.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttar Pradesh requested that the proposal may be recommended with such conditions.

Decision Taken: After discussions, 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.

- 75.4.30** Proposal for use of 1.8675 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Rajaji Tiger Reserve for construction of Pulinda Tachhali Syalinga motor road in Constituency Yamkeshwar, Block Dugadda. (District Pauri Garhwal) under CM Ghoshna 1196/2016, Uttarakhand.

FP/UK/ROAD/152108/2022

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.8675 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Rajaji Tiger Reserve for construction of Pulinda Tachhali Syalinga motor road in Constituency Yamkeshwar, Block Dugadda. (District Pauri Garhwal) under CM Ghoshna 1196/2016, Uttarakhand.

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.

DGF & SS observed that large number of proposals for road construction inside Rajaji Tiger Reserve are being submitted by the State Government. It may not be appropriate for the tiger reserve. He further opined that as per Lafarge Case, the proposal should be approved by the Regional Empowered Committee first under the Forest (Conservation) Act and then only the proposal should be submitted to the Standing Committee.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttarakhand informed that the proposed road would provide connectivity to four villages with the block headquarters.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer this proposal to get clearance under Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

- 75.4.31** Proposal for use of 1.72 ha of forest land from core zone of Rajaji Tiger Reserve for renewal of lease for Mansa Devi Ropeway in Haridwar, Uttarakhand.

FP/UK/Others/146615/1981

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.72 ha of forest land from core zone of Rajaji Tiger Reserve for renewal of lease for Mansa Devi Ropeway in Haridwar, Uttarakhand.

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.

Member Secretary, NTCA mentioned that the proposal is only lease renewal and therefore it has been recommended and the ropeway is already existing.

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

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Director, Rajaji Tiger Reserve shall monitor the implementation of the project regularly and report for the violation, if any.
3. Protection and mitigation measures for wildlife shall be ensured as per standard practice in such cases.
4. Land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
5. The User Agency shall clear all the dues in respect to the lease rent of the past period if there are any, and ensure the timely payment of the lease rent of the authority concerned.
6. The lease rent as per guidelines of Government of India shall be borne by the user agency No damage to the flora and fauna of the surrounding area shall be caused.
7. The User Agency shall be responsible for any loss to the flora/fauna in the surroundings and therefore shall take all possible measures to conserve the same.
8. The User Agency shall comply all the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) act, 1972 and all other Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
9. The impacts of the ropeway shall be properly mitigated through a study with funding assistance from the User Agency:
 - i. quantifying extent of biotic interference due to implementation of the project,
 - ii. identifying carrying capacity for the influx of pilgrims and
 - iii. developing strategies to manage likely escalating conflict of humans with large mammals such as tigers, leopards and elephants so that an appropriate long term wildlife mitigation plan may be prepared and implemented.
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 of India.

75.4.32 Proposal for use of 0.8712 ha of land from core zone of Rajaji Tiger Reserve for flood Protection Scheme along left bank of Ganga River for Protection of Ganga Bhogpur village of Yamkeshwar Block in Distt. Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand.

WL/UK/Others/439071/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.8712 ha of land from core zone of Rajaji Tiger Reserve for flood Protection Scheme along left bank of Ganga River for Protection of Ganga Bhogpur village of Yamkeshwar Block in Distt. Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The proposal involves construction of gabion walls and gabion spurs for flood protection.

The NTCA has also recommended the proposal.

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

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged and the work will be done under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
2. No damage to the flora and fauna of the surrounding area shall be caused.
3. Protection and mitigation measures for wildlife shall be ensured as per standard practice in such cases.
4. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than the specified in the proposal.
5. It shall be ensured that no labour camps are set up inside the forest area.
6. The User Agency shall comply all the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and all other acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
7. It is essential that a flood barrier upstream should neither have an erosion effect downstream nor affect river dynamics further upstream since flood dynamics is a major factor behind maintenance of landscape integrity supporting rich biodiversity in the Terai.
8. Flow of the streams channelizing into river Ganga should not be interrupted by construction of the flood protection structures.

9. Construction materials should be procured from outside the Tiger Reserve. No extraction of river bed materials for construction the structures should be permitted.
10. Since the area has presence of elephants, work should be carried out under supervision of the forest department so as to avoid any untoward incident.
11. The CWLW, Uttarakhand should have appropriate monitoring mechanism in place for compliance of the conditions stipulated herein during various phases of 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 of India.

