

I/304962/2025

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From  
**Dr. C. Suvarna, IFS.,**  
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)(FAC),  
Telangana State, "AranyaBhavan",  
Saifabad, Hyderabad.

To  
**The Prl. Secretary to the Government,**  
EFS&T Department,  
Dr.B.R.Ambedhkar Telangana Secretariat,  
Hyderabad - 500 004.

**Ref.No. 7399/2020/FCA-2, Dated: 03/06/2025.**

Sir,

**Sub:** TGFD - F(C) Act, 1980 - Diversion of **7.451 ha** (Revised from 7.4189 Ha) of forest land for improvement of existing road and widening from **"Etiguda to Agerguda" (Karjavelly to Motlaguda via Gundepally)** in Bejjur RF of Kagaznagar Division of Komurambeem Asifabad District in f/o District Panchayati Raj Engineer, Komurambeem Asifabad District - Additional information sought by GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Hyderabad - Information furnished - Regarding.

**Ref :** 1. PCCF's Rc. No. 7399/2020-FCA-2, dt. 25.06.2021.  
- 2. Govt. Lr.No.2318/For.I(1)/2021, EFS&T (For.I) dept.,dt. 06-7-2021.  
3. IGF(C), O/o. IRO, Hyd., F.No.4-TSB206/2021-HYD/82, dt:20.07.2021.  
4. MoM of 82<sup>nd</sup> Standing Committee of NBWL held on 12.03.2025 communicated vide GoI, MoEF&CC (WLD) F.No.WL-6/10/2025-WL, dt:15.04.2025.

\* \* \*

Kind attention is invited to the subject and references cited.

It is submitted that vide reference 3<sup>rd</sup> cited, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad has sought additional information, for further consideration of the subject proposal submitted by the Govt. vide reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited.

In this regard, it is submitted during the 82<sup>nd</sup> SC-NBWL meeting held on 12.03.2025, the subject proposal was discussed and the same was approved by the NBWL. Hence, the replies for the EDS raised is furnished as under along with remarks:

Sl. No	Additional information	Reply
1	Approval of SC- NBWL	Approved in the 82 <sup>nd</sup> SC-NBWL held on 12.03.2025.
2	Comprehensive Wildlife Mitigation measures plan approved by the SC-NBWL.	The Wildlife Mitigation plan for an amount of Rs.89.00 lakhs has been approved in the 82 <sup>nd</sup> NBWL meeting held on 12.03.2025.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to forward the

I/304962/2025

information to MoEF& CC, Gol, Hyderabad, for consideration of this proposal.

The Extract of the Minutes of the 82<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Standard Committee of NBWL held on 12.03.2025 approving the subject proposals at agenda 82.4.23 is enclosed herewith for kind perusal.

Encl.: As above.

Yours faithfully,

Signed by Suvarna C  
Principal Officer-Conservation of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)(FAC)  
Date: 03.06.2025 06:52:15  
Reason Approved

Copy to the CF/Field Director, Kawal Tiger Reserve Circle, Mancherial and District Forest Officer, Asifabad District.

Copy to the District Panchayat Raj Engineer, Panchayati Raj Department, Asifabad District for information and necessary action.

**F.No.WL-6/10/2025- WL**

Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Wildlife Division)

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Vayu Wing,  
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi 110003.

**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2025.**

**To,**

**All Members  
Standing Committee of NBWL**

**Sub:** Minutes of 82<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life-reg.

Sir/Madam,

Kindly find enclosed a copy of the Minutes of 82<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on **12<sup>th</sup> March, 2025** under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

Yours faithfully,



**(Dr. Sudheer Chintalapati)**

Scientist 'E'

**Email:** sudheer.ch@gov.in

**Distribution:**

1. Secretary, MoEF & CC
2. DGF&SS, MoEF&CC
3. ADGF (WL), MOEF&CC
4. ADGF (FC), MoEF&CC
5. Member Secretary, NTCA
6. Director/IGF, PE Division, MoEF&CC
7. Director, WII, Dehradun
8. Director, GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar
9. Dr. R. Sukumar, Member, NBWL
10. Dr. H.S. Singh, Member, NBWL
11. Secretary, Environment, Forest, Science and Technology  
Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.

**Copy to:**

1. PS to Hon'ble MoEF&CC.
2. PS to Hon'ble MoS, EF&CC.
3. PPS to Secretary, MoEF& CC
4. PPS to DGF&SS, MoEF&CC.
5. PSO to Addl. DGF (WL)/PPS to IGF (WL)/Sr.PPS to DIGF (WL).
6. **The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary Forest Department, The PCCF and HoFF**, Andhra Pradesh/ Arunachal Pradesh/ Assam/ Gujarat/ Himachal Pradesh/ Ladakh/ Karnataka/ Kerala / Madhya Pradesh/ Maharashtra/ Manipur/ Mizoram/ Odisha/ Rajasthan/ Tamil Nadu/ Telangana / Uttarakhand/ Uttar Pradesh/ West Bengal.
7. **The PCCF and HoFF**, Andhra Pradesh/ Arunachal Pradesh/ Assam/ Gujarat/ Himachal Pradesh/ Ladakh/ Karnataka/ Kerala / Madhya Pradesh/ Maharashtra/ Manipur/ Mizoram/ Odisha/ Rajasthan/ Tamil Nadu/ Telangana / Uttarakhand/ Uttar Pradesh/ West Bengal.
8. **The Chief Wild Life Warden**, Andhra Pradesh/ Arunachal Pradesh/ Assam/ Gujarat/ Himachal Pradesh/ Ladakh/ Karnataka/ Kerala / Madhya Pradesh/ Maharashtra/ Manipur/ Mizoram/ Odisha/ Rajasthan/ Tamil Nadu/ Telangana / Uttarakhand/ Uttar Pradesh/ West Bengal.

**Copy also to:** Sr. Technical Director, NIC with a request to upload the minutes of the meeting on PARIVESH Portal.

**MINUTES OF THE 82<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE  
NATIONAL BOARD FOR WILD LIFE HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**

The 82<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life was held on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change. The list of participants is placed at **Annexure-1**.

The Member Secretary welcomed the participants to the meeting and informed about the number and type of proposals that were to be taken for discussion in the meeting. Inspector General of Forests (Wildlife) then made a brief presentation on Agenda Items 82.1 and 82.2 and also on the proposed actions on the announcements made/decisions taken in the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the National Board for Wild Life held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2025 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister at Sasan Gir, Gujarat. Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Wildlife), presented the details of the proposals for amendments in the minutes of previous meetings, fresh proposals, miscellaneous item and additional agenda.

**AGENDA ITEM No. 1**

**82.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the 81<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2024.**

The Standing Committee was informed that the 81<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life was held 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2024. The minutes of the meeting were circulated vide letter F. No. WL-6/134/2024-WL dated 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 amongst all the Members.

A proposal no. FP/UP/TRANS/148929/2021 for use of 65.1105 ha of non-forest land within Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of 220 KV Meerut (765 KV)-Amroha Transmission Line in District Hapur, Uttar Pradesh in favour of Uttar Pradesh Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. (UPPTCL), Amroha, Uttar Pradesh was received from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh.

The proposal was considered as part of the Action Taken Report and recommended with certain conditions in the 81<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee held on 21.12.2024.

In one of the conditions imposed, instead of 220kV, it got mentioned as 132kV due to typographical error.

Prof. Sukumar Raman mentioned that in 81<sup>st</sup> meeting, he made interventions on some of the policy issues and the minutes have not fully captured the essence of what was said by him.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to confirm the minutes of the 81<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2024, subject to the substitution of 220 kV in place of 132 kV in condition no. 2 imposed by the Standing Committee while recommending the proposal no. FP/UP/TRANS/148929/2021. It was also decided that the suggestions of Dr. Sukumar on the minutes of the 81<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee may be placed in the next meeting.

## **AGENDA ITEM No. 2**

### **82.2 ACTION TAKEN REPORT**

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

**WL/OR/CommPost/450891/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 4.004 ha of forest land from buffer and core zones of Similipal Tiger Reserve for Installation of 4G Mobile Tower & laying of OFC in Mayurbhanj District, Odisha in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

The proposal was considered by the Standing Committee in the 81<sup>st</sup> meeting wherein it was decided not to approve the proposal for installation of mobile tower and laying of OFC in the Core Zone of Similipal Tiger Reserve, namely, Bakua. In case of the installation of mobile towers and laying of OFC proposed in villages surrounded by critical tiger habitat/ core zone of Similipal Tiger Reserve, namely, Budhabalanga, Bandirabasa, Gopinathpur, Chandikhaman, Khejuria, Kolha, Kukurbhuka, Makabadi, Naana, Netraghosra, Nikhirda, Jajadihi, Rautala, Kolkjhari, Kuanribil, Saruda, Lembujharan, Saharpat, Sankasira, Asanabani, Bareipani, Barsia, Bhradachua, Bilapaka, and Gudgudia, the Standing Committee decided to seek detailed site-specific information from the NTCA.

The NTCA re-examined the proposals and recommended the 4 proposals namely Astakuanr (tower station no. 388632) and Naana (tower station no. 388634) of Astakuanr Gram Panchayat, Barsia (tower station no. 388545) of Berehipani Gram Panchayat and Gudgudia (tower station no. 388610)- Gudgudia Panchayat.

The Standing Committee accordingly decided to approve the installation of mobile towers at four locations namely Astakuanr (tower station no. 388632) and Naana (tower station no. 388634) of Astakuanr Gram Panchayat, Barsia (tower station no. 388545) of Berehipani Gram Panchayat and Gudgudia (tower station no. 388610)- Gudgudia Panchayat as recommended by the NTCA subject to the following conditions:

1. The User agency shall explore V-SAT technology based mobile towers at all the four recommended tower stations since the laying of OFC involves nearly 65.65 KMs length inside the protected area including 5.2 KMs in-side the core area and 60.45 KMs inside the buffer area of the Similipal Tiger Reserve.
2. The User Agency shall submit to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project an Undertaking that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area in accordance with the procedure.
3. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.

4. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
5. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
6. No work shall be undertaken after sunset and before sunrise.
7. The User Agency shall take prior permission from local forest officials before commencement of work.
8. The User Agency shall follow simultaneous cutting & filling of trench at the time of laying of OFC & electrical conductors and maintain the forest road to facilitate unhindered movement of wildlife.
9. Regulation of the Central Electrical Authority & Guidelines of the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun on Mitigative Measures for Linear Infrastructure Projects shall be strictly adhered to prevent disturbance to wildlife.
10. There shall not be any damage to existing flora and fauna.
11. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.2.2** Proposal for use of 1.1 ha of forestland from buffer zone of Rajaji Tiger Reserve and Shivalik Elephant Reserve for 4- laning of Kotdwar bypass of NH-119 connecting Najibabad- Kotdwar to Kotdwar- Pauri road under Bharatmala Pariyojana Lot-4/Pakage-2 in District - Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand.

#### **WL/UK/ROAD/466764/2024**

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

Committee was further informed that in the 80th meeting of the Standing Committee, a site inspection committee was constituted comprising of representatives of the Ministry, NTCA, WII, the State Forest Department and the User Agency for site appraisal and examination of the animal passage plan.

The site inspection committee carried out inspection and submitted its report.

The Standing Committee in the 81st meeting decided that a comprehensive review meeting may be held with the User Agency, Public Works Department, State Forest Department, National Tiger Conservation Authority to evaluate the road proposals in the Rajaji-Corbett landscape and accordingly decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

A meeting was held under the chairmanship of DGF & SS on 6.2.2025. Following action points emerged from the meeting:

1. The User Agency agreed to comply with all the recommendations of the site inspection committee including compensating for the loss of buildings as per the provisions of the NHAI Act.
2. Regarding the compensation of the buildings and trees, the State Government may process claim in the proposal submitted under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
3. It was also decided that the recommendations of the site inspection committee would be communicated by the Ministry to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh regarding the road upgradation proposal of the Meerut-Garhwal National Highway, which passes through the tiger corridor linking Rajaji Tiger Reserve with Corbett Tiger Reserve in Uttar Pradesh.

**Decision Taken:** The Standing Committee accordingly decided to approve the proposal subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency to comply with all the recommendations of the site inspection committee including compensating for the loss of buildings as per the provisions of the NHAI Act.
2. Regarding the compensation of the buildings and trees, the State Government may process claim in the proposal submitted under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
3. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
4. The cutting of minimum identified trees shall be done under the strict monitoring of the State Forest Department.
5. Protection and mitigation measures for wildlife shall be ensured as per standard practices in such cases.
6. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
7. The concerned territorial Divisional Forest Officer/Director shall monitor the implementation of the project regularly and report for the violations, if any.
8. It shall be ensured that no labourer camp shall be set up inside the forest area.
9. The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and all other Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and Hon'ble NGT Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
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.

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

#### **WL/MH/ROAD/472824/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 30.089 ha (11.156 ha forest land and 18.933 ha non- forest land) falling under Tiger Corridor identified under Atlas Eastern Vidarbha Land Landscape for up-gradation of existing National Highway no. 353 C to two/four lane with paved shallers configuration of Gadchiroli-

Allaplli-Sironcha of NH 353 C from Gitali-Mosam-Zamela Nallha in Gadchiroli District, Maharashtra.

As decided by the Standing Committee in its 80th meeting, a site inspection committee was constituted comprising of representatives from the Ministry, Forest Department of Madhya Pradesh, the NTCA, WII and the User Agency for carrying out for site inspection and examination of the animal passage plan and therefore decided to defer the proposal.

As working permission after grant of clearance under the Van (Sanrakshan and Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 was already given, the User Agency has already initiated the construction works.

The site inspection committee had carried out site inspection. The User Agency had proposed 22 mitigation measures which the site inspection committee found that animal passage structures proposed by the User Agency would not serve the purpose.

The site inspection committee has proposed for construction of 7 underpasses (flyovers), having span of 500 m (2 nos.), 300 m (3 nos.), 200 m (1 no.) and 50 m (1 no.). The overall span of overpasses would be around 1.7 km. Along with approaches, it would come around 5.5 km.

The User Agency has informed that the cost of these mitigation measures would come around Rs. 440 crores.

Director WII informed that we may first conduct a comprehensive review of the proposed plan. As some of these suggested underpasses in close vicinity of each other can be dropped or modified. As the cost of the structures proposed by the site inspection committee is high, there can be relook and the proposal may be deferred for the next meeting.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a comprehensive review meeting may be held at the level of Secretary, EF&CC; DGF&SS, State Forest Department and concerned department of the State Government and therefore decided to defer the matter for the next meeting.

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

#### **WL/MH/ROAD/463717/2024**

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

As decided by the Standing Committee in its 80th meeting, a site inspection committee was constituted comprising of representatives from the Ministry, Forest Department of Madhya Pradesh, the NTCA, WII and the User Agency for carrying out for site inspection and examination of the animal passage plan and therefore decided to defer the proposal.

As proposed by the site inspection committee, the comprehensive action plan has to be given by the User Agency and the State Government.

It was suggested that the WII may bring out a mitigation plan along with User Agency as the initial proposal for mitigation plan is inadequate.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a comprehensive review meeting may be held at the level of Secretary, EF&CC; DGF&SS, State Forest Department and concerned department of the State Government and therefore decided to defer the matter for the next meeting.

- 82.2.5** Proposal for use of 315.74 ha of forest land for renovation of Asolamenda Irrigation Project from tiger corridor connecting Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve-Kawal Tiger Reserve-Tipeshwar Sanctuary in Bramhapuri, Central Chanda and Chandrapur Forest Division of Chandrapur district, Maharashtra.

**FP/MH/IRRIG/39591/2019**

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

It is proposed to raise the height of existing Asolamendha Dam by 2.70 M. and proposed to store the additional water through Gosikhurd Right Bank Canal. It is proposed to increase the existing Command Area of Asolamendha Project from 9919 Ha to 70412 Ha. The area required under this project is 243.27 for additional submergence area and 72.47 ha for canal network system.

The site inspection committee had recommended cancellation of 4 overpasses, modification of span of one overpass from 50 m to 100 m, construction of an overpass of width 50 m, addition of two overpasses of span 50 m each, landscaping near overpasses, escape ramps of wildlife, provision of directors, measures to control human access and comprehensive mitigation for the entire existing canal network of the larger Gosekhurd irrigation project in the landscape shall be implemented.

Furthermore, two meetings were conducted at the Ministry level for discussion on with all relevant stakeholders as directed in the 81st SCNBWL meeting.

Apart from this, the User Agency along with the Forest Department of Maharashtra has developed a comprehensive mitigation plan for the entire landscape in light of the extensive infrastructure developments in the area. The user agency has agreed to undertake all the mitigation measures, including additional mitigation measures for the overall landscape.

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

1. The User Agency to comply with all the recommendations of the site inspection committee in their report.
2. The User Agency shall also implement comprehensive mitigation for the entire existing canal network of the larger Gosekhurd irrigation project in the landscape shall be implemented.
3. The blasting work in corridor area shall be limited and under low intensity.
4. No contravention of Indian Forest Act, Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 shall be done.
5. All the work in corridor forest patch shall be done in day time & halting of labours shall be outside corridors area.
6. The water of the canals if demanded for wildlife in forest shall be made available free of charge.
7. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in Tadoba Andhari Tiger conservation foundation account in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
8. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

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

#### **WL/UK/IND/434575/2023**

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

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

This project does not require an environmental clearance as per the existing regulations. For taking up any activity within an ESZ, if notified, or within 10 km zone of the boundary of National Parks or sanctuaries, if ESZ has not been notified, prior approval of the SCNBWL shall be required if the activity/project is listed in the schedule of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 as amended from time to time.

However, in this case, in the Honourable High Court of Uttarakhand, concerns were raised regarding significant pollution levels caused by the entity in question. In response to these concerns, the Honourable High Court of Uttarakhand directed that the National Board for Wild Life to review the matter and pass orders.

Following this directive, the proposal was placed for consideration of the Standing Committee in the 81<sup>st</sup> meeting. As directed by the Standing Committee, the matter was examined in light of the earlier matter dealt as per directions of Hon'ble Courts/Tribunals.

Dr. H. S. Singh suggested that the matter may be examined at the level of the Chief Wild Life Warden.

The Chairman mentioned that the Standing Committee deliberates on policy matters related to wildlife and forest conservation. The Chairman also recalled that there were proposals previously submitted by the State Governments, where the Standing Committee decided not to deliberate as it was outside its purview.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that an appraisal the proposal on its legal perspective may be examined and therefore decided to defer the proposal.

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

#### **WL/KL/De Reservation/485976/2024**

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

As part of Government of India's Grow More Food programme, people were settled at Pampa Valley in 1950s. The area was notified as tiger reserve in 1978.

The Standing Committee in the 80th meeting held on 21.10.2024 had decided that a committee may be constituted for site inspection comprising of the representatives of the Ministry, NTCA, State Forest Department and Dr. Sukumar, Member, NBWL for comprehensive assessment of the area.

The Ministry constituted the site inspection committee which carried out site inspection. The committee noticed full township in the area proposed to be excluded. The committee has made following recommendations:

- a. The Committee recommend the proposal for altering the boundary of Periyar Tiger Reserve by excluding the Pampa Valley Settlement area (502.723 Ha) from the 'Buffer of Periyar Tiger Reserve, while retaining the three small enclaves (71.62 Ha), as buffer within the Tiger Reserve.
- b. The Committee recommends that the State Government shall formulate and implement appropriate guidelines and action plan (in synchronisation with the

zonal master plan mandatory for ESZ as per MoEFCC format) for the sustainable development practices to be adopted in Pampa Valley settlement area.

- c. In lieu of the denotification of the Pampa Valley region as above, it would be prudent that the undisturbed Reserved Forests tracts lying contiguous to the southern boundary of the PTR be brought under the same set of management practices of the Tiger Reserve.

Dr. Sukumar mentioned that essentially, in the 1950s, a group of ex-servicemen was relocated and settled in the area as part of a government initiative of Grow More Food. They were encouraged and directed to cultivate the land to enhance food production and contribute to agricultural growth. Over time, as conservation policies evolved, the land where they resided was designated as part of the buffer zone of a protected area.

The current proposal seeks to exclude these settlements from the tiger reserve thereby redefining its boundaries. The adjustment being suggested involves a significant portion of land, ensuring that no new populations are added to the tiger reserve. This approach strikes a balance between conservation goals and the interests of the settlers. It is a mutually beneficial solution that maintains ecological integrity while addressing the concerns of the affected communities.

The Chairman mentioned that the population density is quite high. He suggested that the as recommended by the site inspection committee, the State Government shall first formulate and implement appropriate guidelines and action plan. He opined that in absence of guidelines, there may be encroachments in future.

The Inspector General of Forests (Wildlife) also suggested that the State Government may also propose for inclusion of additional area in the tiger reserve as recommended by the committee.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal until the State Government formulates appropriate guidelines and an action plan for the adoption of sustainable development practices in the Pampa Valley settlement area and the details of additional area to be included in the Tiger Reserve.

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

#### **WL/KL/De Reservation/490231/2024**

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

The Standing Committee in the 80th meeting held on 21.10.2024 had decided that a committee may be constituted for site inspection comprising of the representatives of the Ministry, State Forest Department and Dr. Sukumar, Member, NBWL for comprehensive assessment of the area.

The committee recommends the following:

- a. The Committee recommends the proposal for altering the boundary of Thattekkad Bird Sanctuary by excluding the human habitations to the extent of 897.25 ha (8.9725 km<sup>2</sup>) and Edamalayar River of 158ha (1.58km<sup>2</sup>) along the northern boundary and add 1382.94 ha (13.8294 km<sup>2</sup>) from the Neriyanamangalam Range of Munnar Forest Division.
- b. Part of the Thattekkad settlement is having the legal status of a notified RF. Any projects involving non-forestry activities in this area, shall require necessary Forest Clearance as per the provisions of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
- c. The Committee also recommends that the State Government shall formulate and implement appropriate guidelines and action plan for the sustainable development practices to be adopted in Thattekkad human settlement.

