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To
The Principal Secretary
Department of Environment and Forests
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Sub: Minutes of the 45th Meeting of Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife- reg.

Sir,

The 45th Meeting of Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife was held on 4th September 2017 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change. The following proposals pertaining to your State were considered:

INDMAX REVAMP of Guwahati Refinery

The IGF(WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal was for augmentation of Indmax Unit from 0.1 MMTPA to 0.15 MMTPA in the existing Guwahati Refinery falls within 10 km distance from the boundary of Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary. The State Chief Wildlife Warden has recommended the proposal with the following condition:

Periodic monitoring of pollution level by the State Pollution Control Board may be made mandatory in area close to Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary. Man-Animal Conflict Mitigation is emergent need of that area. Therefore it is pertinent that a fund may be provided by IOCL Guwahati Refinery, which will be utilized for Wildlife Conservation and mitigation of man-animal conflict.

After discussions the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions imposed by the Chief Wildlife Warden.

INDAdeptG project of Guwahati Refinery

The IGF(WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal was for installation of INDAdeptG project of Guwahati Refinery in Indian Oil Corporation Limited to reduce the sulfur content of existing MS(PETROL) for meeting the BS-IV MS specifications. He also state the project site is situated at 5 km away from the boundary of Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary. The State Chief Wildlife warden has recommended the proposal with the following conditions:

1. Periodic monitoring of pollution level by the State Pollution Control Board may be made mandatory in area close to Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary.

2. Man-animal conflict mitigation is emergent need of that area. Therefore it is pertinent that a fund may be provided by IOCL Guwahati Refinery, which will be utilized for Wildlife Conservation and mitigation of man-animal conflict.

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

The above recommendation(s) are subject to the existing directives of Hon'ble Supreme Court and provisions of Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

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