AGENDA ITEM NO 5

Any other item with the permission of the Chair

75.5.1 Proposal for 4G coverage to Trivandrum WL Area, Kerala.

WL/KL/CommPost/441003/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.3925 ha of forest land from Neyyara (0.2595 ha) and Peppara (0.133 ha) for installation of mobile towers at 12 locations for providing 4G mobile coverage to Trivendrum WL 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. The User Agency shall provide a certificate issued by the Collector and District Magistrate to the effect that no alternate land outside the protected areas is available for the project proposal.
2. If BSNL is sharing the tower with other service providers in future 50% of the revenue generated from such activity is to be remitted to the tribal EDC in the respective area for their upliftment.
3. The user agency is instructed to plant ten times the no. of trees that an indigenous and suited to the area.

4. User agency to erect Solar Fences around the proposed area to prevent wildlife casualties.
5. The diverted land should not be used for other purposes.
6. The constructions should not cause any damage to the environment and wildlife
7. The trees to be cut shall be done at the cost of BSNL and stacked.
8. Blasting should not be allowed for construction.
9. The work should be completed within one year from date of sanction.
10. The working hours should be immediately limited between sunrise and sunset period.
11. To prevent overlapping high radiations fields, new towers should not be permitted within a radius of one kilometer of existing towers in ecologically sensitive areas. BSNL should ensure that installation of the tower should not obstruct flight path of birds, and also should not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area. This is in accordance with MoEFCC advisory issued in 2012.
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 of India.

75.5.2 Proposal for 4G Saturation Project, Kerala.

WL/KL/CommPost/437555/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.1806 ha from Peechi-Vazhani Sanctuary for installation of mobile towers at 4 locations (0.0808 ha), laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable for the Karadikund Mobile Tower (0.04 ha) and access road for 4 mobile towers (0.0598 ha).

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:

13. The User Agency shall provide a certificate issued by the Collector and District Magistrate to the effect that no alternate land outside the protected areas is available for the project proposal.
14. If BSNL is sharing the tower with other service providers in future 50% of the revenue generated from such activity is to be remitted to the tribal EDC in the respective area for their upliftment.

15. The user agency is instructed to plant ten tones the no. of trees that an indigenous and suited to the area.
16. User agency to erect Solar Fences around the proposed area to prevent wildlife casualties.
17. The diverted land should not be used for other purposes.
18. The constructions should not cause any damage to the environment and wildlife
19. The trees to be cut shall be done at the cost of BSNL and stacked.
20. Blasting should not be allowed for construction.
21. The work should be completed within one year from date of sanction.
22. The working hours should be immediately limited between sunrise and sunset period.
23. To prevent overlapping high radiations fields, new towers should not be permitted within a radius of one kilometer of existing towers in ecologically sensitive areas. BSNL should ensure that installation of the tower should not obstruct flight path of birds, and also should not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area. This is in accordance with MoEFCC advisory issued in 2012.
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 of India.

75.5.3 Proposal for USOF 4G Saturation Project, Kerala

WL/KL/CommPost/437360/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.1806 ha for erection mobile towers at four locations and construction of approach road for Puthukudi BTS inside the Chinnar 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 provide a certificate issued by the Collector and District Magistrate to the effect that no alternate land outside the protected areas is available for the project proposal.
2. If BSNL is sharing the tower with other service providers in future 50% of the revenue generated from such activity is to be

- remitted to the tribal EDC in the respective area for their upliftment.
3. The user agency is instructed to plant ten tones the no. of trees that an indigenous and suited to the area.
 4. User agency to erect Solar Fences around the proposed area to prevent wildlife casualties.
 5. The diverted land should not be used for other purposes.
 6. The constructions should not cause any damage to the environment and wildlife
 7. The trees to be cut shall be done at the cost of BSNL and stacked.
 8. Blasting should not be allowed for construction.
 9. The work should be completed within one year from date of sanction.
 10. The working hours should be immediately limited between sunrise and sunset period.
 11. To prevent overlapping high radiations fields, new towers should not be permitted within a radius of one kilometer of existing towers in ecologically sensitive areas. BSNL should ensure that installation of the tower should not obstruct flight path of birds, and also should not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area. This is in accordance with MoEFCC advisory issued in 2012.
 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 of India.

75.5.4 Proposal for USOF 4G Saturation Project, Kerala.

WL/KL/CommPost/437420/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0404 ha forest land inside Idukki Sanctuary for erection of mobile towers at two locations.