Secretary, EF&CC mentioned that the site inspection committee has suggested for formulation of guidelines and an action plan.

Inspector General of Forests (Wildlife) suggested that the State Government may be requested for formulation of guidelines and an action plan.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal until the State Government formulates appropriate guidelines and an action plan for the adoption of sustainable development practices in the Thattekkad human settlement and the details of additional area to be included in the Sanctuary.

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

#### **WL/KL/ROAD/401933/2022**

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

The Zoological Survey of India had prepared a mitigation plan for the project proposal. They had proposed several culverts, viaducts and open ducts. The State Government has also proposed for a mitigation plan separately to be funded by the NHAI.

Dr. Sukumar mentioned that the proposal is totally outside the elephant reserve. also passes near the Silent Valley, a critical ecological zone. Now, the issue at hand concerns the movement and dispersal patterns of elephants. Some of these elephants have started crossing the highway and migrating toward the western side, a region where they

ideally shall not venture. It is crucial to ensure that elephants do not have access to this area, as the presence of even a few of them can result in significant conflict situations with local communities. Therefore, any mitigation plan shall be designed to prevent large-bodied animals, particularly elephants, from crossing over to the western side.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Kerala informed that the mitigation plan has been designed to effectively address these concerns. The primary approach involves the strategic installation of barricades to prevent elephants from crossing the road.

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

1. Animal passage plan submitted by the user agency along with the proposal shall be implemented in totality.
2. The proposed area for diversion from the territorial Division shall be utilized only for the purpose for which the User Agency has applied and not for any other commercial purpose.
3. The User Agency shall obtain necessary approval under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
4. The amount proposed by the User Agency to implement biodiversity conservation and to mitigate human-wildlife conflict (both recurring & non-recurring) - Rs.88.880 crore as proposed by the Chief Wild Life Warden shall be remitted into the State CAMPA account before the commencement of work.
5. The User Agency shall inform the commencement of the work. The diversion work shall be executed under the supervision of Kerala Forest Department.
6. The User Agency shall invariably demarcate the proposed land for diversion with any suitable permanent stones/pillars. After demarcation only, the works shall be commenced.
7. The User Agency shall 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 shall be charged with suitable provisions of relevant Acts.
8. The User Agency shall ensure that no fire-wood collection, fishing and hunting take place during the construction phase.
9. The User Agency shall obey any other conditions stipulated by Kerala Forest Department as per the prevailing Acts & Rules.
10. The User Agency shall be solely responsible for every violation of which attract the provisions of the Kerala Forest Act, 1961; the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
11. The working hours shall be limited between sunrise and sunset.
12. As part of road construction, no permission shall be allowed for construction of temporary shed, cooking food or labour camps etc. inside the forest.
13. No construction material shall be procured from the forest for construction. The debris shall be disposed outside the forest area.
14. Care shall be taken to ensure that no incident of fire occurs in the forests.
15. No explosives/chemicals shall be used in the forests.
16. Any other conditions specified by the Circle Heads/Divisional Forest Officer/Wildlife Warden concerned shall be complied with.
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.

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

**WL/KL/INFRA/491140/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for Residential cum Commercial Building construction Project over an area of 1.2809 ha by Kerala State Housing Board at Survey. Nos. 1176/1- 2, 1176/2-2 & 2498, Marine Drive, Ernakulam Village, Kochi Municipal Corporation, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District.

The project is proposed around 200 m from the Kerala High Court. The Sanctuary is around 2.7 ha in area. The Kerala State Housing Board has proposed this residential housing development project at an aerial distance of 0.22 km in default ESZ of Mangalavanam Bird Sanctuary.

In the current case, the Eco-Sensitive Zone is based on the default parameters, as per the existing regulations. The extent of ESZ has been proposed as zero by the State Government in the north, west, south, and southwest directions.

Dr. Sukumar highlighted that the sanctuary is very small in area and located within densely urbanized settings. He mentioned that Guindy National Park in Chennai, has similar settings. The enforcement of 10-kilometer buffer in a metropolitan region is impractical. Given such scenarios, he emphasized the need to develop a policy tailored for sanctuaries and Protected Areas (PAs) situated in highly urbanized environments. This policy shall strike a balance between conservation priorities and urban development needs while also minimizing potential legal complications.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that the distance of the proposed project is only about 200 m from the boundary of the sanctuary.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Kerala mentioned that the total area of the sanctuary is only 2.75 hectares and situated in a well-developed part of the city. Given these constraints, mitigation measures have been proposed to minimize the impact of urbanization, awareness creation etc. On this side of the Sanctuary, the extent of ESZ is zero.

The Director of the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) provided an example from Mumbai, where Sanjay Gandhi National Park faces similar challenges. In some areas surrounding the park, ESZ boundaries have been reduced to 100m.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a comprehensive review meeting may be held at the level of Secretary, EF&CC; DGF&SS, State Forest Department and concerned department of the State Government and therefore decided to defer the matter.

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

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

The proposal was considered in the 81<sup>st</sup> meeting wherein the Standing Committee decided to defer the project proposal until the State Government submits complete proposal for declaration of Eco-sensitive Zone around Parambikulam Tiger Reserve.

Inspector General of Forests (Wildlife) suggested that the State shall get the ESZ finally notified and thereafter need not come to the Standing Committee if the proposed mining areas fall outside the notified ESZ.

Dr. Sukumar mentioned that the area falls outside the forest area.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that the distance of the quarry is about 4 km from the Parambikulam Tiger Reserve.

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

1. The working hours shall be immediately limited between sunrise and sunset.
2. The vehicle agreed by the User Agency shall be procured by the User Agency themselves and deliver the same to Divisional Forest Officer, Nenmara.
3. The balance after the amount for the vehicle as proposed by the User Agency shall be remitted to the State CAMPA before the commencement of the work.
4. The User Agency shall implement the measures proposed for mitigation of impacts of the quarry in the Biodiversity Assessment Report submitted along with the proposal.
5. No existing water passage shall be blocked by construction activities.
6. Regular replenishment study needs to be carried out to keep a balance between deposition and extraction.
7. Efforts shall be taken to minimize the disturbance from quarrying activities outside the proposed site.
8. The User Agency shall ensure safety provisions during construction, operational and post-operational phase in order to avoid accidents/injuries to wild animals.
9. Efforts must be taken with the help of advanced techniques to reduce noise, light, vibration, and dust. Dust suppression systems must be installed and air and water quality shall be regularly monitored.
10. Construction work shall be permitted during daytime. No labour camps shall be established inside the tiger reserve.
11. Construction materials shall be procured from outside the Tiger Reserve. Construction debris shall be disposed away from the Tiger Reserve by the User Agency.
12. The CWLW shall have appropriate mechanism in place for compliance of the conditions laid herein during various phases of project implementation.
13. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual

compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

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

**WL/KL/MIN/QRV/475208/2024**

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

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

Dr. Sukumar mentioned that the project proposal does not involve any forest area.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that the proposal is located completely outside the forested region and is approximately 8 kilometres away from the Sanctuary boundary.

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

1. The User Agency shall deposit the amount for the wildlife mitigation plan submitted along with the proposal in the State CAMPA before the commencement of the work.
2. The working hours of the unit shall be limited between sunrise and sunset.
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.

- 82.2.1** Proposal for use of 1.764 Ha of forest land in Echoda division for upgradation and improvement of existing road to BT standards from L026 - NH7 to Boregoan village of Neradigonda Mandal of Adilabad District in favour of PR department.

**WL/TG/ROAD/427485/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.764 Ha of forest land in Echoda division for upgradation and improvement of existing road to BT standards from L026 - NH7 to Boregoan village of Neradigonda Mandal of Adilabad District in favour of PR department.

This is an existing earthen road which is proposed to be black topped. The length of the road is 2940.00 meters with a width of 6.00 meters No felling of trees is involved in the proposed project area for Diversion.

The User Agency has laid black top on the existing metal road for a length of 2.94 Km and width 6.00 Mt (Area 1.764 Ha). Notice issued earlier to the User Agency and a case has been booked vide by Dy Range Officer.

The proposal was first considered in the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee wherein it was decided that the State Government shall submit a proper action taken report against the offenders and also against the officials responsible for the violations. Accordingly, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

A meeting was held between the Secretary, EF & CC, Director General of Forests and Special Secretary, MoEFCC and the Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana in the month of January, 2025 wherein the State Government assured of proper action and prevention of violations in future in forest and wildlife areas.

Director General of Forests informed that the State Government has given assurance for actions in cases of violations and prevention of violations in future.

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

1. As per specifications, a minimum of two passage ways with a minimum of 30.00 m width and 4-5 m height per km length of the infrastructure shall be incorporated in animal passage plan since the landscape has presence of gaur and other large mammals and future colonization by tigers may not be overruled, the minimum height of the underpasses shall be 4 – 5 m as per WII Guidelines.
2. Therefore, the user agency as a part of the wild animal passage plan shall construct under passes at the locations indicated in the Animal Passage Plan prepared by the Forest Divisional Officer/ District Forest Officer concerned following the specifications issued by the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.
3. The underpasses shall have bell- mouth opening with splayed wing walls at both ends with grasses, herbs and shrubs to attract movement of wild animals.
4. The user agency shall install speed control devices with proper sign boards at animal crossing points identified by the FDO.
5. The work shall be carried out only between 8.00 AM to 4.00 PM without disturbing/damaging the flora and fauna of the area.
6. No labour camp shall be set up during the execution of work.
7. All the debris at the site of construction of under passes shall be removed after construction.
8. Care shall be taken to ensure no incidents of fire occur in the forest area. No explosives to be used.
9. There shall be no violation of State Forest Act, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 during the execution of work.
10. Any other conditions specified by the circle head/DFO/FDO shall be complied with.
11. The mitigation amount of Rs.21.00 lakh shall be deposited in the BIOSOT account of Chief Wild Life Warden in Union Bank, Secretariat Branch, Hyderabad bearing A/ C No.110310100030284, IFSC Code UBIN0811033.

The following mitigation plan as recommended by CCF/ CF, Adilabad is approved for Rs.21.00 lakhs.

S.No	Name of the item	Unit Cost	Qty	Amt.
1.	Animal trackers(3 No. for 3 years @9,000 per month per person)	9.72	1	9.72
2	Erection of check gates to control wildlife entering to road	0.12	2	0.24
3	Installation of Borewell connected with PT	6.00	1	6.00
4	Formation of Percolation tanks	0.50	1	0.50
5	Procurement of camera traps for monitoring wild animals	0.25	4	1.00
6	Supply of field kit to the staff containing measurement tape, torch, bill hook, bag, water bottle, plaster of paris, mug, glass, compass etc for wildlife monitoring	0.05	5	0.25
7	Installation of large hoarding/ sign boards/ entry gate to propagate the needs for the conservation of flora and fauna of the area	1.00	1	1.00
8	Conducting of awareness programme for wildlife	0.25	1	0.25
9	Procurement of fire blowers @Rs.0.60	0.60	1	0.60
10	Procurement of fire fighting equipment's like shoes, gloves, helmets, spades, crowbars, fire beaters etc	LS	LS	0.25
11	Administrative cost	LS	LS	1.19
Total				21.00

12. Telangana Forest Department has proposed construction of 4 animal underpasses (each of 30 m length and 3 m height) for the upgraded road.
13. No existing water passage shall be blocked by construction activities.
14. Construction materials (including top soil) shall be procured from outside the forest area. The debris shall be appropriately dumped outside the forest by user agency taking due care of air/dust pollution.
15. User Agency shall place wildlife crossing signage boards at appropriate places in consultation with Forest Department.
16. CWLW, Telangana shall have appropriate monitoring mechanism in place for compliance of the conditions stipulated herein during various phases of project implementation.
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.

- 82.2.1** Proposal for use of 7.887 ha (revised from 6.3099 ha) of forest land from Buffer Zone  
**4** of Kawal Tiger Reserve for upgradation and Improvement of existing road to BT standards R/F Muthnoor to Fakeernaik Thanda of Sirikonda Mandal of Adilabad district, Telangana under PMGSY.

**FP/TG/ROAD/49729/2020**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 7.887 ha (revised from 6.3099 ha) of forest land from Buffer Zone of Kawal Tiger Reserve for upgradation and Improvement of existing road to BT standards R/F Muthnoor to Fakeernaik Thanda of Sirikonda Mandal of Adilabad district, Telangana under PMGSY.

The User Agency has already carried out the works to an extent of 7.887 ha over a length of 10516 mtrs with a width of 7.5 mtrs apart from that, (15) Nos culverts and (05) Nos bridges were also constructed without obtaining any permission from the competent authority and thus violated the FC Act, 1980 and WLP Act, 1972.

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

A meeting was held between the Secretary, EF & CC, Director General of Forests and Special Secretary, MoEFCC and the Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana in the month of January, 2025 wherein the State Government assured of proper action and prevention of violations in future in forest and wildlife areas.

Director General of Forests informed that the State Government has given assurance for actions in cases of violations and prevention of violations in future.

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

1. The User Agency as a part of the wild animal passage plan shall construct 20 underpasses at the locations indicated in the Animal Passage Plan prepared by the Forest Divisional Officer/District Forest Officer concerned following the specifications issued by the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.
2. The underpasses shall have bell-mouth opening with splayed wing walls at both ends with grasses, herbs and shrubs to paralysed movement of wild animals.
3. The following mitigation plan is approved by the Chief Wild Life Warden for Rs.68.60 lakhs shall be implemented.

Sl. No	Name of the item	Unit Cost	Qty.	Amt.
--------	------------------	-----------	------	------

1	Integrated camping site-Creation of water sources by constructing major percolation tank (cost Rs.5.00 lakh) along with two solar powered borewells (Cost Rs.3.50 lakh each) to fill the pumps along with a watch tower cum camping site	20.00	1	20.00
2	Installation of Solar borewells connected PTs.	6.00	2	12.00
3	Management of Grasslands by uprooting obnoxious weeds and sowing locally collected grass seeds (including maintenance for 3 years) near the Integrated camping site at SL.No.1	0.40	30 Ha	12.00
4	Creation of salt pits by digging shallow saucers of 1 meter dia and filling partially with black silt and rock salt (3:1 ration) with minimum of 200 kg of salt around the PT constructed at SL.No.1	20.00	0.05	0.10
5	Development of approach path to the Integrated camping facility	LS	LS	0.50
6	Engaging a team of two trackers at each major PT site for monitoring wildlife movement, collection of data from camera traps fixing and safeguarding camera traps for 3 years	0.15 per month	2	10.80
7	Procurement of camera traps	20 Nos.	0.25	5.00
8	Procurement of Binoculars to be used by the trackers stationed at the integrated camping facility to monitor movement of wildlife	2 Nos	0.10	0.20
9	Creation and maintenance of firelines	4 km	0.5	2.00
10	Installation of large hoarding and sign boards for creation of Publicity and awareness	1.00	2	2.00
11	Conducting of Nature camps to school children	0.1	10	1.00
12	Administrative cost	As per actuals	LS	3.00
	Total			68.60

4. The mitigation amount of Rs.68.60 lakh shall be deposited in the Telangana State CAMPA account.
5. The material for carrying out the proposed works shall be kept outside the Tiger Reserve. As and when required, they shall be carried to the site during execution only.
6. The work shall be carried out only between 9.00 AM to 5.00 PM without disturbing/damaging the flora and fauna of the area.

7. No labour camp shall be set up during the execution of work. Care shall be taken to ensure no incidents of fire occur in the forest area. No explosives to be used.
8. There shall be no violation of State Forest Act, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 during the execution of work.
9. Any other condition specified by the circle head/DFO/FDO shall be complied with.
10. The User Agency, in consultation with the Forest Department, shall construct speed breakers /rumble strips and install warning signboards at areas sensitive for wildlife crossings. Signs warning of wildlife shall put up along the stretches of roads where animals are known to occur or use local habitat.
11. The road shall facilitate the safe movement of animals in the landscape. To achieve this, measures such as speed control, traffic volume management, and noise reduction shall be clearly indicated with appropriate signage.
12. No felling of trees is allowed during the road construction.
13. Construction debris shall be disposed of outside the Tiger Reserve by the User Agency.
14. The road alignment and construction activities shall not disrupt any natural water channel and natural habitat of the landscape.
15. CWLW, Telangana shall put monitoring mechanism for the compliance of the conditions outlined herein at various phases of project implementation.
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.

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

**5**

#### **FP/TG/ROAD/50104/2020**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 7.363 Ha (revised from 5.890 ha) of forest land from Buffer Zone of Kawal Tiger Reserve for upgradation of road from L039-Kuntala K to Mathurathanda of Neradigonda Mandal Nagamalia and Kuntala RFs of Adilabad district in favour of Panchayat Raj Engineer under PMGSY.

The User Agency has already carried out works in the proposed sites over an extent of 7.363 ha over a length of 9816.74 mtrs with a width of 7.5 mtrs. However, work of the laying black top is not started and completed yet. Further, it is noticed that, the User Agency has also constructed (09) Nos, culverts and (06) Nos causeways along the proposed alignment.

The proposal was first discussed in the 79<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee wherein it was decided that the State Government shall take effective action against the violations under section 51 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, sections 3A and 3B of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and State Forest Act. Further, a meeting may be held between Director General of Forests and Chief

Secretary of Telangana to discuss issues related to violations of forest and wildlife laws in the state of Telangana. The Standing Committee therefore decided to defer the proposal.

A meeting was held between the Secretary, EF & CC, Director General of Forests and Special Secretary, MoEFCC and the Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana in the month of January, 2025 wherein the State Government assured of proper action and prevention of violations in future in forest and wildlife areas.

Director General of Forests informed that the State Government has given assurance for actions in cases of violations and prevention of violations in future.

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

1. No tree felling shall be carried out in the forest area proposed for diversion.
2. As per the specifications issued by WII a minimum of two passage ways with a minimum of 30.00 mts width and 3.00 m height per km length of the Infrastructure shall be incorporated in animal passage plan.
3. The User Agency as a part of the wild animal passage plan shall construct (13) underpasses at the locations indicated in the Animal Passage Plan prepared by the Forest Divisional Officer/District Forest Officer concerned following the specifications issued by the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.
4. The underpasses shall have bell-mouth opening with splayed wing walls at both ends with grasses, herbs and shrubs to paralysed movement of wild animals.
5. The following mitigation plan recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden for an amount of Rs.68.00 lakhs (in Lakhs) shall be implemented.

Sl. No	Name of the item	Unit Cost	Echoda Division		Utnoor FDPT Division	
			Qty.	Financial	Qty	Financial
1	Installation of Solar Borewell with pump set	6.00	1 No	6.00	2 No	12.00
2	Management of Grasslands by uprooting obnoxious weeds and sowing locally collected grass seeds (including maintenance for 3 years)	0.4	5 ha	2.00	10 ha	4.00
3	Procurement of camera traps for monitoring wild animals	0.3	0	0.00	10 No	3.00
4	Conducting of awareness programme for wildlife	0.25	2 No	0.50	2 No	0.50
5	Mitigation Man-Animal conflict issues	LS	LS	0.00	LS	1.00

6	Administrative cost	LS	LS	1.00	LS	1.00
				9.50		21.50
	Name of the Work	Unit cost	Qty.	Financial		
7	Erection and maintenance of check posts	5.00	3 No.	15.00		
8	Procurement & Installation of Solar CC cameras	0.2	10 No	2.00		
9	Procurement of patrolling vehicle	10.0	1 No	10.00		
10	Control cum inspection room at Kuntala	10.0	1 No	10.00		
	Grand Total			68.00		

6. The mitigation amount of Rs.68.00 lakh shall be deposited in the Telangana State CAMPA account.
7. The material for carrying out the proposed works shall be kept outside the Tiger Reserve. As and when required they shall be carried to the site during execution only.
8. The work shall be carried out only between 9.00 AM to 5.00 PM without disturbing/damaging the Flora and Fauna of the area.
9. No labour camp shall be set up during the execution of work.
10. Care shall be taken to ensure no incidents of fire occur in the forest area. No explosives to be used.
11. There shall be no violation of State Forest Act, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 during the execution of work.
12. Any other condition specified by the circle head/DFO/FDO shall be complied with.
13. The User Agency, in consultation with the Forest Department, shall construct speed breakers /rumble strips and install warning signboards at areas sensitive for wildlife crossings. Signs warning of wildlife shall put up along the stretches of roads where animals are known to occur or use local habitat.
14. The road shall facilitate the safe movement of animals in the landscape. To achieve this, measures such as speed control, traffic volume management, and noise reduction shall be clearly indicated with appropriate signage.
15. The road alignment and construction activities shall not disrupt any natural water channel and natural habitat of the landscape.
16. CWLW, Telangana shall develop a monitoring mechanism for the compliance of the conditions outlined herein at various phases of project implementation.
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.

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

6

#### **FP/TG/ROAD/53281/2020**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 3.2411 ha of forest land from Pakhal Wildlife Sanctuary for formation of BT Road from PWD Road to Neelavancha (km 9/550 to 13/120) at Gudur Mandal of Mahabubabad District, Telangana.

A pipe culvert with a width of 12.00 Mtrs. and length of 12.00 Mtrs and a cause way with a width of 12.00 Mtrs. and length of 12.00 Mtrs have been constructed by the User Agency. Disciplinary action has been initiated against the Forest Department officials and offences has been booked under the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and State Forest Act.

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

A meeting was held between the Secretary, EF & CC, Director General of Forests and Special Secretary, MoEFCC and the Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana in the month of January, 2025 wherein the State Government assured of proper action and prevention of violations in future in forest and wildlife areas.

Director General of Forests informed that the State Government has given assurance for actions in cases of violations and prevention of violations in future.

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

1. The User Agency shall be constructing under passes as per the guidelines and technical specifications prescribed by the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun at locations shown by the FDO WLM Guduru.
2. In addition to this, the user agency shall provide budget for implementing the following wildlife mitigation measures. (Rs.in lakh)

Sl. No	Name of the item	Financial target
1.	Habitat Management:	24.00

	a) Installation of solar bore wells and connected them to percolation tanks.4 units @Rs.6.00 lakh each.	
	b) Creation and management of natural grasslands 100 ha @ 0.20 lakh per ha	20.00
2	Water Management. a. Construction of large percolation tanks 4 Nos. for facilitating use by Gaur which is a flagship species in the area @2.5 lakh each	10.00
3	Providing of Infrastructure for improvement of protection of wildlife habitat	
	Construction of integrated base camp for protection staff with solar bore well facility and storage pond. 2 units @Rs.10.00 lakh each	20.00
4.	Publicity & Awareness Hoardings & publicity to propagate the need for conservation of flora and fauna of the area. 5 large hoardings and 10 smaller hoardings.	10.00
5.	Mitigating man animal conflict including payment of compensation, procuring trap cages etc	10.00
6.	Admin and Monitoring cost	6.00
	Total	100.00

The above amount shall be deposited by the User Agency in the BIOSOT account of Chief Wildlife Warden, Telangana in Union Bank of India, Secretariat Branch, Hyderabad A/C No.110310100030284, IFS Code UBIN0811033.

3. The User Agency shall not fell any tree while executing the work.
4. The works shall be carried out without disturbing or damaging flora, Fauna or habitat of the area.
5. Work shall be carried out from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm only.
6. The material for carrying out the proposed works shall be kept outside the sanctuary area. As and when required they shall be carried to the site during execution of work.
7. No labour camp shall be established inside the protected area during the execution of the work. The User Agency shall ensure that no forest fires occur in the area during the execution of works.
8. The debris formed due to the execution of the works shall be taken away from the protected area on day-to-day basis.
9. The User Agency shall construct masonry pillars to demarcate the proposed project area at every 20 meter interval.
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.

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

7

**WL/MP/ROAD/414113/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is use of 3.269 ha of forest land within buffer zone of the Panna tiger reserve for construction of Gudalha to Madiyan road, District - Panna, Madhya Pradesh.

A site inspection committee was constituted as decided by the Standing Committee in the 80<sup>th</sup> meeting. Based on its observations and the availability of alternatives, the site inspection committee, while recommending that the villages of Madiyan and Nayapura be connected to Itwakalan through an appropriate road, does not endorse the proposal. Consequently, the site inspection committee did not recommend the proposal for approval by the Standing Committee.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Madhya Pradesh mentioned that as there is possibility of alternate road, the proposal may be dropped.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that such cases must be examined thoroughly at the level of State Government and the State Board for Wild Life.

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

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

8

**FP/MP/ROAD/121709/2021**

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

The proposal was first considered in the 79<sup>th</sup> meeting wherein it was decided that the animal passage plan may be re-examined and comments may be sought the WII. The Standing Committee therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

As decided by the Standing Committee, comments were received from the WII which suggested certain mitigation measures. The Chief Wild Life Warden, Madhya Pradesh has expressed his agreement with the plan suggested by the WII.

The Standing Committee in the 81<sup>st</sup> meeting had decided that he Standing Committee decided that a meeting may be convened with the expert members of the Standing committee, public representatives, User Agencies, Madhya Pradesh Forest Department, Wildlife Institute of India and Ministry officials at Panna to comprehensively evaluate all the proposals related to the Panna Tiger Reserve and

therefore, decided to defer the proposals for the next meeting. However, the meeting could not take place.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Madhya Pradesh mentioned that in the last meeting it was decided to have a holistic view on the road proposals in view of the detailed plan prepared by the WII for Panna landscape in connection with Ken-Betwa River Linking Project. Decision on this project proposal may be taken after the meeting.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that a landscape level plan for Panna Landscape was prepared. The Standing Committee had approved the proposal for Ken-Betwa River Linking Project with the condition for implementation of the Panna Landscape Plan prepared by the WII. There is a need to look into the implementation of such plans as they are forgotten once the execution of the project starts.

Director General of Forests and Special Secretary suggested that it necessary to examine the proposal holistically.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a comprehensive review meeting may be held at the level of Secretary, EF&CC; DGF&SS, State Forest Department and concerned department of the State Government and therefore decided to defer the matter for the next meeting.

### **AGENDA ITEM No. 3**

#### **82.3 AMENDMENT IN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS**

##### **S. Proposal No.**

##### **82.3.1 Amendment in the minutes of 80<sup>th</sup> meeting with respect to proposal no. FP/RJ/ROAD/2439/2018**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal for use of 166.43 ha of land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for widening and Strengthening of Myajlar-Jaisalmer section of NH-11 between km 0+855 to km 63+615, Rajasthan was considered and recommended by the Standing Committee in its 80<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 21.10.2024. One of the conditions imposed by the Standing Committee was that the animal passage plan prepared by the WII shall be implemented by the User Agency. However, double the number of underpasses (viaducts) with span of 250m and 150 m proposed in the plan prepared by the WII shall be constructed by the User Agency along the road.

NHAI has informed that the cost of the mitigation plan proposed by WII through the Desert National Park has worked out to be almost equal to the initial civil work cost for the project length. NHAI has also stated other the technical issues. The NHAI has therefore requested that the condition that "However double the number of underpasses with span of 250 mtr & 150 mtr shall be constructed by the user agency along the road" may be waived off.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Rajasthan informed that the road would be mostly used by the Army.

The Chairman pointed out the sensitivity of the region being the border area. There is a particular demographic nature and some problems in the area which require consideration.

Dr H. S. Singh mentioned that the area being sensitive, the request may be considered or a middle path may be arrived at.

Inspector General of Forests (Wildlife) suggested that already WII has given its recommendations.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to omit the condition, “However double the number of underpasses with span of 250 mtr & 150 mtr shall be constructed by the user agency along the road” from its recommendation in the 80<sup>th</sup> meeting with respect to the proposal no. FP/RJ/ROAD/2439/2018.

### **82.3.2 Amendment in the minutes of the 79<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee with respect to 10 proposals for installation of mobile towers in the favour of BSNL Telangana.**

The Standing Committee was informed that ten proposals of the installation of telecommunication towers were recommended/approved by the Standing Committee in its 79<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 31.07.2024. The User Agency i.e. BSNL has mentioned to the State Government of Telangana that in some of the other states, demand notice for Forest land diversion for the similar projects, the mitigation cost is around Rs.2.00 lakhs per site. The BSNL further, stated that the 4G Saturation project is a Central Govt. initiative focused on expanding connectivity to rural and remote areas and that a more consistent and economical approach to wildlife mitigation cost across the state is essential.

In view of the small extent of forest area involved in diversion and considering that there shall be minimal disturbance to wildlife habitat, there is justification for reconsidering and rationalizing the wildlife mitigation cost.

The State Government has requested that considering the small extent of Forest area involved in diversion, minimal disturbance to WL habitat and the request of M/s. BSNL, the wildlife mitigation plan which was proposed earlier for implementation may be revised.

The Standing Committee was informed that these projects are proposed in sanctuaries, tiger corridors or buffer zone of tiger reserve. None of these projects have been proposed inside core zone of tiger reserve.

**Decision taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend that revised mitigation plan may be implemented as mentioned below:

S. No	Name of the proposal	Approved Wildlife Mitigation Plan	Revised Wildlife Mitigation Plan

1.	Proposal for use of 0.020 ha of forest land from Pakhal Wildlife Sanctuary for installation of 4G Mobile Tower under Government of India- Department of Telecommunications- Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for provision of 4G Mobile Services at Gundam village, Gudur Division, falling in Mahabubabad District, Telangana State, Telangana State in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)- <b>WL/TG/Others/445648/ 2023</b>	12.00	2.00
2.	Proposal for use of 0.020 ha of forest land from Pakhal Wildlife Sanctuary for installation of 4G Mobile Tower under Government of India- Department of Telecommunications-Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for Provision of 4G Mobile Services at Ramavaram village, Gudur Division, falling in Mahabubabad District, Telangana State in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)- <b>WL/TG/Others/445649/ 2023</b>	12.00	2.00
3.	Proposal for use of 0.042 ha of forest land within buffer of Kawal Tiger Reserve for installation of 4G Mobile Tower (0.024 ha) and laying of OFC cable (0.018 ha) for providing 4G Mobile Services at Kuntaguda Village, Adilabad District, Telangana- <b>WL/TG/Others/ 443893/ 2023</b>	11.50	2.00
4.	Proposal for use of 0.042 ha of forest land from tiger corridor landscape in between Kawal and Indravati Tiger Reserve for installation of 4 G Mobile Telecom Towers at (2) Villages i.e., Tokenmovad, Bolapatar Villages in Asifabad Division of KB. Asifabad District in favour of M/s. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Mancherial, Telangana. <b>WL/TG/Others/453953/2023</b>	11.25	4.00
5.	Proposal for use of 0.063 ha of forest land from tiger corridor landscape in between Kawal and Indravati Tiger Reserve for installation of three 4 G mobile telecom towers at (3) villages i.e. Nandigaon, Kadamba Koyyapalli of Kaghaznagar Division of KB, Asifabad District in favour of M/s Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Macherial, Telangana- <b>WL/TG/Others/ 450309/2023</b>	18.00	6.00.
6.	Proposal for use of 0.109 ha of forest land from tiger corridor landscape in between Kawal and Indravati Tiger Reserve for installation of 4G Mobile Services at Gundepalle Village (Tower - 0.021Ha), Itikyalapahad (Tower – 0.021Ha), Jilleda (Tower –0.021Ha), Mediapally (Tower – 0.021Ha), Regulaguda (Tower - 0.021Ha, OFC - 0.004Ha) in Asifabad Division, falling in Kumuram Bheem Asifabad District, Telangana State- <b>WL/TG/Others/ 450385/ 2023</b>	41.00	10.00

7.	Proposal for use of 0.0348 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Kawal Tiger Reserve for installation of 4G Mobile Tower at Karnam Loddi Village, Nirmal District, Telangana- <b>WL/TG/Others/ 443905/ 2023</b>	10.00	2.00
8.	Proposal for use of 0.0908 ha of forest Land from buffer zone of Kawal Tiger Reserve for installation of 4G Mobile Tower (0.0224 ha) and laying of OFC cable (0.0684) under Government of India-Department of Telecommunications- Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for providing 4G Mobile Services at Korakantithanda, Nirmal Division, falling in Nirmal District, Telangana State in favour of M/s Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited- <b>WL/TG/Others/443910/2023</b>	11.00	2.00
9.	Proposal for use of 0.020 ha of forest land from Eturnagaram Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of 4G Mobile Tower at Banjar Yellapur village (Gangaram GP) falling in WLM Eturnagaram division of Mulugu district in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited- <b>WL/TG/Others/ 445640/ 2023</b>	15.00	2.00
10	Proposal for use of 0.094 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Kawal Tiger Reserve for 4G Mobile Services at Babejhari (Tower-0.021Ha, OFC-0.031Ha), Jodeghat (Tower-0.021Ha) and tiger corridor landscape between Indravati and Kawal Tiger Reserve at Teepargaon Village (Tower-0.021Ha) in Asifabad Division, falling in Kumuram Bheem Asifabad District, Telangana State favor of M/s Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited. <b>WL/TG/Others/450361/2023</b>	32.00	6.00

#### **AGENDA ITEM No. 4**

#### **82.4 FRESH PROPOSALS FALLING INSIDE/OUTSIDE THE PROTECTED AREA**

- 82.4.1** Proposal for use of 0.0186 ha of forest land from Sitamata Wildlife Sanctuary for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project, district Pratapgarh-Village-Balaliya-(108490) in Tehsil Pratapgarh in favour of BSNL.

**WL/RJ/Others/468154/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0186 ha of forestland from Sitamata Wildlife Sanctuary for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project, district Pratapgarh-Village-Balaliya-(108490) in Tehsil Pratapgarh in favour of BSNL.

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

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

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
  - a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
  - b. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance; and
  - c. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area in accordance with the procedure.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
6. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
7. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
8. There shall be no felling of trees except mentioned in the proposal and no burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
9. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
10. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
11. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area
12. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
13. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
14. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
15. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
16. The project area shall be fenced with six feet chain link by the User Agency.
17. Noise less machinery/equipment shall be used to operate the mobile towers.
18. Electromagnetic radiation shall be limited within safe limits for wildlife including birds, bees and other insects as per the guidelines to be issued by Government of India.
19. Any guidelines/regulations or orders of Hon'ble Courts in this regard shall be strictly complied with.

20. Solar power as far as possible shall be used to operate the mobile tower.
21. No approach road shall be constructed for establishment of tower.
22. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.2** Proposal for use of 0.0186 ha of non-forest land from Sitamata Wildlife Sanctuary for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project, district Pratapgarh-Village-Talaipal-(108411) in Tehsil Pratapgarh in favour of BSNL.

**WL/RJ/Others/436913/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0186 ha of non-forest land from Sitamata Wildlife Sanctuary for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project, district Pratapgarh-Village-Talaipal-(108411) in Tehsil Pratapgarh in favour of BSNL.

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

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

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
  - a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
  - b. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance; and
  - c. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area in accordance with the procedure.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
6. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
7. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.

8. There shall be no felling of trees except mentioned in the proposal and no burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
9. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
10. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
11. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area
12. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
13. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
14. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
15. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
16. The project area shall be fenced with six feet chain link by the User Agency.
17. Noise less machinery/equipment shall be used to operate the mobile towers.
18. Electromagnetic radiation shall be limited within safe limits for wildlife including birds, bees and other insects as per the guidelines to be issued by Government of India.
19. Any guidelines/regulations or orders of Hon'ble Courts in this regard shall be strictly complied with.
20. Solar power as far as possible shall be used to operate the mobile tower.
21. No approach road shall be constructed for establishment of tower.
22. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.3** Proposal for use of 0.0186 ha of non-forestland from Sitamata Wildlife Sanctuary for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project, district- Pratapgarh, Village-Khalel-(108413) in Tehsil Pratapgarh in favour of BSNL.

**WL/RJ/Others/436907/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0186 ha of non-forestland from Sitamata Wildlife Sanctuary for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project, district- Pratapgarh, Village-Khalel-(108413) in Tehsil Pratapgarh in favour of BSNL.

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

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

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
  - a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
  - b. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance; and

- c. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area in accordance with the procedure.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
6. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
7. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
8. There shall be no felling of trees except mentioned in the proposal and no burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
9. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
10. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
11. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area
12. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
13. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
14. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
15. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
16. The project area shall be fenced with six feet chain link by the User Agency.
17. Noise less machinery/equipment shall be used to operate the mobile towers.
18. Electromagnetic radiation shall be limited within safe limits for wildlife including birds, bees and other insects as per the guidelines to be issued by Government of India.
19. Any guidelines/regulations or orders of Hon'ble Courts in this regard shall be strictly complied with.
20. Solar power as far as possible shall be used to operate the mobile tower.
21. No approach road shall be constructed for establishment of tower.
22. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.4** Proposal for use of 0.0186 ha of non-forestland from Sitamata Wildlife Sanctuary for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project, district Pratapgarh, Village-Patiya Pal-(108415) in Tehsil Pratapgarh in favour of BSNL.

**WL/RJ/Others/436912/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0186 ha of non-forestland from Sitamata Wildlife Sanctuary for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project, district Pratapgarh, Village-Patiya Pal-(108415) in Tehsil Pratapgarh in favour of BSNL.

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

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

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
  - a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
  - b. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance; and
  - c. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area in accordance with the procedure.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
6. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
7. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
8. There shall be no felling of trees except mentioned in the proposal and no burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
9. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
10. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
11. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area

12. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
13. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
14. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
15. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
16. The project area shall be fenced with six feet chain link by the User Agency.
17. Noise less machinery/equipment shall be used to operate the mobile towers.
18. Electromagnetic radiation shall be limited within safe limits for wildlife including birds, bees and other insects as per the guidelines to be issued by Government of India.
19. Any guidelines/regulations or orders of Hon'ble Courts in this regard shall be strictly complied with.
20. Solar power as far as possible shall be used to operate the mobile tower.
21. No approach road shall be constructed for establishment of tower.
22. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.5** Proposal for use of 0.0186 ha of non-forestland from Sitamata Wildlife Sanctuary for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project, district - Pratapgarh, Village-Rana-(108410) in Tehsil Pratapgarh in favour of BSNL.

**WL/RJ/Others/436901/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0186 ha of non-forestland from Sitamata Wildlife Sanctuary for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project, district - Pratapgarh, Village-Rana-(108410) in Tehsil Pratapgarh in favour of BSNL.

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

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

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
  - a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
  - b. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance; and
  - c. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area in accordance with the procedure.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.

3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
6. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
7. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
8. There shall be no felling of trees except mentioned in the proposal and no burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
9. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
10. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
11. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area
12. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
13. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
14. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
15. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
16. The project area shall be fenced with six feet chain link by the User Agency.
17. Noise less machinery/equipment shall be used to operate the mobile towers.
18. Electromagnetic radiation shall be limited within safe limits for wildlife including birds, bees and other insects as per the guidelines to be issued by Government of India.
19. Any guidelines/regulations or orders of Hon'ble Courts in this regard shall be strictly complied with.
20. Solar power as far as possible shall be used to operate the mobile tower.
21. No approach road shall be constructed for establishment of tower.
22. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.6** Proposal for use of 0.0186 ha of non-forest land from Sitamata Wildlife Sanctuary for Mobile Tower Installation under 4GSaturation Project, district-Pratapgarh, Village-Garhvela-(108419) in Tehsil Pratapgarh in favour of BSNL.

**WL/RJ/Others/438250/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0186 ha of non-forest land from Sitamata Wildlife Sanctuary for Mobile Tower Installation under

4GSaturation Project, district-Pratapgarh, Village-Garhvela-(108419) in Tehsil Pratapgarh in favour of BSNL.

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

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

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
  - a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
  - b. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance; and
  - c. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area in accordance with the procedure.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
6. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
7. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
8. There shall be no felling of trees except mentioned in the proposal and no burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
9. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
10. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
11. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area
12. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
13. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
14. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
15. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
16. The project area shall be fenced with six feet chain link by the User Agency.

17. Noise less machinery/equipment shall be used to operate the mobile towers.
18. Electromagnetic radiation shall be limited within safe limits for wildlife including birds, bees and other insects as per the guidelines to be issued by Government of India.
19. Any guidelines/regulations or orders of Hon'ble Courts in this regard shall be strictly complied with.
20. Solar power as far as possible shall be used to operate the mobile tower.
21. No approach road shall be constructed for establishment of tower.
22. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.7** Proposal for use of 0.0222 ha of non-forestland from Desert National Park for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project, District Jaisalmer, Village-Tejsi-(86135)"in tehsil Jaisalmer in favour of BSNL.

**WL/RJ/Others/448409/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0222 ha of non-forestland from Desert National Park for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project, District Jaisalmer, Village-Tejsi-(86135)"in tehsil Jaisalmer in favour of BSNL.

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

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

1. The User Agency shall submit an undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project.
2. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
3. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
4. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
5. There shall be no felling of trees except mentioned in the proposal and no burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
6. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
7. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
8. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area
9. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
10. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
11. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.

12. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
13. The project area shall be fenced with six feet chain link by the User Agency.
14. Noise less machinery/equipment shall be used to operate the mobile towers.
15. Electromagnetic radiation shall be limited within safe limits for wildlife including birds, bees and other insects as per the guidelines to be issued by Government of India.
16. Any guidelines/regulations or orders of Hon'ble Courts in this regard shall be strictly complied with.
17. Solar power as far as possible shall be used to operate the mobile tower.
18. No approach road shall be constructed for establishment of tower.
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.

**82.4.8** Proposal for use of 0.0186 ha of non-forestland from Sitamata Wildlife Sanctuary for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project, district Pratapgarh, Village-Mand Kalan-(108412) in Tehsil Pratapgarh in favour of BSNL.

**WL/RJ/Others/436910/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0186 ha of non-forestland from Sitamata Wildlife Sanctuary for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project, district Pratapgarh, Village-Mand Kalan-(108412) in Tehsil Pratapgarh in favour of BSNL.

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

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

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

- monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
  6. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
  7. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
  8. There shall be no felling of trees except mentioned in the proposal and no burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
  9. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
  10. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
  11. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area
  12. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
  13. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
  14. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
  15. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
  16. The project area shall be fenced with six feet chain link by the User Agency.
  17. Noise less machinery/equipment shall be used to operate the mobile towers.
  18. Electromagnetic radiation shall be limited within safe limits for wildlife including birds, bees and other insects as per the guidelines to be issued by Government of India.
  19. Any guidelines/regulations or orders of Hon'ble Courts in this regard shall be strictly complied with.
  20. Solar power as far as possible shall be used to operate the mobile tower.
  21. No approach road shall be constructed for establishment of tower.
  22. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.9** Proposal for use of 0.0186 ha of non-forestland from Sitamata Wildlife Sanctuary for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project, district Pratapgarh, Village-Pal, Tehsil Pratapgarh in favour of BSNL.

**WL/RJ/Others/436629/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0186 ha of non-forestland from Sitamata Wildlife Sanctuary for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project, district Pratapgarh, Village-Pal, Tehsil Pratapgarh in favour of BSNL.