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 provide a certificate issued by the Collector and District Magistrate to the effect that no alternate land outside the protected areas is available for the project proposal.
2. If BSNL is sharing the tower with other service providers in future 50% of the revenue generated from such activity is to be

- remitted to the tribal EDC in the respective area for their upliftment.
3. The user agency is instructed to plant ten tones the no. of trees that an indigenous and suited to the area.
 4. User agency to erect Solar Fences around the proposed area to prevent wildlife casualties.
 5. The diverted land should not be used for other purposes.
 6. The constructions should not cause any damage to the environment and wildlife
 7. The trees to be cut shall be done at the cost of BSNL and stacked.
 8. Blasting should not be allowed for construction.
 9. The work should be completed within one year from date of sanction.
 10. The working hours should be immediately limited between sunrise and sunset period.
 11. To prevent overlapping high radiations fields, new towers should not be permitted within a radius of one kilometer of existing towers in ecologically sensitive areas. BSNL should ensure that installation of the tower should not obstruct flight path of birds, and also should not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area. This is in accordance with MoEFCC advisory issued in 2012.
 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 of India.

75.5.5 Proposal for use of 0.0186 ha from buffer zone of Sathymangalam Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project Gundri in uncovered village Gundri in Erode district of Tamil Nadu.

WL/TN/CommPost/421459/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is use of 0.0186 ha from buffer zone of Sathymangalam Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project Gundri in uncovered village Gundri in Erode district of Tamil Nadu.

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 also.

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

1. The User Agency shall provide a certificate issued by the Collector and District Magistrate to the effect that no alternate land outside the protected areas is available for the project proposal.
2. The project proponent shall obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.
3. All the materials required for the work should be prepared outside the Tiger Reserve.
4. No fire places will be created inside the Tiger Reserve.
5. The work in the Tiger Reserve will be allowed only in the day time from 9 AM to 5 PM.
6. No night camping by labour/survey personnel will be allowed inside the Tiger Reserve.
7. Project personnel engaged in the project work shall observe the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules made there under.
8. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
9. While undertaking the periodical maintenance works if any by the project proponent shall obtain prior approval of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wild Life Warden well in advance.
10. The project proponent shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance will be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.
11. The project proponent (BSNL) also should offer facility of free data connection (unlimited 4G and upgraded version then & there) to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests office in Velachery, Conservator of Forests and Field Director office, Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve, Erode and Deputy Director, Sathyamangalam, office, for facilitating the cause of conservation protection.
12. To prevent overlapping high radiations fields, new towers should not be permitted within a radius of one kilometer of existing towers in ecologically sensitive areas. BSNL should ensure that installation of the tower should not obstruct flight path of birds, and also should not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area. This is in accordance with MoEFCC advisory issued in 2012.
13. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
14. The coverage of the network from this tower should be maintained in a way so that only the target village gets benefited. No network coverage beyond the limit of the village should be permitted.

15. All construction materials should be procured from outside Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve or its ESZ. Construction debris should be appropriately disposed away from the Tiger Reserve and its ESZ by the User Agency.
16. CWLW, Tamil Nadu should develop a mechanism to monitor the compliances of the conditions stipulated herein.
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 of India.

75.5.6 Following five proposals in Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary involving Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu.

S.No	Name of the proposal	Online Proposal No.	Area (in Ha)
1	Proposal on 4G saturation project in uncovered village Thalakkumalai in Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary, Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu	WL/TN/Communication Post/437733/2023)	0.022
2	Proposal on 4G saturation project in uncovered village Ettankunnu in Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary, Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu	WL/TN/Communication Post/437737/2023)	0.018
3	proposal on 4G saturation project in uncovered village Koduthurai in in buffer zone of Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu	WL/TN/Communication Post/437789/2023	0.0765
4	Proposal on 4G saturation project in uncovered village	WL/TN/Communication Post/437791/2023	0.018

	Kuttiyar in buffer zone of Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu		
5	Proposal on 4G saturation project in uncovered village Perunchani in Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary, Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu	WL/TN/Communication Post/437834/2023	0.018

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for installation of 40 meter high mobile towers and equipment for uncovered mobile network coverage area

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

The NTCA has also recommended these proposals.

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

1. The User Agency shall provide a certificate issued by the Collector and District Magistrate to the effect that no alternate land outside the protected areas is available for the project proposal.
2. The project proponent shall obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.
3. All the materials required for the work should be prepared outside the Tiger Reserve.
4. No fire places will be created inside the Tiger Reserve.
5. The work in the Tiger Reserve will be allowed only in the day time from 9 AM to 5 PM.
6. No night camping by labour/survey personnel will be allowed inside the Tiger Reserve.
7. Project personnel engaged in the project work shall observe the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules made there under.
8. The legal status of the land remain unchanged.