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

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

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
  - a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
  - b. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance; and
  - c. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area in accordance with the procedure.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
6. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
7. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
8. There shall be no felling of trees except mentioned in the proposal and no burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
9. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
10. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
11. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area
12. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
13. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
14. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
15. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
16. The project area shall be fenced with six feet chain link by the User Agency.
17. Noise less machinery/equipment shall be used to operate the mobile towers.
18. Electromagnetic radiation shall be limited within safe limits for wildlife including birds, bees and other insects as per the guidelines to be issued by Government of India.
19. Any guidelines/regulations or orders of Hon'ble Courts in this regard shall be strictly complied with.

20. Solar power as far as possible shall be used to operate the mobile tower.
21. No approach road shall be constructed for establishment of tower.
22. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.10** Proposal for use of 0.0188 ha non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for Mobile Tower Installation by Bharti Hexacom Limited in Private Land Plot No. 48 of Revenue Village - Maneri, Tehsil & District – Jaisalmer

**FP/RJ/Others/6502/2022**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0188 ha non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for Mobile Tower Installation by Bharti Hexacom Limited in Private Land Plot No. 48 of Revenue Village - Maneri, Tehsil & District – Jaisalmer

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

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

1. The User Agency shall submit an undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
6. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
7. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
8. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
9. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area Eco-Sensitive Zone.
10. There shall be no labour camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
11. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.

12. There shall be no high mast/ beam/search Lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
13. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
14. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of Tiger Reserve/PA.
15. Any permission/clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
16. The project area shall be fenced with six feet chain link by the User Agency.
17. Noise less machinery/equipment shall be used to operate the mobile towers
18. Electromagnetic radiation shall be limited within safe limits for wildlife including birds, bees and other insects as per the guidelines to be issued by Government of India.
19. Any guidelines/regulations or orders of Hon'ble Courts in this regard shall be strictly complied with.
20. Solar power as far as possible shall be used to operate the mobile tower as it is to be installed in GIB priority area.
21. No approach road shall be constructed for establishment of tower.
22. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.11** Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from Govind Pashu Vihar Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of mobile tower for 4G service at place named Pujeli C.N.-5 in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in Kanyasani Village, Uttarkashi District, Uttarakhand.

#### **WL/UK/Others/435398/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from Govind Pashu Vihar Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of mobile tower for 4G service at place named Pujeli C.N.-5 in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in Kanyasani Village, Uttarkashi District, Uttarakhand.

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

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

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

- of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area in accordance with the procedure.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
  3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
  4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
  5. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged and the work shall be done under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
  6. No damage to the flora and fauna of the surrounding area shall be caused.
  7. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than the specified in the proposal.
  8. The concerned territorial Divisional Forest Officer/director shall monitor the implementation of the project regularly and report for the violations, if any.
  9. It shall be ensured that no labourer camp shall be set up inside the forest area.
  10. The User Agency shall comply all the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and all other acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and Hon'ble NGT Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
  11. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.12** Proposal for use of 310 ha of forest land from core zone of Namdapha Tiger Reserve [for Intermediate Laning (248.790 Ha) and disposal of muck (61.210 Ha)] for construction of Arunachal Frontier Highway (NH- 913) From NH-215 (Near Kharsang) To Miao-Gandhigram-Vijaynagar Road of NH-913 in favour of Public Works Department in Changlang district, Arunachal Pradesh

#### **WL/AR/ROAD/469050/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 310 ha of forest land from core zone of Namdapha Tiger Reserve [for Intermediate Laning (248.790 Ha) and disposal of muck (61.210 Ha)] for construction of Arunachal Frontier Highway (NH- 913) From NH-215 (Near Kharsang) To Miao-Gandhigram-Vijaynagar Road of NH-913 in favour of Public Works Department in Changlang district, Arunachal Pradesh

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. NTCA has proposed for constitution of a committee for site appraisal. The animal passage plan includes construction of elephant under passes among other passage structures.

Dr. H. S. Singh suggested that the animal passage plan may be examined by a committee.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Arunachal Pradesh mentioned that the tiger reserve stretches for more than 100 km along the Indo- Myanmar border. People from Myanmar are entering into Indian Territory and encroaching Namdapha Tiger Reserve.

Dr. Sukumar mentioned that there is no road for about 140 km upto the international border.

The Chairman mentioned that this shall be approved as a special case being in border area. However, the mitigation plan may be got examined by Dr. H. S. Singh, Dr. Sukumar and the PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Arunachal Pradesh.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that the animal passage plan submitted along with the proposal may be got examined by Dr. H. S. Singh, Dr. Sukumar, the PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Arunachal Pradesh and the Ministry officials and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

**82.4.13** Proposal for use of 1.29982 Ha. of Forest land from Gir Sanctuary for Widening & Strengthening of Bamansa to Jamvala road (section of Jamvala-Talala road) SH-98 between km. 41/000 to 48/000 by Executive Engineer, Roads and Buildings Division in Gir-Somnath District of Gujarat State

#### **FP/GJ/ROAD/153127/2022**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.29982 Ha. of Forest land from Gir Sanctuary for Widening & Strengthening of Bamansa to Jamvala road (section of Jamvala-Talala road) SH-98 between km. 41/000 to 48/000 by Executive Engineer, Roads and Buildings Division in Gir-Somnath District of Gujarat State

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

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that the proposal involves strengthening of existing kaccha road with bitumen. One the important strengths of the Gir PA for the conservation of the Wildlife, including the super carnivore and top predator-Asiatic Lion, is reasonably / relatively COMPACT Natural Ecosystem of reasonably adequate large size. There were several roads inside Gir which were closed, time restrictions were imposed that led to its revival. Any human activity, which may cause fragmentation to such a compact ecosystem and create disturbance and barrier to the movement of Wildlife cause irreversible damage and depletion of the Wildlife/Biological Diversity. Roads and heavy traffic on roads passing through PAs cause disturbance, barriers to the free movement of Wildlife and fragmentation of natural ecosystem /habitat of the wildlife. Widening shall not be allowed. After conversion to bituminous, the road would be maintained every year. This may sometimes lead to fire. The maintenance works shall be allowed only with the permission of Forest Department.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Gujarat suggested that no commercial vehicles would be allowed through this road. Time restrictions would be imposed. Only vehicles for bona fide purpose would be allowed.

The Chairman suggested that proposal for strengthening may be recommended with the conditions as suggested by Dr. H. S. Singh and the Chief Wild Life Warden.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal only for strengthening without widening subject to the following conditions:

1. The surfacing and other repair work must be done during the day time only in a way that it causes minimum disturbance to the wildlife.
2. No explosives or fire within the PA shall be used for such repair /Surfacing works.
3. Existing traffic regulations must be continued - including no commercial heavy traffic any time, light vehicles only during the day time, government passenger buses only during the day time, no night traffic, strict real time monitoring of permitted traffic, first right of way to wild animals, no horns or any other kind of noise, no over speeding, no stopping of traffic except during emergency etc.
4. Animal corridors must be identified based on scientific study and for maintaining such corridors, properly designed flyways / over bridges must be constructed / provided.
5. Maintenance shall be carried out under strict supervision of the Forest Department.
6. Wildlife Conservation Management agency / Forest Department must continuously patrol / carryout surveillance on such road.
7. User Agency shall not violate any of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
8. The User Agency shall not harm or destroy wildlife habitat including fauna and flora of the Sanctuary.
9. The User Agency shall not use the area for the proposed work other than the area permitted.
10. The User Agency shall not establish any temporary or permanent labour camp in the Sanctuary.
11. The User Agency or his contractor shall not create any fire places inside the Sanctuary.
12. All the material required for the work shall be prepared outside the sanctuary.
13. The work in the sanctuary shall be allowed only in the day time from 8 AM to 6 PM.
14. Approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, if required, shall be obtained separately for use of forest land.
15. The User Agency shall deposit NPV for the use of land of Protected Area as per the existing rates before initiating any work on the land.
16. The User Agency shall have to prepare a conservation plan relevant to the biological entity affected due to the project and deposit the fund before initiating any work on the land.
17. The User Agency shall create adequate facilities for safe transit of wildlife across the road.
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.

**82.4.14** Proposal for use of 16.332 ha of forest land from Siroy National Park for widening & improvement of Yaingangpokpi-Nagaland Road Section of NH-202 into two laning with paved shaller in the State of Manipur on EPC Mode by NHIDCL.

**WL/MN/ROAD/450489/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 16.332 ha of forest land from Siroy National Park for widening & improvement of Yaingangpokpi-Nagaland Road Section of NH-202 into two laning with paved shaller in the State of Manipur on EPC Mode by NHIDCL.

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

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

1. The legal status of land shall remain unchanged.
2. The User Agency shall pay the Net Present Value (NPV) as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
3. To mitigate the adverse impact of the project, an impact mitigation and wildlife management plan has been proposed at the cost of Rs.1128.1 lakh (Rupees eleven crore twenty-eight lakh and ten thousand) only. The cost shall be borne by the User Agency.
4. The User Agency shall submit a detailed Animal Passage Plan for approval of the Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Manipur on the basis of WII guidelines named Eco-friendly Measures to mitigate Impacts on Linear Infrastructures on Wildlife. The cost shall be borne by the User Agency.
5. The User Agency shall bear the cost of logging and transportation of the felled trees as per the estimates of Divisional Forest Officer/Ukhrul Forest Division. Minimum number of trees which are strictly essential shall be felled for the execution of the project under strict supervision of the Forest Department.
6. The felled trees and all Non Timber Forest Produce (NTFPs) removed during the execution of the project shall be distributed to meet the personal bona fide needs of the people living in and around the National Park and shall not be used for any commercial purpose.
7. The User Agency shall not take any such activity which contravenes Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 or rules made therein.
8. Speed breakers near corridors, turnings, blind turnings shall be provided on the highway.
9. Caution Sign Boards warning wildlife crossing shall be installed by the User Agency at all necessary point in consultation with Wildlife Warden, Wildlife Division.
10. Since the terrain is hilly with loose soil texture, it is necessary to undertake comprehensive soil conservation measures to make slopes stable, check soil erosion and landslides. Soil and moisture conservation plan amounting to Rs.282.025 lakh (Rupees two crore eighty two lakh and two thousand five hundred only) has been proposed. The cost shall be borne by the User Agency.
11. The User Agency shall make necessary provisions in their project cost and construct retaining walls, breast walls, Gabion structures etc. at all necessary locations in consultation with the State Forest Department.
12. Moreover, User Agency shall also construct Storm Drains all along the proposed road with culverts at appropriate locations at their cost The User Agency shall make necessary provisions in their project cost accordingly. They shall not take up any such construction, which diverts, stops or enhances the flow of water into or outside the National Park.

13. Cost for demarcation of the diverted forest land and installation of boundary pillars shall be borne by the User Agency.
14. Heavy machine and explosive shall not be used except under unavoidable circumstances and with the prior permission of the State Forest Department.
15. The User Agency shall ensure that there is no damage to surrounding forest, environment, wildlife, natural resources like water bodies and other public properties.
16. No labour camp/stores shall be established on the forest land. The User Agency shall supply fuel wood, preferably alternate fuel to the labourers working at the site to avoid damage/felling of the trees.
17. The muck/debris generated in the earth cutting shall be disposed of at the designated sites and in no case the muck/debris shall be allowed to roll down the hill slopes.
18. Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake Afforestation measures with local species at their own cost along the highways within the diverted area in consultation with the State Forest Department.
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.

**82.4.15** Proposal for use of 2.48 ha of forest land and 4.955 ha non-forest land from core of Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve for widening and strengthening of road Roteda To Mandawara to 20 m in favour of Public Works Department in District Bundi, Rajasthan

#### **WL/RJ/ROAD/422620/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 2.48 ha of forest land and 4.955 ha non-forest land from core of Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve for widening and strengthening of road Roteda to Mandawara to 20 m in favour of Public Works Department in District Bundi, Rajasthan

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

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

1. The User Agency shall implement the animal passage plan submitted along with the proposal.
2. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
3. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
4. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area.
5. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and.
6. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area.

7. There shall be no labour camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
8. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
9. To restrict movement of wild animals towards the road/railway track in the Protected Area, adequate mitigative measures such as wall/chain link fencing shall be constructed by the User Agency to stop accidents.
10. There shall be no high mast/ beam/search Lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
11. Signage's regarding information about the wild animals in the area, control of the traffic volumes, speed etc. shall be erected in the project area.
12. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
13. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
14. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of Standard SOP/Guidelines issued by WII, Dehradun for linear projects.
15. Any permission/clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
16. A sign board shall be installed at every 500 meters in the sanctuary area. The details of which shall be posted only after the approval of this office.
17. Speed breakers shall be made and marked with fluorescent paint at a distance of every 300 meters in the sanctuary area.
18. Species wise animal passes to be provided by User Agency at project cost as per WII SoP.
19. Plantation in the three rows on both sides along the road shall be done and maintain by User Agency in consultation with PA-in-Charge (DCF)
20. The User Agency shall not create burrow pits in the sanctuary area for construction of road.
21. User Agency shall clear all the debris left after construction is over.
22. User Agency, in consultation with the Forest Department, shall construct speed breakers / rumble strips and install warning signboards at areas sensitive for wildlife crossings.
23. Underpasses/overhead passes shall be constructed at wildlife crossing points for uninterrupted movement of wild animals.
24. No trees shall be felled during the construction of this road.
25. Improve visibility along the road to avoid accident with wild animals.
26. Existing drainage culverts shall be retrofitted to facilitate wildlife crossings by animals.
27. Construction work shall be permitted during daytime. No labour camps shall be established inside the tiger reserve.
28. Construction materials shall be procured from outside the Tiger Reserve. Construction debris shall be disposed away from the Tiger Reserve by the User Agency.
29. The alignment of the road and construction activities shall not disrupt any natural water channel.
30. CWLW, Rajasthan shall monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
31. 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.

**82.4.16** Proposal for use of 19.9335 ha non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for Strengthening of Sangarh to Sam via Khuri road in Km 59/0 to Km-88/0 MDR-36 in District -Jaisalmer

**WL/RJ/ROAD/468056/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 19.9335 ha non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for Strengthening of Sangarh to Sam via Khuri road in Km 59/0 to Km-88/0 MDR-36 in District -Jaisalmer

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

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
2. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
3. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area.
4. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area.
5. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area.
6. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
7. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
8. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
9. Signages regarding information about the wild animals in the area, control of the traffic volumes, speed etc shall be erected in the project area.
10. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
11. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
12. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of Standard SOP/Guidelines issued by WII, Dehradun for linear projects.
13. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
14. A sign board shall be installed at every 500 meters in the sanctuary area. The details of which shall be posted only after the approval of this office.
15. The User Agency shall make good the road side land after construction.
16. The User Agency shall implement and Enforce Low-Speed limits to reduce the risk of Wildlife Collisions and Minimize noise pollution.
17. The User Agency shall construct Speed breakers at appropriate places and in adequate numbers to reduce the risk of wildlife collision.

18. The User Agency shall provide Barricades at Sam, Sudasari and Barna checkposts. (4 Barricades at each checkpost)
19. Species wise Animal passes to be provided by User Agency at project cost as per WII guidelines.
20. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.17** Proposal for use of 1.5705 ha of land from Bandh Baretha Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of existing Kaccha road to bituminous road with carriage way width 3.75 m and formation width of 7.5 m for 2.094 km from Nagal to Tali Road Tehsil-Hindaun , District -Karauli in favour of Public Department Work, Karauli, Rajasthan.

#### **WL/RJ/ROAD/427666/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.5705 ha of land from Bandh Baretha Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of existing Kaccha road to bituminous road with carriage way width 3.75 m and formation width of 7.5 m for 2.094 km from Nagal to Tali Road Tehsil-Hindaun , District -Karauli in favour of Public Department Work, Karauli, Rajasthan.

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

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
2. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
3. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area.
4. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and.
5. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area.
6. There shall be no labour camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
7. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
8. To restrict movement of wild animals towards the road/railway track in the Protected Area, adequate mitigative measures such as wall/chain link fencing shall be constructed by the User Agency to stop accidents.
9. There shall be no high mast/ beam/search Lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
10. Signages regarding information about the wild animals in the area, control of the traffic volumes, speed etc. shall be erected in the project area.
11. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
12. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.

13. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of Standard SOP/Guidelines issued by WII, Dehradun for linear projects.
14. Any permission/clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
15. A sign board shall be installed at every 500 meters in the sanctuary area. The details of which shall be posted only after the approval of this office.
16. Speed breakers shall be made and marked with fluorescent paint at a distance of every 300 meters in the sanctuary area.
17. Species wise animal passes to be provided by User Agency at project cost as per WII SoP.
18. Plantation in the three rows on both sides along the road shall be done and maintain by User Agency in consultation with PA-in-Charge (DCF)
19. The User Agency shall not create burrow pits in the sanctuary area for construction of road.
20. User Agency shall clear all the debris left after construction is over.
21. Protection wall of 6ft height shall be constructed in 4500 rmt on both side of the road.
22. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.18** Proposal for use of 11.4156 ha (3.5568 ha forest land and 7.8588 ha non-forest land) from Jamwaramgarh Wildlife Sanctuary for widening and strengthening of Mahngi to Dudhli Mod Via Bhawani, Bhawani Khurd, Saipur, Andhi, Sriramnagar, Virasna, Gaonli, Newal Maksundanpura, Chawandiya, District-Jaipur, Rajasthan.

#### **FP/RJ/ROAD/151862/2022**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 11.4156 ha (3.5568 ha forest land and 7.8588 ha non-forest land) from Jamwaramgarh Wildlife Sanctuary for widening and strengthening of Mahngi to Dudhli Mod Via Bhawani, Bhawani Khurd, Saipur, Andhi, Sriramnagar, Virasna, Gaonli, Newal Maksundanpura, Chawandiya, District-Jaipur, Rajasthan.

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

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
2. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
3. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area.
4. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and.
5. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area.
6. There shall be no labour camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
7. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.

8. To restrict movement of wild animals towards the road/railway track in the protected area, adequate mitigative measures such as wall/chain link fencing shall be constructed by the User Agency to stop accidents
9. Water Harvesting structure for recharging of water shall be mandatory in the project area.
10. There shall be no high mast/ beam/search Lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
11. Signage's regarding information about the wild animals in the area, control of the traffic volumes, speed etc. shall be erected in the project area.
12. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
13. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of Tiger Reserve/PA.
14. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of Standard SOP/Guidelines issued by WII, Dehradun for linear projects.
15. Any permission/clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
16. A sign board shall be installed at every 500 meters in the sanctuary area. The details of which shall be posted only after the approval of this office.
17. Speed breakers shall be made and marked with fluorescent paint at a distance of every 300 meters in the sanctuary area.
18. Species wise animal passes to be provided by User Agency at project cost as per WII SoP.
19. The User Agency shall change the road alignment wherever necessary to avoid uprooting/cutting of trees.
20. Roadside plantation shall be done as per requirement.
21. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.19** Proposal for use of 37.4075 ha of forest land from Shingba Rhododendron Wildlife Sanctuary for widening of existing road (NH 310A) TO NHDL specification i.e. 2 lane with paved shaller from Shingba to Yumthang under Project Swastik of BRO in Lachung Village, North District, Sikkim.

#### **WL/SK/ROAD/472734/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 37.4075 ha of forest land from Shingba Rhododendron Wildlife Sanctuary for widening of existing road (NH 310A) TO NHDL specification i.e. 2 lane with paved shaller from Shingba to Yumthang under Project Swastik of BRO in Lachung Village, North District, Sikkim.

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

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

1. The User Agency shall submit a detailed Animal Passage Plan for approval of the Chief Wild Life Warden, Government of Manipur on the basis of WII guidelines named Eco-friendly Measures to mitigate Impacts on Linear Infrastructures on Wildlife. The cost shall be borne by the User Agency.

2. The felled trees and all Non Timber Forest Produce (NTFPs) removed during the execution of the project shall be distributed to meet the personal bona fide needs of the people living in and around the National Park and shall not be used for any commercial purpose.
3. The User Agency shall not take any such activity which contravenes Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 or rules made therein.
4. Speed breakers near corridors, turnings, blind turnings shall be provided on the highway.
5. Caution Sign Boards warning wildlife crossing shall be installed by the User Agency at all necessary point in consultation with Forest Department.
6. Heavy machine and explosive shall not be used except under unavoidable circumstances and with the prior permission of the State Forest Department
7. The User Agency shall ensure that there is no damage to surrounding forest, environment, wildlife, natural resources like water bodies and other public properties.
8. No labour camp/stores shall be established on the forest land. The User Agency shall supply fuel wood, preferably alternate fuel to the labourers working at the site to avoid damage/felling of the trees.
9. The muck/debris generated in the earth cutting shall be disposed of at the designated sites and in no case the muck/debris shall be allowed to roll down the hill slopes.
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.

**82.4.20** Proposal for use of 0.36 ha of forest land from core of Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve for upgradation of the existing WBM road to Black Topped road from Arepalayam-Kollegal Main road to Geddesal approach road to a length of 1.20 Km and width of 3 meter in favour of Rural Development.

#### **WL/TN/ROAD/465687/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.36 ha of forest land from core of Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve for upgradation of the existing WBM road to Black Topped road from Arepalayam-Kollegal Main road to Geddesal approach road to a length of 1.20 Km and width of 3 meter in favour of Rural Development.

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.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu informed that the village is not part of relocation plan and therefore, the proposal being for approach road may be recommended.

The Chairman opined that if the village is not proposed for relocation, pucca road may be provided.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that there shall not be any issued in maintenance of the pathway in existing stage. In case of conversion of kaccha road into bituminous road, every year there will be maintenance works carried out resulting in disturbance of habitat.

Minister of State suggested that the approach road may be converted into cement concrete road.

The Chairman suggested that the State may examine the possibility of converting the approach road into cement concrete road.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that State Government may examine the possibility of conversion of the approach path into cement concrete road and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

**82.4.21** Proposal for use of 0.0125 ha of land from core zone of Kalakad- Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve (KMTR) for construction of pedestrian foot bridge with span of 125 m, width 2.6 m across Karaiyar river in favour of Vickramasinghapuram Municipality, Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu

**WL/TN/Approach/454005/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0125 ha of land from core zone of Kalakad- Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve (KMTR) for construction of pedestrian foot bridge with span of 125 m, width 2.6 m across Karaiyar river in favour of Vickramasinghapuram Municipality, Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu

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

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

1. The User Agency shall obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.
2. The materials shall be transport between 09:00 AM and 05:00 PM only.
3. If any deviation, action shall be taken against the concerned as per rules in force.
4. This Department shall not take any responsibility for any unprecedented happenings.
5. Any other condition stipulated by the Conservator of Forests and Field Director / Deputy Director / Wildlife Warden shall be followed.
6. The User Agency shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance shall be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.
7. No vehicular movement shall be allowed on the bridge.
8. Construction activities must adhere to the highest standards of environmental mitigation to minimize impact on the core area.
9. Schedule construction activities during the dry season and avoid peak wildlife activity periods (early morning and late evening) to minimize disruptions.
10. Design the bridge to incorporate wildlife passages (e.g., underpasses or culverts) to allow the safe movement of animals across the area.
11. Replant native vegetation around the bridge site post-construction to restore the habitat and prevent erosion.
12. Prohibit the extraction of construction materials from the protected area.
13. Ensure all construction debris and waste are removed from the site and disposed of responsibly.

14. Suitable safety provisions to be kept by the User Agency to avoid accidents of animals shall be kept during construction, execution as well as operational phase of the project.
15. Create a buffer zone around the bridge site where construction activities are controlled to minimize the disturbance to nearby wildlife habitats.
16. All construction activities shall be restricted to daylight hours to avoid disturbing nocturnal wildlife and reducing the impact on the natural behavior of animals active during dusk and dawn.
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.

**82.4.22** Proposal for use of 0.967 ha of forest land from Kazhuveli Bird Sanctuary for reconstruction of dilapidated low-level Causeway bridge to high level Causeway bridge across Uppukali creek to link the villages on both side in favour of Water Resources Department.

#### **WL/TN/Approach/437418/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.967 ha of forest land from Kazhuveli Bird Sanctuary for reconstruction of dilapidated low-level Causeway bridge to high level Causeway bridge across Uppukali creek to link the villages on both side in favour of Water Resources Department.

The Sanctuary was notified in 2021. The proposal is to reconstruct the dilapidated low-level causeway bridge as high level bridge across Uppukali creek to link the villages on both side of the creek.

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

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

1. The User Agency shall obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of Kazhuveli Birds Sanctuary, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.
2. The materials shall be transport between 09:00 AM and 05:00 PM only.
3. If any deviation, action shall be taken against the concerned as per rules in force.
4. This Department shall not take any responsibility for any unprecedented happenings.
5. The construction work shall have to be avoided during the peak bird migratory season from November to February.
6. Any other condition stipulated by the Conservator of Forests / District Forest Officer shall be followed.
7. The User Agency shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance shall be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.
8. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.23** Proposal for use of 7.451 ha (7.391 ha for road and 0.06 ha for culverts) of land from tiger corridor connecting Kawal Tiger Reserve with Indravati Tiger Reserve and Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve for improvement of existing road and widening from Etiguda to Agerguda (Karjally to Motlaguda via Gundepally) in Bejjur RF of Kagaznagar division of KB Asifabad District in favour of Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, under PMGSY.

**FP/TG/ROAD/46837/2020.**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 7.451 ha (7.391 ha for road and 0.06 ha for culverts) of land from from tiger corridor connecting Kawal Tiger Reserve with Indravati Tiger Reserve and Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve for improvement of existing road and widening from Etiguda to Agerguda (Karjally to Motlaguda via Gundepally) in Bejjur RF of Kagaznagar division of KB Asifabad District in favour of Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, under PMGSY.

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 with the following conditions:

1. As per the specifications, a minimum of two passage ways per Km length of the infrastructure with a minimum of 30.00 m width and 3.00 m height shall be incorporated in animal passage plan.
2. The User Agency as a part of the wild animal passage plan shall construct under passes at the locations indicated in the Animal Passage Plan prepared by the Forest Divisional Officer/ District Forest Officer concerned following the specifications issued by the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.
3. The underpasses shall have bell- mouth opening with splayed wing walls at both ends with grasses, herbs and shrubs to attract movement of wild animals.
4. The User Agency shall install speed control devices with proper sign boards at animal crossing points identified by the FDO.
5. The following mitigation plan as recommended by CCF/CF, Adilabad is approved for Rs.89.00 lakhs

Sl. No	Name of the item	Unit Cost	Qty.	Amt.
1	Animal trackers (5 No. for 3 years @ 9,000 per month per person) Engaging animal trackers (5 No. for 6 years @ 9,000 per month per person)	0.09	5 No.	16.20
2	Erection of check gates to control wildlife entering to road.	0.12	5 No	0.60
3	Integrated camping site-creation of water sources by constructing major percolation tank (cost Rs.5.00 lakh) along with drilling and installation of two Solar Powered Borewells (cost Rs.3.50 lakh each) to fill the pumps along with a watch tower cum camping site	20.00	2 No	40.00
4	Management of Grasslands by uprooting obnoxious weeds and sowing locally collected grass seeds (including maintenance for 3 years)	0.40	10 ha	4.00
5	Procurement of camera traps	0.25 each	8	2.00

6	Development of approach path each to the integrated camping facility.	LS	LS	1.00
7	Procurement of equipment like GPS, binoculars etc., to monitor wildlife	LS	LS	2.00
8	Installation of large hoardings	0.25	2 No	2.00
9	Conducting awareness programmes	0.25	2 No	0.50
10	Providing solar fence to the farmers for controlling crop damage by wildlife	LS	LS	1.50
	Procurement of fire-fighting equipment	LS	LS	1.50
11	Engaging fire watchers (5 No. for 3 years @9,000 month per person for five months in an year)	0.09	5 No	16.20
12	Administrative cost & unforeseen expenditure	As per actual	LS	1.50
<b>Total</b>				<b>89.00</b>

6. The underpasses shall be concrete (RCC) structures so as to enhance their longevity and minimize disturbances caused during annual repair / maintenance of otherwise bitumen structures. The bottom of structures shall, as far as possible, have similar substrates to that which would occur naturally in the absence of the structure. The approach to an animal crossing is a crucial factor in determining its use. Appropriate use of vegetation (trees, shrubs and grasses) can play a significant role in enhancing the naturalness of an engineered structure.
7. Divisions between the underpasses shall be of pillar (isolated pier) type, instead of wall-type. This would significantly improve the acceptability of passage structure by wild animals.
8. The User Agency shall ensure that the animal passages are not inundated with water during rains. Regular removal of debris and silts at the existing and proposed passage structures shall be done by the User Agency.
9. Additional features on crossing structures such as walkways or planks/ledges/shelves (50 cm wide) to be installed by User Agency on the interior walls of underpasses/crossing and/or drainage structures (Minor Bridges, Box culverts and Slab culverts) to encourage mammals to use culverts built on natural drainage sites. These structures help animals use the structures in seasons when the culverts may be inundated with water. Ledges/shelves along the inner walls of all crossing and drainage structures are to be constructed for use by small mammals. These structures shall extend up to the exit of the structures and brought to ground level.
10. The BT portion of the road shall be provided with speed breakers/rumble strips at every interval of 400-500 meters so as to maintain a vehicular speed of 30km/hour within the corridor. Speed breakers and rumble strips shall be appropriately marked to make them visible to the drivers (both during day and night) so as to avoid vehicular accidents. Sign posts warning about movements of wild animals shall also be placed by User Agency at regular intervals along the upgraded road. These shall be placed where wildlife crossings are maximum and shall be determined in consultation with Forest Department.
11. The User Agency shall fund establishment of two check gates (CCTV enabled and with 24X7 manpower) at strategic locations (determined by forest department) on both ends of the road.
12. Disturbance during construction in the wildlife sensitive areas is to be kept minimum by the following mechanisms:
  - Use of pre-fabricated materials for construction

- Use of water from sources other than the river
- Prohibition on procurement of construction materials from forest
- Disposal of construction-related debris away from the wildlife sensitive sites
- Prohibition on night camping of construction personnel inside forest
- Keeping construction period restricted during daytime.

13. Telangana Forest Department shall attempt to impose night closure (9 PM to 5 AM) of traffic on this road except for bonafide users. No commercial and heavy vehicles to be allowed on this road at night.
14. The CWLW, Telangana shall have appropriate mechanism in place for compliance of the conditions laid in this report during various phases of project implementation.
15. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.24** Proposal for use of 29.58 ha of forest land from Yangoupokpi Lokchao Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of border fencing between boundary Pillar (BP) 81 to boundary pillar (BP) 85 of Indo-Myanmar Border in favour of Border Roads Organisation in Tengenoupal District, Manipur.

#### **WL/MN/DEF/502383/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 29.58 ha of forest land from Yangoupokpi Lokchao Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of border fencing between boundary Pillar (BP) 81 to boundary pillar (BP) 85 of Indo-Myanmar Border in favour of Border Roads Organisation in Tengenoupal District, Manipur.

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

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

1. The legal status of land shall remain unchanged.
2. Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up in degraded forest in double the proposed area with 10 years maintenance as proposed by DFO/Wildlife at the cost to be borne by the User Agency.
3. The User Agency shall pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of the amount at a rate 5(five) times for areas within the Sanctuary areas and at an equivalent rate for areas within the ESZ as fixed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and worked out by the Wildlife Warden, Wildlife Division based on the forest Type & Eco class etc.
4. To mitigate the adverse impact of the project, an Impact Mitigation and Wildlife Management Plan has been proposed at the cost of Rs.564.00 lakh (Rupees five hundred sixty four lakh only). The cost shall be borne by the User Agency.
5. Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan has been prepared amounting to Rs.141.00 Lakh (Rupees one crore forty-one lakh only). The cost shall be borne by the User Agency.
6. The User Agency shall bear the cost of logging and transportation of the felled trees as per the estimates of DFO/Wildlife Division. Minimum number of trees which are strictly essential shall be felled for the execution of the project under strict supervision of the Forest Department.

7. The felled trees and all Non Timber Forest Produce removed during the execution of the project shall be distributed to meet the personal bona fide needs of nearby villages living in and around the Wildlife Sanctuary and shall not be used for any commercial purpose.
8. The User Agency shall not take any such activity which contravenes Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 or rules made therein.
9. Speed breakers near corridors, turnings, blind turnings shall be provided on the approach road.
10. Caution sign boards warning wildlife crossing shall be installed by the User Agency at all necessary point in consultation with DFO/Wildlife and DCF/Tengnoupal.
11. The User Agency shall make necessary provisions in their project cost and construct retaining walls, breast walls, Gabion structures etc. at all necessary locations in consultation with the State Forest Department.
12. User Agency shall construct Storm Drains with culverts at appropriate locations at their cost. The User Agency shall make necessary provisions in their project cost accordingly. They shall not take up any such construction, which diverts, stops or enhances the flow of water into or outside the Wildlife Sanctuary.
13. Cost for demarcation of the diverted Forest land and installation of boundary pillars shall be borne by the User Agency.
14. Heavy machine and explosive shall not be used except under unavoidable circumstances and with the prior permission of the State Forest Department
15. The User Agency shall ensure that there is no damage to surrounding forest, environment, wildlife, natural resources like water bodies and other public properties.
16. No labour camp/stores shall be established on the forest land. The User Agency shall supply fuel wood, preferably alternate fuel to the labourers working at the site to avoid damage/felling of the trees.
17. The muck/debris generated in the earth cutting shall be disposed of at the designated sites and in no case the muck/debris shall be allowed to roll down the hill slopes.
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.

**82.4.25** Proposal for use of 0.11 ha of land from core zone of Dampa Tiger Reserve for construction of Dampa Rengpui MAJ PMT bridge, Mizoram

**WL/MZ/DEF/487938/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.11 ha of land from core zone of Dampa Tiger Reserve for construction of Dampa Rengpui MAJ PMT bridge, Mizoram

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 recommend the proposal with the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall provide Rs. 15.80 Lakhs for the mitigation plan submitted along with the proposal to the Forest Department for the activities mentioned therein.
2. The construction operation shall take into account the breeding season of animals.
3. The User Agency, in consultation with the Forest Department, shall construct speed breakers/rumble strips and install warning signboards in areas sensitive for wildlife crossings.
4. No trees shall be felled during the construction of this bridge. If any rare/endangered plants are removed from the site, they shall be transplanted temporarily or permanently.
5. Existing drainage culverts shall be retrofitted to facilitate wildlife crossings by animals.
6. Construction work shall be permitted during the daytime. No labour camps shall be established inside the tiger reserve.
7. Construction materials shall be procured from outside the Tiger Reserve. Construction debris shall be disposed away from the Tiger Reserve and any waterbodies by the User Agency.
8. The alignment of the bridge and construction activities shall not disrupt any natural water channel.
9. There shall not be any gaps on the road constructed on the bridges, so to avoid animals avoid injuries to animals by getting stuck in those gaps.
10. Use of heavy machinery shall be controlled in a way to maintain acceptable soil, water and vegetation quality.
11. CWLW, Mizoram shall monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
12. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.26** Proposal for use of 0.01 ha default eco-sensitive zone of National Gavial Sanctuary for construction project of “Hospital & Institutional Building” New Hospital Medical College Campus, SSB Block & Medical College Campus, Kota 24.7232.09 ha [8.9202.60 ha Existing (constructed before EIA Notification, 2006) + 15.8029.49 ha Proposed built up area] by Government Medical College, Kota in favour of Housing & Urban Development Corporation Limited about 2.16 km from the boundary of the Sanctuary.

#### **WL/RJ/DISP/417321/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.01 ha default eco-sensitive zone of National Gavial Sanctuary for construction project of “Hospital & Institutional Building” New Hospital Medical College Campus, SSB Block & Medical College Campus, Kota 24.7232.09 ha [8.9202.60 ha Existing (constructed before EIA Notification, 2006) + 15.8029.49 ha Proposed built up area] by Government Medical College, Kota in favour of Housing & Urban Development Corporation Limited about 2.16 km from the boundary of the Sanctuary.

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 recommend the proposal with the following conditions:

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
2. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
3. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area and ESZ.
4. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area.
5. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area and ESZ.
6. There shall be no labour camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
7. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
8. Green belt shall be created by the User Agency on the periphery of the project area.
9. There shall be no high mast/ beam/search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
10. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
11. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
12. Six feet high wall is to be constructed on the periphery of applied project area.
13. Any permission/clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
14. Penal provisions as appropriate may be imposed.
15. No biological or medical waste shall be disposed within the tiger reserve or water bodies in the tiger reserve.
16. No chemical effluent shall be disposed within the National Chambal Gharial Sanctuary.
17. No labour camps shall be established inside the tiger reserve or protected area.
18. Construction materials shall be procured from outside the Tiger Reserve. Construction debris shall be disposed away from the Tiger Reserve by the User Agency.
19. CWLW, Rajasthan shall monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
20. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.27** Proposal for use of 3.9299 ha of non-forestland for water supply project from Siliserh Lake to Alwar City for laying pipeline for a length of 7.07 kilometers (0.0366 ha), 11 kv overhead transmission line (2.5579 ha), tubewells (26 nos. over 0.0052 ha) and Central Water Reservoir (1 ha) within the buffer zone of Sariska Tiger Reserve in favour of Public Health Engineering Department in district Alwar, Rajasthan.

**WL/RJ/DRKWATER/493053/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 3.9299 ha of non-forestland for water supply project from Siliserh Lake to Alwar City for laying pipeline

for a length of 7.07 kilometers (0.0366 ha), 11 kv overhead transmission line (2.5579 ha), tubewells (26 nos. over 0.0052 ha) and Central Water Reservoir (1 ha) within the buffer zone of Sariska Tiger Reserve in favour of Public Health Engineering Department in district Alwar, Rajasthan.

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

Dr. H. S. Singh suggested that for 11kV transmission line, the User Agency shall use bunching of cables.

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
2. The User Agency shall use bunch cables for 11 kV transmission line.
3. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
4. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area
5. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area.
6. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area.
7. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
8. The trench dug for laying the pipeline shall be filled and leveled after completion of the work.
9. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
10. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
11. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
12. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
13. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of Standard SOP/Guidelines issued by WII, Dehradun for linear projects.
14. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
15. User Agency shall provide water facilities to wild animals & Forest staff through a dedicated pipeline.
16. Pipeline shall be laid underground.
17. The length of trench dug at a time does not exceed 500 m. filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500 m.
18. The transmission line shall be laid underground.
19. User Agency shall provide water supply to nearest Forest Naka/Chowkies and essential water holes under Sariska Tiger Reserve for Wildlife habitat improvement.
20. It shall be ensured that there is no damage to the forest and wild animals during the work.
21. User Agency shall seek necessary/mandatory permission from the other concerned departments as applicable and shall not violate court orders if any.

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

**82.4.28** Proposal for use of 31.98 ha non-forest land from National Gavial Sanctuary and 18 ha forest land and 278.47 ha of non-forest land from default Eco-sensitive Zone (total for development of Feeder Canal under the NGBI (Navnera-Galwa-Bisalpur-Isarda) Link Package in favour of Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project Corporation Limited in Bundi and Kota Districts of Rajasthan

**WL/RJ/DRKWATER/491532/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 31.98 ha non-forest land from National Gavial Sanctuary and 18 ha forest land and 278.47 ha of non-forest land from default Eco-sensitive Zone (total for development of Feeder Canal under the NGBI (Navnera-Galwa-Bisalpur-Isarda) Link Package in favour of Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project Corporation Limited in Bundi and Kota Districts of Rajasthan

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.

Dr. H. S. Singh enquired about the animal passage structures.

The Standing Committee was informed that animal passage plan has been submitted along with the proposal. Aqueduct, nallah syphons, feeder syphons, 6 Road Bridges are proposed along the project stretch for free passage and maintaining natural drainage pattern.

The Chairman mentioned that ERCP is Government of India Project. Under the project, it is proposed to utilize the surplus water of Chambal basin from its tributaries and divert to water deficit areas through a network of diversion structures, open canals, pumping system, balancing reservoirs etc.

The Chief Wild Life Warden informed that for construction of aqueduct over Chambal river, piers would be constructed outside from the mainstream of river flow.

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
2. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
3. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
4. There shall be no burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
5. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
6. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
7. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.

8. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
9. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
10. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
11. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of Standard SOP/Guidelines issued by WII, Dehradun for linear projects.
12. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
13. User Agency shall seek necessary/mandatory permission from the other concerned departments as applicable and shall not violate court orders if any.
14. User Agency shall provide fund to establish Gharial rearing center in consultation with DCF.
15. User Agency shall provide four speed motor boats for protection and management of National Gavial Sanctuary.
16. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the tiger reserve.
17. Any form of waste dumping, especially near water bodies or forest area is to be strictly prohibited.
18. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
19. To restrict movement of wildlife towards canal appropriate measures shall be taken such as chain link fencing shall be constructed by the User Agency.
20. Ensure proper water management to maintain aquatic habitats and avoid disrupting water availability for wildlife.
21. Install wildlife overpasses or underpasses to maintain connectivity between habitats and allow animals to move freely across the landscape.
22. After construction, restore disturbed areas by replanting native vegetation to maintain ecosystem balance.
23. No labour camp shall be allowed within 1km of the protected area.
24. Any pits/wells constructed for the construction activities must be secured to prevent the mishaps/accidental fall of animals. The safety of wildlife must be ensured at all times.
25. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.29** Proposal for use of 0.1458 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Buxa Tiger Reserve for construction of overhead reservoir and pump house under the 28 and 29 Mile Basti PWSS (Zone-II) Piped Water Supply Scheme in Raja Bhatkhawa Village, Alipuduar District, West Bengal.

#### **WL/WB/Others/442034/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.1458 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Buxa Tiger Reserve for construction of overhead reservoir and pump house under the 28 and 29 Mile Basti PWSS (Zone-II) Piped Water Supply Scheme in Raja Bhatkhawa Village, Alipuduar 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 also recommended the proposal.

Dr. H. S. Singh suggested that the underground pipelines may be recommended in the protected area. However, construction of overhead reservoirs and pump house may be carried outside the protected area.

The Standing Committee was informed that the User Agency had examined three sites and submitted the present proposal involving least area among the three.

Dr. Sukumar mentioned that Buxa Tiger Reserve presents a case for relocation of villagers and there is land available for that purpose. Towards the south of Buxa Tiger Reserve, there is highway going from Hoshimara to Alipuduar. To the south of this highway, there is a very narrow stretch of forest, hardly 100m wide. Elephants and other animals cross the road and take shelter in this forest stretch. They also raid crops in the agricultural fields. Most of the settlements in Buxa are very small. Relocation may be done from within the Tiger Reserve towards the highway. Thereafter, prey base may be augmented and tigers may be re-introduced in the Buxa Tiger Reserve. This tiger reserve has potential for tiger re-introduction. The communities residing in the settlements are mostly non-tribals. They had gone for taungya cultivation and thereafter settled there. He further suggested for barricading the highway so that the elephants do not cross it and raid crops.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, West Bengal informed that in the last estimation exercise, one tiger was recorded in the Buxa Tiger Reserve. There were 15 enclave villages in the Buxa Tiger Reserve. Two of them have been relocated. The process of relocation of other villages is going on. Tigers come to Buxa but due to anthropogenic pressures, tigers do not inhabit the reserve. Upon relocation of villages, tigers would automatically occupy Buxa Tiger Reserve as there is connectivity with Assam and Bhutan. Once the villages are relocated, tigers would start inhabiting Buxa Tiger Reserve.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that the report of NTCA indicates that 80% of India's tiger population is found in 19 tiger reserves, whereas 17 tiger reserves have totally 29 tigers. Remaining tiger reserves have tiger density of 2.4 tigers per 100 sq.km. whereas in the 19 tiger reserves, the density of tigers is 8.9 tigers per 100 sq. km. have 80% tiger population of India. Presence of tigers is directly related to the prey base. There is meagre prey base in Buxa Tiger Reserve due to human presence due to which there is no tiger presence there.