9. While undertaking the periodical maintenance works if any by the project proponent shall obtain prior approval of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wild Life Warden well in advance.
10. The project proponent shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance will be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.
11. The project proponent (BSNL) also should offer facility of free data connection (unlimited 4G and upgraded version then & there) to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests office in Velachery, Conservator of Forests and Field Director office, Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Tirunelveli and Deputy Director and Wild Life Warden, Kalakad, office, for facilitating the cause of conservation protection.
12. Any other condition stipulated by the Field Director / Deputy Director shall be followed.
13. To prevent overlapping high radiations fields, new towers should not be permitted within a radius of one kilometer of existing towers in ecologically sensitive areas. BSNL should ensure that installation of the tower should not obstruct flight path of birds, and also should not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area. This is in accordance with MoEFCC advisory issued in 2012.
14. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
15. The OFC should be covered with excavated materials after the construction. Care should be taken that the structures are totally underground.
16. While laying the OFC, the work should be executed in a timely manner simultaneously excavating the trenches and laying the cable so as to minimize the disturbance to wildlife. The user agency should not dig trenches along long stretches and leave them open for several weeks without completion of work.
17. All construction materials should be procured from outside Kannyakumari WLS or its ESZ. Construction debris should be appropriately disposed away from the WLS and its ESZ by the User Agency.
18. CWLW, Tamil Nadu should develop a mechanism to monitor the compliances of the conditions stipulated herein.
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 of India.

75.5.7 Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land within core area of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project in uncovered village 29th Mile in Alipurduar District, West Bengal.

WL/WB/CommPost/435260/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forest land within core area of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project in uncovered village 29th Mile in Alipurduar District, West Bengal.

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.

Member Secretary informed that there is already proposal for village relocation from the core area of the Buxa Tiger Reserve. Forest Staff are provided with walky-talkies. Further, another mobile tower is also proposed to be installed about 400 m from this location. Therefore, the proposal should not be recommended.

IGF, PT & E Division mentioned that the 4G saturation projects are being discussed in the Cabinet Secretariat. The User Agencies choose the protected areas and forest areas as last option.

Shri H. S. Singh mentioned that these projects should be allowed only when no alternative is available.

DGF & SS suggested that since NTCA has not recommended, the Standing Committee should also not recommend the project.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to seek report from the NTCA regarding the feasibility of erection of the mobile towers in the core areas of tiger reserves and therefore deferred the matter to the next meeting.

75.5.8 Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project in uncovered village Raimatang, West Bengal.

WL/WB/CommPost/435171/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project in uncovered village Raimatang, West Bengal.

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.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to seek report from the NTCA regarding the feasibility of erection of the mobile towers in the core areas of tiger reserves and therefore deferred the matter to the next meeting.

- 75.5.9** Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core area of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project in uncovered Village Lepchaka Buxa Duar in Alipurduar district, West Bengal.

WL/WB/CommPost/434977/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core area of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project in uncovered Village Lepchaka Buxa Duar in Alipurduar district, West Bengal.

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.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to seek report from the NTCA regarding the feasibility of erection of the mobile towers in the core areas of tiger reserves and therefore deferred the matter to the next meeting.

- 75.5.10** Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project In uncovered village Buxa Duar, West Bengal.

WL/WB/CommPost/434828/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project In uncovered village Buxa Duar, West Bengal.

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.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to seek report from the NTCA regarding the feasibility of erection of the mobile towers in the core areas of tiger reserves and therefore deferred the matter to the next meeting.

75.5.11 Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project In uncovered Village Bhutri in Alipurduar district, West Bengal.

WL/WB/CommPost/434632/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project In uncovered Village Bhutri in Alipurduar district, West Bengal.

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.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to seek report from the NTCA regarding the feasibility of erection of the mobile towers in the core areas of tiger reserves and therefore deferred the matter to the next meeting.

75.5.12 Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4 G saturation project in uncovered village Tashi Gaon in Alipurduar district, West Bengal.

WL/WB/CommPost/434819/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4 G saturation project in uncovered village Tashi Gaon in Alipurduar district, West Bengal.

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.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to seek report from the NTCA regarding the feasibility of erection of the mobile towers in the core areas of tiger reserves and therefore deferred the matter to the next meeting.

75.5.13 Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land within buffer area of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project in Uncovered Village 21st Mile In Alipurduar District of West Bengal.