The Chief Wild Life Warden mentioned that the prey base in Buxa Tiger Reserve has vastly improved. Now, it has good prey base. It is due to anthropogenic pressure which is preventing tigers from staying therein. Tiger numbers have increased in Sunderbans Tiger Reserve.

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

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

5. No light shelter or night accommodation shall be permitted inside sanctuary while executing the work.
6. No felling of trees shall be permitted.
7. No new road/approach road/ground clearing shall be permitted for construction of water supply structures/ underground boring water pipes etc. for the purpose of gravity based water supply scheme for 28 & 29 Mile Basti PWSS (Zone-II) under Buxa Tiger Reserve
8. During acute water scarcity the park management reserves the right to use water from the source for refilling the water holes meant for wild animals.
9. Construction and repair activities shall be limited to daylight hours to minimize disturbance to nocturnal wildlife.
10. Tree felling is not permitted for the project work.
11. Re-plant native species and restore disturbed areas post-construction to maintain the ecological balance.
12. No construction materials shall be sourced from within the protected area. No labour camps shall be established within the core or buffer zones of the tiger reserve.
13. Implement soil and water conservation measures to reduce erosion and maintain the hydrological balance of the area.
14. Suitable safety provisions to be kept by the User Agency to avoid accidents of animals shall be kept during construction, execution as well as operational phase of the project.
15. Schedule construction activities to avoid sensitive periods, such as breeding seasons for local fauna.
16. Regularly monitor the water quality in the reservoir and nearby water bodies to ensure that no contamination occurs due to construction or operation activities.
17. Ensure proper treatment and filtration of water to prevent the spread of zoonotic diseases to humans and wildlife.
18. Implement a strict waste management plan to ensure that no waste material (such as plastic, chemicals, or construction debris) is disposed of in or around the tiger reserve, preventing contamination of habitats and water sources.
19. Ensure that waste disposal complies with all environmental regulations and does not interfere with the local ecosystem.
20. Minimize noise and dust generation during construction by using modern, low-noise machinery and implementing dust suppression measures such as water spraying.
21. Excessive noise could disturb wildlife, especially sensitive species like tigers and elephants, so appropriate mitigation measures shall be employed.
22. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.30** Proposal for use of 0.0679 ha of forest land from Neora Valley National Park for laying of underground drinking water pipeline and construction of tanks for gravity based piped water supply scheme with spring water source for Sakam Forest under Block Gorubathan, District Kalimpong Phe Dte in favour of West Bengal Public Health Engineering Directorate.

#### **WL/WB/DRKWATER/441051/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0679 ha of forest land from Neora Valley National Park for laying of underground drinking water

pipeline and construction of tanks for gravity based piped water supply scheme with spring water source for Sakam Forest under Block Gorubathan, District Kalimpong Phe Dte in favour of West Bengal Public Health Engineering Directorate.

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

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

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

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

#### **WL/WB/DRKWATER/440922/2023**

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

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

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

1. The boundary of forest land to be diverted shall be well demarcated on ground by putting boundary pillars.
2. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall not be used for any other purpose than that specified in proposal

3. Concertina wires which are sharp and potentially very injurious to wildlife are not to be used for fencing.
4. No unnecessary illumination is to be done in the project site at night.
5. No night shelter or night accommodation shall be permitted inside sanctuary while executing the work.
6. No felling of trees shall be permitted.
7. No new road/approach road/ground clearing shall be permitted for construction of water supply structures/ underground boring of water pipelines etc. for the purpose of gravity based water supply scheme at Neora Valley N.P. of Gorumara WL Division under Jal Jeewan Mission.
8. During acute water scarcity, the park management reserves the right to use water from the source for refilling the water holes meant for wild animals.
9. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.32** Proposal for use of 0.2259 ha of forest land from Neora Valley National Park for laying of underground pipeline and construction of tanks for gravity-based water supply scheme for Lingsaykha Khasmahal under Lingsekha G.P.Block, Kalimpong-II under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)Scheme., West Bengal.

#### **WL/WB/DRKWATER/444333/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.2259 ha of forest land from Neora Valley National Park for laying of underground pipeline and construction of tanks for gravity-based water supply scheme for Lingsaykha Khasmahal under Lingsekha G.P.Block, Kalimpong-II under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) Scheme. West Bengal.

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

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

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

annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.33** Proposal for use of 0.1128 ha of land from Neora Valley National Park for laying of underground pipeline and construction of tanks for Gravity Based Piped Water Supply Scheme with Spring Water Source for Samsing Middle and Upper, under Block Gorubathan District Kalimpong in favour of West Bengal Public Health Engineering Directorate.

**WL/WB/DRKWATER/441092/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.1128 ha of land from Neora Valley National Park for laying of underground pipeline and construction of tanks for Gravity Based Piped Water Supply Scheme with Spring Water Source for Samsing Middle and Upper, under Block Gorubathan District Kalimpong in favour of West Bengal Public Health Engineering Directorate.

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

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

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

**82.4.34** Proposal for use of 0.0464 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Buxa Tiger Reserve for construction of Tube wells under the 28 and 29 Mile Basti PWSS Zone (Z-IV)) Garam Basti Under Jal Jeevan Mission in Raja Bhatkhawa Village, Alipurduar District, West Bengal.

**WL/WB/Others/452885/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0464 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Buxa Tiger Reserve for construction of Tube wells under the 28 and 29 Mile Basti PWSS Zone (Z-IV)) Garam Basti Under Jal Jeevan Mission in Raja Bhatkhawa Village, 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 recommended the proposal.

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

1. The boundary of forest land to be diverted shall be well demarcated on ground by putting boundary pillars.
2. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall not be used for any other purpose than that specified in proposal.
3. Concertina wires which are sharp and potentially very injurious to wildlife are not to be used for fencing.
4. No unnecessary illumination is to be done in the project site at night.
5. No light shelter or night accommodation shall be permitted inside sanctuary while executing the work.
6. No felling of trees shall be permitted.
7. No new road/approach road/ground clearing shall be permitted for construction of water supply structures/ underground boring water pipes etc. for the purpose of water supply scheme for Garam Basti PWSS (Zone-IV) under Buxa Tiger Reserve.
8. During acute water scarcity the park management reserves the right to use water from the source for refilling the water holes meant for wild animals.
9. Construction and repair activities shall be limited to daylight hours to minimize disturbance to nocturnal wildlife.
10. Felling of trees is not permitted for the project work.
11. Re-plant native species and restore disturbed areas post-construction to maintain the ecological balance.
12. No construction materials shall be sourced from within the protected area. No labour camps shall be established within the core or buffer zones of the tiger reserve.
13. Implement soil and water conservation measures to reduce erosion and maintain the hydrological balance of the area.
14. Suitable safety provisions to be kept by the User Agency to avoid accidents of animals shall be kept during construction, execution as well as operational phase of the project.
15. Schedule construction activities to avoid sensitive periods, such as breeding seasons for local fauna.
16. Regularly monitor the water quality in the reservoir and nearby water bodies to ensure that no contamination occurs due to construction or operation activities.
17. Maintain an adequate buffer around the construction site to minimize disturbance to wildlife habitats.
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.

**82.4.35** Proposal for expansion of existing production capacity along with 26 new additional products in the category of bulk drug products and Installation of Additional Equipments in the existing facilities over an area of 4.856 ha in favour of Anjan Drug Private Limited 7.87 km away from the Pulicat Lake Birds Sanctuary in default ESZ in Thiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu.

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for expansion of existing production capacity along with 26 new additional products in the category of bulk drug products and Installation of Additional Equipments in the existing facilities over an area of 4.856 ha in favour of Anjan Drug Private Limited 7.87 km away from the Pulicat Lake Birds Sanctuary in default ESZ in Thiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu.

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

Dr. Sukumar recalled a report submitted by him in respect of one proposal which was recommended by the Standing Committee. He mentioned that one of the recommendations was to have rationalisation of boundaries of Pulicat Lake Bird Sanctuary. Most of the migratory birds are found on the Andhra Pradesh side of Sanctuary which has larger area of the water body. Tamil Nadu has the mouth of the waterbody in the form of the lagoon. Tamil Nadu Government has included very large number of villages in the sanctuary which ideally shall have included the small water body. A large portion of the area has already been industrialised. Last year, the Standing Committee had recommended some proposals for establishment of industries in the default ESZ. Therefore, the proposal may also be recommended.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu informed that the process of rationalisation of boundary of the sanctuary is already going on. The District Collector is in the process of determining claims.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a comprehensive review meeting may be held at the level of Secretary, EF&CC; DGF&SS, State Forest Department and concerned department of the State Government and therefore decided to defer the matter for the next meeting.

**82.4.36** Proposal for use of 6.28 ha non-forest land for expansion of grey and ductile iron casting manufacturing located at S.F.Nos.270 Part, 256 Part at Pappankulam village, Gummidipoondi taluk, Tiruvallur district 8.5 Kms away from the Pulicat Bird Sanctuary within default Eco-sensitive Zone in favour of M/s. Danblock Private Limited.

**WL/TN/IND/422048/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 6.28 ha non-forest land for expansion of grey and ductile iron casting manufacturing located at S.F.Nos.270 Part, 256 Part at Pappankulam village, Gummidipoondi taluk, Tiruvallur district 8.5 Kms away from the Pulicat Bird Sanctuary within default Eco-sensitive Zone in favour of M/s. Danblock Private Limited.

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

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a comprehensive review meeting may be held at the level of Secretary, EF&CC; DGF&SS, State Forest Department and concerned department of the State Government and therefore decided to defer the matter for the next meeting.

**82.4.37** Proposal for use of 17.649 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve for construction of canal (LMC & RMC) for Gararda Medium Irrigation Project, Bundi, Rajasthan.

**WL/RJ/IRRIG/436540/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 17.649 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve for construction of canal (LMC&RMC) for Gararda Medium Irrigation Project, Bundi, Rajasthan.

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

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
2. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the Protected Area.
3. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area.
4. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area
5. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area.
6. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
7. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
8. To restrict movement of wild animals towards the canal in the protected area, adequate mitigative measures such as wall/chain fencing shall be constructed by the User Agency.
9. Green belt shall be created by the User Agency on the periphery of the Project Area.
10. There shall be no high mast/beam/search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
11. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
12. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
13. Any permission/clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
14. User Agency shall provide water from the pipeline passing through the wildlife area for filling up the percolation tanks and saucer pits at locations indicated by DCF.
15. To avoid wildlife slipping into the canal, ramps shall be made by User Agency at about 500 m intervals, as per requirement.
16. In addition, 6 feet wall must be constructed on both sides of canal to prevent wildlife from falling into the pucca canal.
17. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the tiger reserve.
18. Prohibit any form of waste dumping, especially near water bodies or forest areas.
19. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.

20. To restrict movement of wildlife towards canal appropriate measures shall be taken such as chain link fencing shall be constructed by the User Agency.
21. It shall be ensured that proper water management is to be done to maintain ecology of aquatic habitats and avoid disrupting water availability for wildlife.
22. Installation of wildlife overpasses or underpasses to maintain connectivity between habitats and allow animals to move freely across the landscape.
23. After construction, restore disturbed areas by replanting native vegetation to maintain ecosystem balance.
24. No felling of trees and setting up of labour camps is permitted within the protected area.
25. Any other mitigations for protection of wild animals from accidents/drowning shall be done by the User Agency in consultation with forest department.
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.

**82.4.38** Proposal for use of 80.77 ha forest land for Durgapur Opencast Project Mine in favour of M/s Western Coalfields Limited in District Chandrapur within tiger corridor connecting Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve-Kanhargoan Wildlife Sanctuary-Tipeshwar Wildlife Sanctuary in Chandrapur District, Maharashtra.

#### **WL/MH/MIN/QRY/463196/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 80.77 ha forest land for Durgapur Opencast Project Mine in favour of M/s Western Coalfields Limited in District Chandrapur within tiger corridor connecting Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve-Kanhargoan Wildlife Sanctuary - Tipeshwar Wildlife Sanctuary in Chandrapur 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 suggested for constitution of a committee for site appraisal.

Due to expansion of the project, 121.58 Ha which is located adjacent to this 80.77 Ha Forest Land was acquired for which Stage II Forest Clearance and recommendation of National Board of Wild Life was obtained. The area is already broken out. Wildlife Clearance has been requested to continue mining for extraction of remaining 8.00 Million Tonnes Coal reserve beneath the benches of 80.77 Ha and to approach the recently diverted 121.58 Ha Forest Land.

Inspector General of Forests, Project Tiger and Elephant Division mentioned that the Standing Committee considers four different types of proposals, namely those falling within sanctuaries and National Parks, their ESZs, Tiger Reserves and Tiger Corridors. Through statistical models, tiger corridors known as least cost pathways have been designated in areas connecting a tiger reserve with another tiger reserve or a tiger reserve with another protected area. KML files have been prepared for these corridors. Of late, it has been noticed that from Maharashtra, those project proposals are being forwarded for consideration of the Standing Committee which do not fall within the least cost pathways. The State Government of Maharashtra has carried out telemetry studies based on which, the state is considering areas beyond least cost pathways as tiger corridors. Such proposals probably do not require approval of the Standing

Committee. He suggested that if any committee is constituted, it may also examine this aspect. Such cases cause delay of projects.

Dr. H. S. Singh pointed out that as per the proposal, this project falls within the tiger corridor.

Dr. Sukumar mentioned that the designation of areas as least cost pathways or tiger corridors based on movement of one tiger may cause lot of confusion in future. In Madhya Pradesh, vast areas have been designated as tiger corridors. There would be lot problems in future. It is a theoretical construct based on statistical model. Many of these pathways have been designated based on movement of one tiger.

Director, WII mentioned that as part of tiger estimation exercise, tiger corridors are being finalised.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a comprehensive review meeting may be held at the level of Secretary, EF&CC; DGF&SS, State Forest Department and concerned Ministry officials and therefore decided to defer the matter for the next meeting.

**82.4.39** Proposal for quarrying Black Granite over an extent of 14.53.0 Ha in F.No.155/2 of government poramboke land in Karandapalli Village, Denkanikottai Taluk, Krishnagiri District 8.8 kms away from the Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary in default ESZ.

**WL/TN/MIN/QRY/433503/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for quarrying Black Granite over an extent of 14.53.0 Ha in SF.No.155/2 of government poramboke land in Karandapalli Village, Denkanikottai Taluk, Krishnagiri District 8.8 kms away from the Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary in default ESZ.

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

The proposal for declaration of ESZ has not been received from the State Government.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu informed that the project area is non-forest and falls outside the extent of ESZ being proposed by the State Government.

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

1. The User Agency shall obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.
2. Any other condition stipulated by the Conservator of Forests / District Forest Officer shall be followed.
3. There shall be abidance of the judgements of Hon'ble Supreme with regard to the mining activities within 10 km from the boundary of sanctuary where the proposal for declaration of ESZ has not been submitted by the State Government.

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.

**82.4.40** Proposal for Multi Color Granite Quarry Extent: 1.91.24ha S.F.No.690/2(P), 690/3(P) & 690/4 of Karikali Village, Gujiliamparai Taluk, Dindigul District in favour of M/s. Terraa Stones. The proposed site is 8.30 kms away from Kadavur Slender Loris Wildlife Sanctuary.

**WL/TN/MIN/QRY/492684/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for Multi Color Granite Quarry Extent: 1.91.24ha S.F.No.690/2(P), 690/3(P) & 690/4 of Karikali Village, Gujiliamparai Taluk, Dindigul District in favour of M/s. Terraa Stones. The proposed site is 8.30 kms away from Kadavur Slender Loris Wildlife Sanctuary.

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

The proposal for declaration of ESZ has not been received from the State Government.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu informed that the project area is non-forest and falls outside the extent of ESZ being proposed by the State Government.

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

1. The User Agency shall obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.
2. Any other condition stipulated by the Conservator of Forests / District Forest Officer shall be followed.
3. There shall be abidance of the judgements of Hon'ble Supreme with regard to the mining activities within 10 km from the boundary of sanctuary where the proposal for declaration of ESZ has not been submitted by the State Government.
4. The User Agency shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance shall be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.
5. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.41** Proposal for multi coloured granite quarry project over an extent of 2.02.4 ha of Patta lands in S.F.No.688/1, 689, 692 (Part) & 693 in Karikali Village, Veda sandur Taluk, Dindigul District in favour of M/s. Elephant Granites. The proposed site is 8.10 kms away from Kadavur Slender Loris Wildlife Sanctuary.

**WL/TN/MIN/QRY/493019/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for multi coloured granite quarry project over an extent of 2.02.4 ha of Patta lands in S.F.No.688/1, 689, 692 (Part) & 693 in Karikali Village, Veda sandur Taluk, Dindigul District in favour of M/s.

Elephant Granites. The proposed site is 8.10 kms away from Kadavur Slender Loris Wildlife Sanctuary.

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

The proposal for declaration of ESZ has not been received from the State Government.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu informed that the project area is non-forest and falls outside the extent of ESZ being proposed by the State Government.

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

1. The User Agency shall obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.
2. Any other condition stipulated by the Conservator of Forests / District Forest Officer shall be followed.
3. There shall be abidance of the judgements of Hon'ble Supreme with regard to the mining activities within 10 km from the boundary of sanctuary where the proposal for declaration of ESZ has not been submitted by the State Government.
4. The User Agency shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance shall be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.
5. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.42** Proposal for Ordinary Earth extraction quarry over an extent of 3.33.20 Ha in S. F.No 130 [Part) of 29,988 Cubic meter total production in favour of Poovami Savudu Quarry Pvt. Ltd at a distance of 7.81 km from the Pulicat Lake Birds Sanctuary.

**WL/TN/MIN/QRY/493786/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for Ordinary Earth extraction quarry over an extent of 3.33.20 Ha in S. F.No 130 [Part) of 29,988 Cubic meter total production in favour of Poovami Savudu Quarry Pvt. Ltd at a distance of 7.81 km from the Pulicat Lake Birds Sanctuary.

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

The Revised proposal for declaration of ESZ has not been received from the State Government.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu informed that the project area is non-forest and falls outside the extent of ESZ being proposed by the State Government.

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

1. The User Agency shall obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of Pulicat Lake Bird Sanctuary, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.
2. Any other condition stipulated by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Director / Wildlife Warden shall be followed.
3. The User Agency shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance shall be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.
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.

**82.4.43** Proposal for Rough Stone Quarry Project Over an extent of 1.01.0 hectares of Patta land in S.F.No.15/2 of Srirampuram Village, Vendasandur Taluk, Dindigul District by Thiru. N. Sadhasivam 9.10 kms away from Kadavur Slender Loris Wildlife Sanctuary in default ESZ

**WL/TN/MIN/QRY/432598/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of Rough Stone Quarry Project Over an extent of 1.01.0 hectares of Patta land in S.F.No.15/2 of Srirampuram Village, Vendasandur Taluk, Dindigul District by Thiru. N. Sadhasivam 9.10 kms away from Kadavur Slender Loris Wildlife Sanctuary in default ESZ

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

The proposal for declaration of ESZ has not been received from the State Government.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu informed that the project area is non-forest and falls outside the extent of ESZ being proposed by the State Government.

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

1. The User Agency shall obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.
2. Any other condition stipulated by the Conservator of Forests / District Forest Officer shall be followed.
3. There shall be abidance of the judgements of Hon'ble Supreme with regard to the mining activities within 10 km from the boundary of sanctuary where the proposal for declaration of ESZ has not been submitted by the State Government.
4. The User Agency shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance shall be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.
5. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.44** Proposal for operating Black Granite Quarry in Ajjanahalli 935 (Part) in favour of M/s.Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited over an area of 3.385 ha at a distance of 8.160 kms away from the boundary of Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary in Dharmapuri district, Tamil Nadu.

**WL/TN/MIN/QRY/423147/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for operating Black Granite Quarry in Ajjanahalli 935 (Part) in favour of M/s.Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited over an area of 3.385 ha at a distance of 8.160 kms away from the boundary of Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary in Dharmapuri district, Tamil Nadu.

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

The proposal for declaration of ESZ has not been received from the State Government.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu informed that the project area is non-forest and falls outside the extent of ESZ being proposed by the State Government.

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

1. The User Agency shall obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.
2. Any other condition stipulated by the Conservator of Forests / District Forest Officer shall be followed.
3. There shall be abidance of the judgements of Hon'ble Supreme with regard to the mining activities within 10 km from the boundary of sanctuary where the proposal for declaration of ESZ has not been submitted by the State Government.
4. The User Agency shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance shall be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.
5. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.45** Proposal for extraction of Multi Coloured Granite quarry Project over an extent of 1.05.1 ha of Patta lands in S.F.No.688/2 in Karikali Village, Gujiliamparai Taluk, Dindigul District in favour of M/s. Elephant Granites 8.10 km away from the Kadavur Slender loris Sanctuary in its default ESZ.

**WL/TN/MIN/QRY/493143/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for extraction of Multi Coloured Granite quarry Project over an extent of 1.05.1 ha of Patta lands in S.F.No.688/2 in Karikali Village, Gujiliamparai Taluk, Dindigul District in favour of M/s. Elephant Granites 8.10 km away from the Kadavur Slender loris Sanctuary in its default ESZ.

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

The proposal for declaration of ESZ has not been received from the State Government.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu informed that the project area is non-forest and falls outside the extent of ESZ being proposed by the State Government.

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

1. The User Agency shall obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.
2. Any other condition stipulated by the Conservator of Forests / District Forest Officer shall be followed.
3. There shall be abidance of the judgements of Hon'ble Supreme with regard to the mining activities within 10 km from the boundary of sanctuary where the proposal for declaration of ESZ has not been submitted by the State Government.
4. The User Agency shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance shall be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.
5. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.46** Proposal for extraction of Rough Stone in S.F.No.1365/2, 1365/3 &1365/4(Part) over an extent of 2.67.0 ha in Anjehalli Village, Pennagaram Taluk, Dharmapuri District about 5.160 km away from the Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary.

**WL/TN/MIN/QRY/483482/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for extraction of Rough Stone in S.F.No.1365/2, 1365/3 &1365/4(Part) over an extent of 2.67.0 ha in Anjehalli Village, Pennagaram Taluk, Dharmapuri District about 5.160 km away from the Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary.

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

The proposal for declaration of ESZ has not been received from the State Government.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu informed that the project area is non-forest and falls outside the extent of ESZ being proposed by the State Government.

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

1. The User Agency shall obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.
2. Any other condition stipulated by the Conservator of Forests / District Forest Officer shall be followed.
3. There shall be abidance of the judgements of Hon'ble Supreme with regard to the mining activities within 10 km from the boundary of sanctuary where the proposal for declaration of ESZ has not been submitted by the State Government.
4. The User Agency shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance shall be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.

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

**82.4.47** Proposal for Black Granite (Dolerite) Quarry belonging to Tvl. Tamilkumaran Productions Private Limited over an extent of 3.14.0ha in S.F.Nos. 830 (Part) West and 835/3 of Ajjanahalli Village, Pennagaram Taluk, Dharmapuri District at a distance of 7.9 km within default ecosensitive zone.

**WL/TN/MIN/QRY/465197/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for Black Granite (Dolerite) Quarry belonging to Tvl. Tamilkumaran Productions Private Limited over an extent of 3.14.0ha in S.F.Nos. 830 (Part) West and 835/3 of Ajjanahalli Village, Pennagaram Taluk, Dharmapuri District at a distance of 7.9 km within default ecosensitive zone.

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

The proposal for declaration of ESZ has not been received from the State Government.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu informed that the project area is non-forest and falls outside the extent of ESZ being proposed by 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 obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.
2. Any other condition stipulated by the Conservator of Forests / District Forest Officer shall be followed.
3. There shall be abidance of the judgements of Hon'ble Supreme with regard to the mining activities within 10 km from the boundary of sanctuary where the proposal for declaration of ESZ has not been submitted by the State Government.
4. The User Agency shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance shall be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.
5. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.48** Proposal for extraction of rough Stone in S.F.No.506/2 (Part) over an extent of 2.00.0 Ha in P. Chettihalli Village, Palacode Taluk in Dharmapuri District 9.40 km away from the Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary in default ESZ

**WL/TN/MIN/QRY/483368/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for extraction of rough Stone in S.F.No.506/2 (Part) over an extent of 2.00.0 Ha in P. Chettihalli Village, Palacode Taluk in Dharmapuri District 9.40 km away from the Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary in default ESZ

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

The proposal for declaration of ESZ has not been received from the State Government.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu informed that the project area is non-forest and falls outside the extent of ESZ being proposed by the State Government.

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

1. The User Agency shall obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.
2. Any other condition stipulated by the Conservator of Forests / District Forest Officer shall be followed.
3. There shall be abidance of the judgements of Hon'ble Supreme with regard to the mining activities within 10 km from the boundary of sanctuary where the proposal for declaration of ESZ has not been submitted by the State Government.
4. The User Agency shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance shall be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.
5. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.49** Proposal for extraction of lack Granites in Government Porambke Land in S.F. No.896 over an extent of 17.50.0 Ha by Tamil Nadu Mines and Mineral in Ajjanahalli Village, Pennagaram Taluk of Dharmapuri District 6.816 km away from the Cauvery South Wild Life Sanctuary in default ESZ.

#### **WL/TN/MIN/QRY/426578/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for extraction of lack Granites in Government Porambke Land in S.F. No.896 over an extent of 17.50.0 Ha by Tamil Nadu Mines and Mineral in Ajjanahalli Village, Pennagaram Taluk of Dharmapuri District 6.816 km away from the Cauvery South Wild Life Sanctuary in default ESZ.

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

The proposal for declaration of ESZ has not been received from the State Government.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu informed that the project area is non-forest and falls outside the extent of ESZ being proposed by the State Government.

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

1. The User Agency shall obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.

2. Any other condition stipulated by the Conservator of Forests / District Forest Officer shall be followed.
3. There shall be abidance of the judgements of Hon'ble Supreme with regard to the mining activities within 10 km from the boundary of sanctuary where the proposal for declaration of ESZ has not been submitted by the State Government.
4. The User Agency shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance shall be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.
5. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.50** Proposal for use of 0.231 ha of forest land from Bassi Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable from village Anouppura to Dekrikhera via Umarthoona, Mahesra in Chittorgarh District in favour of Jio Digital Fiber Pvt. Ltd.

**WL/RJ/OFC/495641/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.231 ha of forest land from Bassi Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable from village Anouppura to Dekrikhera via Umarthoona, Mahesra in Chittorgarh District in favour of Jio Digital Fiber Pvt. Ltd.

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

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
2. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
3. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
4. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
5. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
6. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
7. The trench dug for laying the OFC shall be filled and leveled after completion of the work.
8. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work
9. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
10. No generators or towers shall be installed in the project area.
11. The size of the trench shall not exceed more than 2.0 m depth and 1.0 m width.
12. The User Agency shall make good the land after use/ maintenance.
13. The User Agency shall make good any loss to forest/ environment.

14. No civil structures shall be built with the underground laying of optical fiber cables.
15. The length of trench dug at a time does not exceed 500 m, filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500 m.
16. Work of underground laying of optical fiber cable shall be completed within the time frame as decided by in charge of the PAs after taking into account all the factors/issues involved in the work.
17. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
18. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
19. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of Standard SOP/Guidelines issued by WII, Dehradun for linear projects.
20. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980
21. or other acts may be taken as per rules.
22. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.51** Proposal for use of 0.59 ha of land for laying of aerial Optical Fiber Cable via existing TNEB Poles (604 Nos) in Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary inside buffer zone of Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve along the road side of Balamore Road between Thadikarakonam to Maramalai Hills section across Veerapuli RF in Tovalai Taluk, Kanyakumari District for connecting Balamore Grama Panchayat for BharatNet Phase II project-Tamil Nadu in favour of Fibernet Corporation Limited

#### **WL/TN/OFC/452579/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.59 ha of land for laying of aerial Optical Fiber Cable via existing TNEB Poles (604 Nos) in Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary inside buffer zone of Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve along the road side of Balamore Road between Thadikarakonam to Maramalai Hills section across Veerapuli RF in Tovalai Taluk, Kanyakumari District for connecting Balamore Grama Panchayat for BharatNet Phase II project-Tamil Nadu in favour of Fibernet Corporation Limited

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 with the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall obtain all other statutory clearance, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.
2. All the material required for the work shall be prepared outside the sanctuary.
3. No fire places shall be created inside the sanctuary.
4. The work in the Sanctuary shall be allowed only in the day time from 9 AM to 5 PM.
5. No night camping by labour/survey personnel shall be allowed inside the sanctuary area.

6. Project personnel engaged in the project work shall observe the provisions of Wild Life (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 User Agency shall obtain prior approval of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wild Life Warden well in advance.
9. The User Agency shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance shall be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.
10. Any other condition stipulated by the Conservator of Forests and Field Director/ District Forest Officer shall be followed.
11. No construction material shall be procured from within the forest. Construction debris shall be disposed of away from the forest by the cost of the User Agency.
12. No alteration in the existing drainage pattern shall be allowed within the Tiger Reserve for implementing the proposed construction.
13. No trees shall be felled.
14. Measures must be taken to ensure the safety of fauna, avifauna and other arboreal species.
15. The construction work shall be done during daytime and no labor camp shall be allowed inside the forested areas at nights. The User Agency shall ensure that no labor trespasses inside the forests apart from the construction site.
16. While laying the OFC, the work shall be executed in a timely manner simultaneously excavating the trenches and laying the OFC so as to minimize the disturbance to wildlife.
17. The User Agency shall not dig trenches along long stretches and leave them open for several weeks without completion of work.
18. Any future maintenance of the OFC would be subject to prior approval of the competent authority of Tamil Nadu Forest Department.
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.

**82.4.52** Proposal for use of 1.1531 ha of forest land from core zone of Amrabad Tiger Reserve for laying of Optical Fiber Cable in Amrabad Division, Nagarkurnool District in favour of Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited.

**WL/TG/OFC/433997/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.1531 ha of forest land from core zone of Amrabad Tiger Reserve for laying of Optical Fiber Cable in Amrabad Division, Nagarkurnool District in favour of Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited.

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

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

1. That the User Agency shall provide Rs.13.00 lakhs to implement the following activities which are part of Wildlife mitigation measures:

S.No	Activity	Phy.	Unit Cost	Fin.

1.	Survey and estimation of birds, butterflies, insects, Chinkara etc., and their documentation.	LS	LS	3.00
2.	Installation of solar power bore well along with PT.	1	6.50	6.50
3.	Weed removal.	10	0.15	1.50
4.	Installation of large Hoardings.	1	1.00	1.00
5.	Printing of brochures, pamphlets etc., for creation of awareness.	LS	LS	0.50
6.	Administration Cost.	LS	LS	0.50
<b>Total</b>				<b>13.00</b>

2. The mitigation amount of Rs. 13.00 lakhs shall be deposited in the Telangana State CAMPA account.
3. The proposed works shall be carried out manually engaging local work force without disturbing or damaging Flora, Fauna or habitat of wildlife.
4. The trench excavated for laying OFC shall be covered immediately and the topsoil consolidated to prevent erosion.
5. Work shall be carried out only from 9.00 AM to 5.00 PM.
6. The material for carrying out the proposed works shall be kept outside the Tiger Reserve. As and when required they shall be carried to the site during execution only.
7. No labor camp shall be established inside the Wildlife Sanctuary during the execution of the work.
8. The debris formed due to the execution of the works shall be taken away from the Tiger Reserve on day-to-day basis.
9. The User Agency shall construct Masonry pillars to demarcate the proposed project area at every 25 meter interval at their own cost.
10. No fire shall be caused or any explosive materials to be used inside the Tiger Reserve.
11. Where ever the internet connection is required in the offices of the Forest Department in Nagarkurnool District, the User Agency shall provide the internet connection free of cost.
12. Only the existing cart tracks, roads, foot paths in the forest area shall be utilized for movement of men.
13. Any other condition imposed by FDPT, ATR or DFO, Nagarkurnool shall be followed by the User Agency.
14. The proposed diversion of forestland for execution of t-Fber project.
15. No construction material shall be procured from within the forest.
16. No alteration in the existing drainage pattern shall be allowed within the Tiger Reserve for implementing the proposed construction.
17. No trees shall be felled.
18. Measures must be taken to ensure the safety of fauna, avifauna and other arboreal species.
19. The construction work shall be done during daytime and no labor camp shall be allowed inside the forested areas at nights. The User Agency shall ensure that no labor trespasses inside the forests apart from the construction site.

20. While laying the OFC, the work shall be executed in a timely manner simultaneously excavating the trenches and laying the OFC so as to minimize the disturbance to wildlife.
21. The User Agency shall not dig trenches along long stretches and leave them open for several weeks without completion of work.
22. Any future maintenance of the OFC would be subject to prior approval of the competent authority of Tamil Nadu Forest Department.
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.

**82.4.53** Proposal for use of 0.552 ha of forest land from Jaldpara National Park for laying of Optical Fiber Cable from Near Holong Bridge to Torsa Bridge and Near Diya hotel to hotel royal green in favour of Bharti Airtel Ltd under Jaldapara Wildlife Division, Alipuduar District, West Bengal.

**WL/WB/OFC/440681/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.552 ha of forest land from Jaldpara National Park for laying of Optical Fiber Cable from Near Holong Bridge to Torsa Bridge and Near Diya hotel to hotel royal green in favour of Bharti Airtel Ltd under Jaldapara Wildlife Division, Alipuduar District, West Bengal.

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

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

1. The User Agency shall ensure that the length of the trench dug up at a time does not exceed 500 M. which shall be filled up and compacted before digging next trench of 500 M.
2. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall not be used for any other purpose than that specified in proposal.
3. No felling of tree is permitted for the operation.
4. No night shelter or night accommodation shall be permitted inside Sanctuary while executing the work
5. No clearing of forest floor to access the work site is permitted.
6. All the materials required for the work shall be prepared outside the Sanctuary.
7. The work in the Sanctuary shall be allowed only in the daytime from 9 AM to 5 PM
8. No fire places shall be created inside the Sanctuary.
9. Project personnel enriched in the project work shall observe the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules made there under.
10. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
11. While undertaking the periodical maintenance works if any by the User Agency shall obtain period approval of the Chief Wild Life Warden well in advance.
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.

**82.4.54** Proposal for use of 0.1092 ha of forest land from Itanagar Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of Arun Rang Manch (Auditorium-cum-Theater) behind Dorjee Khandu State Convention Hall, Itanagar, Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh.

**WL/AR/Others/460252/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.1092 ha of forest land from Itanagar Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of Arun Rang Manch (Auditorium-cum-Theater) behind Dorjee Khandu State Convention Hall, Itanagar, Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh.

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

Dr. H. S. Singh suggested that the project may be executed outside the sanctuary.

The Chairman mentioned that there is no forest as such in the area. People will utilise the place for cultural activities.

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

1. The legal status of land shall remain unchanged.
2. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall not be used for any other purpose than that specified in proposal.
3. No felling of tree is permitted for the operation.
4. All the materials required for the work shall be prepared outside the Sanctuary.
5. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.55** Proposal for use of 3.14 ha of non-forest land from drilling one exploratory location (Loc. OPAA) in the OALP Block AA-ONHP-2017/17 in Dhemaji District, Assam at a distance of 3 km (within 10 km of ESZ) from the the D'Ering Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary of Arunachal Pradesh in favour of Oil India Limited

**WL/AS/Others/470407/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 3.14 ha of non-forest land from drilling one exploratory location (Loc. OPAA) in the OALP Block AA-ONHP-2017/17 in Dhemaji District, Assam at a distance of 3 km (within 10 km of ESZ) from the the D'Ering Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary of Arunachal Pradesh in favour of Oil India Limited

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

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

1. No adverse impact shall be caused to the wild animals and their habitat.
2. The User Agency shall take adequate measures against all kinds of pollution likely to be caused by implementation of the project including disasters like oil & gas leakage or explosion of the well.

3. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023 as Corpus fund to be utilized by the CWLW for Wild Life Conservation & Management and Mitigation of Human-Animal Conflict including preparation of plans.
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.

**82.4.56** Proposal for removal of 86,969 fallen trees during Taukte Cyclone inside the Gir Protected Area, Junagadh and Gir Somnath Districts, Gujarat.

**WL/GJ/Others/497612/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for removal of 86,969 fallen trees during Taukte Cyclone inside the Gir Protected Area, Junagadh and Gir Somnath Districts, Gujarat.

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 has suggested for seeking clearance from Hon'ble Supreme Court.

The Chairman suggested that information may be given to Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that during the cyclone in 2023, about 33 lakh trees had fallen. The fallen trees may be fire hazard. Therefore, the removal of the proposed number of trees may be recommended. However, the movement of these fallen trees shall be properly monitored and shall only be along the designated routes. The Forest Department shall monitor that removal so that valuable standing trees are not removed in the guise of fallen trees.

The Inspector General of Forests (Wildlife) mentioned that for prevention of fire and forest management, trees can be salvaged. The proposal of the State Government is to sell the removed trees. However, the revenue generated would be ploughed back to the Asiatic Lion Conservation Society for conservation of Asiatic Lions. This will be a precedence.

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

1. Hon'ble Supreme Court shall be informed by the State Government regarding the removal of fallen trees as proposed immediately.
2. Till the time the final decision is made, the cut trees shall be kept properly in the depot inside the National Park and Sanctuary.
3. The details of the wood collected in the depot shall be monthly reported CWLW.
4. The removal of trees shall be carried out through designated routes under strict supervision of the Forest Department.
5. CCTV cameras shall be installed during removal of trees and recordings shall be maintained.

6. There shall be proper marking of the trees.
7. Vigilance shall be observed so that no valuable timber is removed.
8. No labour camp shall be established inside the protected areas and forest areas.
9. Fire places shall not be made in the protected areas and forest areas.
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.

**82.4.57** Proposal for alteration of boundaries to demerge Tirthan Wildlife Sanctuary from intended Great Himalayan National Park, Himachal Pradesh

**WL/HP/Others/490933/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for alteration of boundaries to demerge Tirthan Wildlife Sanctuary from intended Great Himalayan National Park, Himachal Pradesh

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

The Government of HP had issued an intention notification dated 28.07.2010 regarding merger of Tirthan WLS with Great Himalayan National Park. Tirthan WLS would be retained as such and not to be amalgamated with GHNP to allow local communities to continue sustainable activities in the area.

Within National Park, all rights are extinguished. However, in sanctuaries certain rights such as grazing may be permitted.

The State Government has submitted the proposal as per section 26A of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

Dr. Sukumar mentioned that the Standing Committee had recommended proposal for alteration of boundaries of Pin Vally National Park.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a comprehensive review meeting may be held at the level of Secretary, EF&CC; DGF&SS and State Forest Department and therefore decided to defer the matter for the next meeting.

**82.4.58** Proposal for alteration of boundaries to demerge Sainj Sanctuary from intended Great Himalayan National Park, Himachal Pradesh.

**WL/HP/Others/490806/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for alteration of boundaries to demerge Sainj Sanctuary from intended Great Himalayan National Park, Himachal 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 that a comprehensive review meeting may be held at the level of Secretary, EF&CC; DGF&SS and State Forest Department and therefore decided to defer the matter for the next meeting.

**82.4.59** Proposal for use of 7.15 ha non-forest land from the ESZ and buffer zone of Melghat Tiger Reserve for construction of hotel by Mehfil Meadows in Amravati District at survey no.263 at Mauja Motha, in Amravati District, Taluka Chikhaldara in favour of Mehfil Inn Private Limited.

**WL/MH/Others/472801/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 7.15 ha non-forest land from the ESZ and buffer zone of Melghat Tiger Reserve for construction of hotel by Mehfil Meadows in Amravati District at survey no. 263 at Mauja Motha, in Amravati District, Taluka Chikhaldara in favour of Mehfil Inn Private Limited.

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

The User Agency has carried out major part of construction activities. The Forest Department has booked offence for contravention of the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The project area is at a distance of about 5.5 km from the boundary of the protected area.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that since the project has been proposed on private non-forest land, it may be recommended.

Member Secretary, NTCA mentioned that the conditions applicable as per ESZ notification may be imposed.

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

1. Project agency shall deposit Rs.7.07 Lakh with Conservator of Forest and Field Director, Melghat Tiger Conservation Foundation Amravati as a penalty for violating the provision of Wild Life (Protection) Act- 1972.
2. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023 for wildlife conservation and management activities of the State with Conservator of Forest and Field Director, Melghat Tiger Conservation Foundation Amravati.
3. All Steps must be taken to ensure minimum damage to the surrounding environment /wildlife habitat.
4. During and after construction the User Agency must ensure minimum disturbance to the wildlife in the area.
5. The User Agency must comply with all conditions imposed by the Divisional Forest Officer in his report.
6. Project personnel engaged in the project work shall observe the provisions of all the existing legal provisions, especially the Environment Protection Act,

- 1986, Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules made there under & also take all precautionary measures for conservation & protection of flora, fauna in the vicinity of the project;
7. No dumping of debris on wet lands/mud flat and forest area shall be done by User Agency;
  8. All the other mandatory permission from different statutory Authorities shall be obtained prior to commencement of work.
  9. The work must be carried out during day time only.
  10. During excavation phase, rules laid down for minor minerals excavation shall be followed.
  11. Provision of barricading the work site during execution phase to avoid any human or wildlife mishaps.
  12. Norms of Noise, Air and Water pollution to be strictly followed. The adoption of measures for reducing noise, dust and air pollution need to be adopted.
  13. There shall be no blasting within Eco-sensitive zone boundaries of the National Park / Wildlife Sanctuary.
  14. The Project agency shall construct a compound wall of at least 3.00 meters height and 1.00 meter height chain link /barbed wire y shape fence along the boundary of the plot with appropriate reinforcements and safety features for the future inhabitants of the proposed project to reduce Human-wildlife conflicts.
  15. The project agency shall not discharge untreated effluents and solid waste in natural water bodies or land area.
  16. The project agency shall undertake eco -friendly sludge or solid waste disposal system and recycling of effluents within the said property.
  17. No focusing of lights or any light beams which could disturb or alter the movement or behavior of the wildlife in the areas of Melghat Tiger Reserve landscape.
  18. The User Agency shall inform /use "Call Before u Dig"(CBuD) Mobile Application of Government of India, prior to undertaking any type of digging/excavation. Otherwise, the digging/excavation shall be turned unauthorized. In the State of Maharashtra, the Director (IT) of Directorate of Information Technology is State Nodal for CBuD.
  19. It shall be mandatory to plant trees in three rows at a distance of 2X2 meters on all four sides of the project site.
  20. No trees shall be felled during the construction.
  21. No barbed wire fencing of the area shall be used to ensure the safety of wild animals. If fencing is necessary to delineate the resort boundary, use smooth wire fences or natural barriers like dense hedges or vegetation.
  22. Construction work shall be permitted during daytime. No labour camps shall be established inside the tiger reserve.
  23. Install low-intensity, motion-sensor lighting to reduce the impact of artificial lights on nocturnal animals.
  24. Ensure that all waste is properly disposed of and segregated to prevent it from attracting wildlife. Litter and food waste can draw animals closer to the resort, increasing the risk of human-wildlife conflicts.
  25. Minimize noise pollution by maintaining designated quiet zones around the resort. Avoid loud noises such as music, vehicle horns, or construction sounds, as these can disrupt the natural behavior of nearby wildlife.
  26. Ensure that the resort's activities do not pollute local water sources, such as rivers or ponds, which may also serve as drinking spots for wildlife.