WL/WB/CommPost/434662/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forest land within buffer area of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project in Uncovered Village 21st Mile In Alipurduar District of West Bengal.

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.

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

1. The User Agency shall provide a certificate issued by the Collector and District Magistrate to the effect that no alternate land outside the protected areas is available for the project proposal.
2. No felling of trees shall be allowed.
3. No new approach road to be constructed for this 4G Saturation Project of BSNL.
4. Concertina wire shall not be allowed for fencing the mobile tower at project location.
5. To prevent overlapping high radiations fields, new towers should not be permitted within a radius of one kilometer of existing towers in ecologically sensitive areas. BSNL should ensure that installation of the tower should not obstruct flight path of birds, and also should not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area. This is in accordance with MoEFCC advisory issued in 2012.
6. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
7. The coverage of the network from this tower should be maintained in a way so that only the target village gets benefited. No network coverage beyond the limit of the village should be permitted.
8. All construction materials should be procured from outside Buxa Tiger Reserve or its ESZ. Construction debris should be appropriately disposed away from the Tiger Reserve and its ESZ by the User Agency.
9. CWLW, West Bengal should develop a mechanism to monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated herein.
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 of India.

75.5.14 Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4g Saturation Project In Uncovered Village Chunabhati, West Bengal.

WL/WB/CommPost/434642/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4g Saturation Project in Uncovered Village Chunabhati, West Bengal.

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.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to seek report from the NTCA regarding the feasibility of erection of the mobile towers in the core areas of tiger reserves and therefore deferred the matter to the next meeting.

75.5.15 Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G saturation project to cover uncovered villages in dara gaon buxa duar, West Bengal.

WL/WB/CommPost/434839/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G saturation project to cover uncovered villages in Dara Gaon Buxa Duar, West Bengal.

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.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to seek report from the NTCA regarding the feasibility of erection of the mobile towers in the core areas of tiger reserves and therefore deferred the matter to the next meeting.

75.5.16 Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4g Saturation Project In Uncovered Village Adma Panbari, West Bengal.

WL/WB/Others/434284/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4g Saturation Project In Uncovered Village Adma Panbari, West Bengal.

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.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to seek report from the NTCA regarding the feasibility of erection of the mobile towers in the core areas of tiger reserves and therefore deferred the matter to the next meeting.

75.5.17 Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from Core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project in uncovered Village Buxa Hill Forest, West Bengal.

WL/WB/CommPost/435001/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from Core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project in uncovered Village Buxa Hill Forest, West Bengal.

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.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to seek report from the NTCA regarding the feasibility of erection of the mobile towers in the core areas of tiger reserves and therefore deferred the matter to the next meeting.

ANNEXURE-I**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

S.No.	Name	Designation
1	Shri Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Minister for EF&CC	Chairman
2	Ms. Leena Nandan, Secretary, MoEF&CC	Member
3	Shri Chandra Prakash Goyal, DGF&SS, MoEF&CC	Member
4	Shri Bivash Ranjan, ADGF(WL), MoEF&CC	Member Secretary
5	Dr. H. S. Singh, Member, NBWL	Member
6	Shri Virender Tiwari, Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.	Member
7	Shri S.P. Yadav, ADGF (PT) and M.S. NTCA	Invitee
8	Shri Ramesh Kumar Pandey, IG(PT & E), MoEF&CC	Invitee
9	Shri N. Tam, Chief Wild Life Warden, Arunachal Pradesh	Invitee
10	Shri Madhusudan Reddy, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force and Chief Wild Life Warden, Andhra Pradesh	Invitee
11	Shri Pankaj Goel, Chief Wild Life Warden, Haryana	Invitee
12	Shri Rajiv Kumar, Chief Wild Life Warden, Himachal Pradesh	Invitee
13	Shri Sarvesh Rai, Chief Wild Life Warden, Jammu and Kashmir	Invitee
14	Shri Kulwant Singh, Chief Wild Life Warden, Jharkhand	Invitee
15	Shri Subhash Malkhede, Chief Wild Life Warden, Karnataka	Invitee
16	Shri George Jenner, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra	Invitee
17	Shri Srinivas Reddy, Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu	Invitee
18	Dr. Samir Sinha, Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttarakhand	Invitee
19	Shri Anjani Acharya, Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttar Pradesh	Invitee
20	Shri G. V. Gopi, Scientist 'E', Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun	Invitee
21	Shri Rakesh Kumar Jagenia, DIGF (WL), MOEFCC, New Delhi	Invitee

22	Dr. Sudheer Chintalapati, Scientist E, MoEF&CC	Invitee
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