27. Construction materials shall be procured from outside the Tiger Reserve. Construction debris shall be disposed away from the Tiger Reserve by the User Agency.
28. No wildlife habitat shall be disturbed by the construction of the hotel.
29. The Forest dependent communities/fringe communities of Melghat Tiger reserve are to be given priority in employment opportunities by the Hotel Management.
30. In addition to suggested mitigations, all provisions of Eco Sensitive Zone regulations and relevant acts shall be followed.
31. CWLW, Maharashtra shall monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
32. 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.

**82.4.60** Proposal for use of 0.498 ha of forest land from Khongjaingamba Ching Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of a water treatment plant of capacity (0.4 MLD), Addl. Service Reservoir (0.24) laying and fixing of pipes (over 0.328 ha) and approach road (over 0.170 ha) in favour of PHED in Keibul Village, Bishnupur District, Manipur.

#### **WL/MN/Others/465726/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.498 ha of forest land from Khongjaingamba Ching Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of a water treatment plant of capacity (0.4 MLD), Addl. Service Reservoir (0.24) laying and fixing of pipes (over 0.328 ha) and approach road (over 0.170 ha) in favour of PHED in Keibul Village, Bishnupur District, Manipur.

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 informed that the project started in the year 2011 when the area was only forest. During that time, general approval was given for such projects as per guidelines of Forest Conservation Act, 1980. Only foundation works were carried out. This is situated on a hillock. The area was declared as Sanctuary due to its proximity with Keibul Lamjao National Park. When birds visit Keibul Lamjao National Park, they roost in this area. In order to provide protection to this area, it was declared as sanctuary in 2016. Now, the project is being taken Jal Jeevan Mission. The User Agency has also applied Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

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

1. The legal status of land shall remain unchanged.
2. Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up in degraded forest in double the proposed area i.e. 0.996 ha with 10 years maintenance in and around the Sanctuary at the cost to be borne by the User Agency.
3. The User Agency shall pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of the amount fixed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and worked out by the Deputy Conservator of Forests/Park & Sanctuary based on the forest Type, Soil Type, Eco class etc.
4. To mitigate the adverse impact of the project, an impact mitigation and wildlife management plan has been proposed at the cost of Rs.2.95 lakh. The cost shall be borne by the User Agency.

5. The User Agency shall submit a detailed Animal Passage Plan for approval of the Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Manipur on the basis of WII guidelines named Eco-friendly Measures to mitigate Impacts on Linear Infrastructures on Wildlife. The cost shall be borne by the User Agency.
6. The User Agency shall bear the cost of logging and transportation of the felled trees as per the estimates of Deputy Conservator of Forests /Park and Sanctuary. Minimum number of trees which are strictly essential shall be felled for the execution of the project under strict supervision of the Forest Department.
7. The felled trees and all Non Timber Forest Produce (NTFPs) removed during the execution of the project shall be distributed to meet the personal bona fide needs of the people living in and around the Sanctuary and shall not be used for any commercial purpose.
8. The User Agency shall not take any such activity which contravenes Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 or rules made therein.
9. Speed breakers near corridors, turnings, blind turnings shall be provided on the highway.
10. Caution Sign Boards warning wildlife crossing shall be installed by the User Agency at all necessary point in consultation with Deputy Conservator of Forests/ Park & Sanctuary, Manipur.
11. Since the area is hilly with loose soil texture, it is necessary to undertake comprehensive soil conservation measures to make slopes stable, check soil erosion and landslides. Soil and moisture conservation plan amounting to Rs.0.74 lakh has been proposed. The cost shall be borne by the User Agency.
12. The User Agency shall make necessary provisions in their project cost and construct retaining walls, breast walls, Gabion structures etc. at all necessary locations in consultation with the State Forest Department.
13. Moreover, User Agency shall also construct Storm Drains all along the proposed road with culverts at appropriate locations at their cost The User Agency shall make necessary provisions in their project cost accordingly. They shall not take up any such construction, which diverts, stops or enhances the flow of water into or outside the Sanctuary area.
14. Cost for demarcation of the diverted Forest land and installation of boundary pillars shall be borne by the User Agency.
15. Heavy machine and explosive shall not be used except under unavoidable circumstances and with the prior permission of the State Forest Department
16. The User Agency shall ensure that there is no damage to surrounding forest, environment, wildlife, natural resources like water bodies and other public properties.
17. No labour camp/stores shall be established on the forest land. The User Agency shall supply fuel wood, preferably alternate fuel to the labourers working at the site to avoid damage/felling of the trees.
18. The muck/debris generated in the earth cutting shall be disposed of at the designated sites and in no case the muck/debris shall be allowed to roll down the hill slopes.
19. Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake Afforestation measures with local species at their own cost along the highways within the diverted area in consultation with the State Forest Department.
20. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.61** Proposal for use of 0.067 ha of forest land from Core Zone of Rajaji Tiger Reserve for construction of Gauri Cremation Ghat at Bhogpur Talla Yamkeshwar, District Pauri Garhwal in favour of Department of Irrigation.

**WL/UK/Others/442015/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.067 ha of forest land from Core Zone of Rajaji Tiger Reserve for construction of Gauri Cremation Ghat at Bhogpur Talla Yamkeshwar, District Pauri Garhwal in favour of Department of Irrigation.

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

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

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged and the work shall be done under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
2. No damage to the flora and fauna of the surrounding area shall be caused.
3. Protection and mitigation measures for wildlife shall be ensured as per standard practice in such cases.
4. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than the specified in the proposal.
5. Director Rajaji Tiger Reserve shall monitor the implementation of the project regularly and report for the violations, if any.
6. It shall be ensured that no labourer camp shall be set up inside the forest area.
7. The User Agency shall comply all the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and all other acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and Hon'ble NGT Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
8. Disposal of any waste material including flowers, ashes or ceremonial items directly into the river shall be prohibited.
9. No trees shall be felled during the construction of this cremation ghat.
10. A zero-tolerance policy shall be enforced for waste disposal within the tiger reserve and along the river banks. Clear signage shall be displayed prohibiting waste disposal.
11. The cremation ghat shall be designed in a way to prevent any runoff or wastewater from entering the river.
12. The wildlife habitat shall not be disturbed during construction and while using the cremation ghat. Proper measures must be taken to minimise disturbance to the wildlife habitat. No activities which causes the light and sound pollution shall be permitted.
13. The safety of wild animals is paramount within the protected area. Hence, proper measures shall be in place to ensure safety of wildlife.
14. All activities have to be designed in a way to keep in mind the ecology of the natural fauna.
15. Only local/bonafide people are to be allowed for the rituals in consultation with Forest Department.
16. Construction activities shall be kept to minimum use of concrete and hazardous substance and are permitted during daytime. No labour camps shall be established inside the tiger reserve.

17. After the relocation of local villages the activities needs to be stopped and area to be restored for wildlife.
18. Construction materials shall be procured from outside the Tiger Reserve. Construction debris shall be disposed away from the Tiger Reserve by the User Agency.
19. Construction work shall be permitted during daytime. No labour camps shall be established inside the tiger reserve.
20. CWLW, Uttarakhand shall monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
21. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.62** Proposal for use of 2.316 ha of forest land from Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground pipeline, Solar Pump, well, ESR and switch Room for drinking water supply in Tansa village and other padas in Thane District through Jal Jeevan Mission scheme, Maharashtra.

### **WL/MH/Pipeline/438054/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 2.316 ha of forest land from Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground pipeline, Solar Pump, well, ESR and switch Room for drinking water supply in Tansa village and other padas in Thane District through Jal Jeevan Mission scheme, Maharashtra.

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

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023 with Deputy Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Thane for conservation and protection of wildlife sanctuary.
2. Modern technology shall be used while construction activity to reduce sound pollution and to minimize disturbance to the wildlife habitat inside the Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary.
3. Construction material shall be brought from outside of the sanctuary.
4. No work can be done on the area other than the demanded area as shown on map attached.
5. The size of the trench shall not exceed more than 2.0 m depth and 1.0 m width.
6. The User Agency shall restore the land after use / maintenance.
7. The User Agency shall take precaution to avoid any loss to forest / environment.
8. The User Agency shall take permission from the State Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance.
9. The diameter of drinking water pipeline shall commensurate with the width of the trench mentioned above.
10. The User Agency shall have to submit NOC from the agency the right to use the right of way.

11. The length of trench dug at a time does not exceed 500 m, filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500 m.
12. The time frame for completing the work of underground laying of drinking water pipeline, shall be adhered to.
13. The User Agency shall provide water supply points within the PAs if demanded by the in-charge of PA.
14. The User Agency shall inform /use “Call Before u Dig” (CBuD) Mobile Application of the Government of India prior to undertaking any type of digging/excavation. Otherwise the digging/excavation shall be turned unauthorized. In the State of Maharashtra the Director (IT) of Directorate of Information Technology is State Nodal for CBuD.
15. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.63** Proposal for use of 0.76 ha forest land from Great Indian Bustard Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of pipeline for drinking water supply in Wadghul village, Shrigonda tehsil in Ahmednagar district under Jal Jeevan Mission in favour of Urban Development Department.

#### **WL/MH/Pipeline/495146/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.76 ha forest land from Great Indian Bustard Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of pipeline for drinking water supply in Wadghul village, Shrigonda tehsil in Ahmednagar district under Jal Jeevan Mission in favour of Urban Development Department.

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

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023 with Deputy Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Pune for conservation and protection of wildlife sanctuary.
2. Modern technology shall be used while construction activity to reduce sound pollution and to minimize disturbance to the wildlife habitat inside the Great Indian Bustard Wildlife Sanctuary and Eco-Sensitive Area.
3. Construction material shall be brought from outside of the sanctuary.
4. No work can be done on the area other than the demanded area as shown on map attached.
5. The size of the trench shall not exceed more than 2.0 m depth and 1.0 m width;
6. The User Agency shall to make good the land after use / maintenance;
7. The User Agency shall to make good any loss to forest / environment;
8. The User Agency shall take permission from the State Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance;
9. The diameter of drinking water pipeline shall commensurate with the width of the trench mentioned above.
10. The User Agency shall have to submit NOC from the agency the right to use the right of way;

11. The length of trench dug at a time does not exceed 500 m, filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500 m;
12. The time frame for completing the work of underground laying of drinking water pipeline, shall be adhered to.
13. The User Agency shall provide water supply points within the PAs if demanded by the in-charge of PA.
14. The User Agency shall inform /use “Call Before u Dig” (CBuD) Mobile Application of the Government of India prior to undertaking any type of digging/excavation. Otherwise, the digging/excavation shall be turned unauthorized. In the State of Maharashtra, the Director (IT) of Directorate of Information Technology is State Nodal for CBuD.
15. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.64** Proposal for use of 0.243 ha of forest land from Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground pipeline, Solar Pump, Well, Switch room, GSR for drinking water supply in Aghai village in Garel Pada 1 and Garel Pada 2 in Thane district through Jal Jeevan mission scheme in Maharashtra.

#### **WL/MH/Pipeline/438061/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.243 ha of forest land from Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground pipeline, Solar Pump, Well, Switch room, GSR for drinking water supply in Aghai village in Garel Pada 1 and Garel Pada 2 in Thane district through Jal Jeevan mission scheme in Maharashtra.

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

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023 for conservation and protection of wildlife sanctuary.
2. Modern technology shall be used while construction activity to reduce sound pollution and to minimize disturbance to the wildlife habitat inside the Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary.
3. Construction material shall be brought from outside of the sanctuary.
4. No work can be done on the area other than the demanded area as shown on map attached.
5. The size of the trench shall not exceed more than 2.0 m depth and 1.0 m width;
6. The User Agency shall restore the land after use / maintenance;
7. The User Agency shall take precaution to avoid any loss to forest / environment;
8. The User Agency shall take permission from the State Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance;
9. The diameter of drinking water pipeline shall commensurate with the width of the trench mentioned above.

10. The User Agency shall have to submit NOC from the agency the right to use the right of way;
11. The length of trench dug at a time does not exceed 500 m, filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500 m;
12. The time frame for completing the work of underground laying of drinking water pipeline, shall be adhered to.
13. The User Agency shall provide water supply points within the PAs if demanded by the in-charge of PA
14. The User Agency shall inform /use “Call Before u Dig” (CBuD) Mobile Application of the Government of India prior to undertaking any type of digging/excavation. Otherwise, the digging/excavation shall be turned unauthorized. In the State of Maharashtra, the Director (IT) of Directorate of Information Technology is State Nodal for CBuD.
15. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.65** Proposal for use of 0.11 ha of forestland from Great Indian Bustard Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of pipeline for drinking water supply in Kopardi village, Karjat Tehsil in Ahmednagar district under Jal Jeevan Mission Scheme.

#### **WL/MH/Pipeline/495252/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.11 ha of forestland from Great Indian Bustard Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of pipeline for drinking water supply in Kopardi village, Karjat Tehsil in Ahmednagar district under Jal Jeevan Mission Scheme.

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

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023 with Deputy Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Pune for conservation and protection of wildlife sanctuary.
2. Modern technology shall be used while construction activity to reduce sound pollution and to minimize disturbance to the wildlife habitat inside the Great Indian Bustard Wildlife Sanctuary and Eco-Sensitive Area.
3. Construction material shall be brought from outside of the sanctuary.
4. No work can be done on the area other than the demanded area as shown on map attached.
5. The size of the trench shall not exceed more than 2.0 m depth and 1.0 m width.
6. The User Agency shall to make good the land after use / maintenance.
7. The User Agency shall to make good any loss to forest / environment.
8. The User Agency shall permission from the State Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance.
9. The diameter of drinking water pipeline shall commensurate with the width of the trench mentioned above.

10. The User Agency shall have to submit NOC from the agency the right to use the right of way.
11. The length of trench dug at a time does not exceed 500 m, filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500 m;
12. The time frame for completing the work of underground laying of drinking water pipeline, shall be adhered to.
13. The User Agency shall provide water supply points within the PAs if demanded by the in-charge of PA.
14. The User Agency shall inform /use “Call Before u Dig” (CBuD) Mobile Application of the Government of India prior to undertaking any type of digging/excavation. Otherwise, the digging/excavation shall be turned unauthorized. In the State of Maharashtra, the Director (IT) of Directorate of Information Technology is State Nodal for CBuD.
15. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.66** Proposal for use of 0.5252 forest land from Kalsubai Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary for Rural Water Supply Scheme under Jal Jeevan Mission in Village Ratanwadi Taluka-Akole Dist. Ahmednagar in favour of Urban Development Department.

#### **WL/MH/Pipeline/458481/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.5252 forest land from Kalsubai Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary for Rural Water Supply Scheme under Jal Jeevan Mission in Village Ratanwadi Taluka-Akole Dist. Ahmednagar in favour of Urban Development Department.

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

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023 with Deputy Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Nashik for conservation and protection of wildlife sanctuary.
2. Modern technology shall be used while construction activity to reduce sound pollution and to minimize disturbance to the wildlife habitat inside the Kalsubai-Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary.
3. Construction material shall be brought from outside of the sanctuary.
4. No work can be done on the area other than the demanded area as shown on map attached.
5. The User Agency shall restore the land after use / maintenance;
6. The User Agency shall take precaution to avoid any loss to forest / environment;
7. The User Agency shall take permission from the State Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance;

8. The diameter of drinking water pipeline shall commensurate with the width of the trench mentioned above.
9. The User Agency shall have to submit NOC from the agency the right to use the right of way;
10. The length of trench dug at a time does not exceed 500 m, filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500 m;
11. The time frame for completing the work of underground laying of drinking water pipeline, shall be adhered to.
12. The User Agency shall provide water supply points within the PAs if demanded by the in-charge of PA.
13. The User Agency shall inform /use “Call Before u Dig” (CBuD) Mobile Application of the Government of India prior to undertaking any type of digging/excavation. Otherwise, the digging/excavation shall be turned unauthorized. In the State of Maharashtra, the Director (IT) of Directorate of Information Technology is State Nodal for CBuD.
14. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.67** Proposal for use of 0.1594 forest land from Kalsubai Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground pipeline for Rural Water Supply Scheme under Jal Jeevan Mission in Village Lavhali Otur Taluka- Akole District Ahmednagar in favour of Urban Development Department.

#### **WL/MH/Pipeline/458638/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.1594 forest land from Kalsubai Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground pipeline for Rural Water Supply Scheme under Jal Jeevan Mission in Village Lavhali Otur Taluka- Akole District Ahmednagar in favour of Urban Development Department.

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

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

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

7. The User Agency shall take permission from the State Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance;
8. The diameter of drinking water pipeline shall commensurate with the width of the trench mentioned above.
9. The User Agency shall have to submit NOC from the agency the right to use the right of way;
10. The length of trench dug at a time does not exceed 500 m, filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500 m;
11. The time frame for completing the work of underground laying of drinking water pipeline, shall be adhered to.
12. The User Agency shall provide water supply points within the PAs if demanded by the in-charge of PA.
13. The User Agency shall inform /use “Call Before u Dig” (CBuD) Mobile Application of the Government of India prior to undertaking any type of digging/excavation. Otherwise, the digging/excavation shall be turned unauthorized. In the State of Maharashtra, the Director (IT) of Directorate of Information Technology is State Nodal for CBuD.
14. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.68** Proposal for use of 0.31 ha of forest land from the Great Indian Bustard Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of pipeline for drinking water supply in Rakshaswadi Budruk village, Karjat tehsil in Ahmednagar district under Jal Jeevan Mission in favour of Urban Development Department.

**WL/MH/Pipeline/494772/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.31 ha of forest land from the Great Indian Bustard Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of pipeline for drinking water supply in Rakshaswadi Budruk village, Karjat tehsil in Ahmednagar district under Jal Jeevan Mission in favour of Urban Development Department.

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

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023 with Deputy Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Nashik for conservation and protection of wildlife sanctuary.
2. Modern technology shall be used while construction activity to reduce sound pollution and to minimize disturbance to the wildlife habitat inside the Kalsubai-Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary.
3. Construction material shall be brought from outside of the sanctuary.
4. No work can be done on the area other than the demanded area as shown on map attached.
5. The User Agency shall restore the land after use / maintenance;

6. The User Agency shall take precaution to avoid any loss to forest / environment;
7. The User Agency shall take permission from the State Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance;
8. The diameter of drinking water pipeline shall commensurate with the width of the trench mentioned above.
9. The User Agency shall have to submit NOC from the agency the right to use the right of way;
10. The length of trench dug at a time does not exceed 500 m, filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500 m;
11. The time frame for completing the work of underground laying of drinking water pipeline, shall be adhered to.
12. The User Agency shall provide water supply points within the PAs if demanded by the in-charge of PA.
13. The User Agency shall inform /use “Call Before u Dig” (CBuD) Mobile Application of the Government of India prior to undertaking any type of digging/excavation. Otherwise, the digging/excavation shall be turned unauthorized. In the State of Maharashtra, the Director (IT) of Directorate of Information Technology is State Nodal for CBuD.
14. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.69** Proposal for use of 0.1139 of forest land from Kalsubai Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground pipeline for Rural Water Supply Scheme under Jal Jeevan Mission in Village Udadawane Taluka- Akole District Ahmednagar in favour of Urban Development Department.

#### **WL/MH/Pipeline/458483/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.1139 of forest land from Kalsubai Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground pipeline for Rural Water Supply Scheme under Jal Jeevan Mission in Village Udadawane Taluka- Akole District Ahmednagar in favour of Urban Development Department.

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

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023 with Deputy Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Nashik for conservation and protection of wildlife sanctuary.
2. Modern technology shall be used while construction activity to reduce sound pollution and to minimize disturbance to the wildlife habitat inside the Kalsubai-Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary.
3. Construction material shall be brought from outside of the sanctuary.

4. No work can be done on the area other than the demanded area as shown on map attached.
5. The User Agency shall restore the land after use / maintenance.
6. The User Agency shall take precaution to avoid any loss to forest / environment.
7. The User Agency shall take permission from the State Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance.
8. The diameter of drinking water pipeline shall commensurate with the width of the trench mentioned above.
9. The User Agency shall have to submit NOC from the agency the right to use the right of way.
10. The length of trench dug at a time does not exceed 500 m, filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500 m.
11. The time frame for completing the work of underground laying of drinking water pipeline, shall be adhered to.
12. The User Agency shall provide water supply points within the PAs if demanded by the in-charge of PA.
13. The User Agency shall inform /use “Call Before u Dig” (CBuD) Mobile Application of the Government of India prior to undertaking any type of digging/excavation. Otherwise, the digging/excavation shall be turned unauthorized. In the State of Maharashtra, the Director (IT) of Directorate of Information Technology is State Nodal for CBuD.
14. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.70** Proposal for use of 0.3656 ha forest land from Kalsubai Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary for laying underground pipeline for Rural Water Supply Scheme under Jal Jeevan Mission in Village Samrad Taluka-Akole Dist. Ahmednagar in favour of Urban Development Department.

#### **WL/MH/Pipeline/458482/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.3656 ha forest land from Kalsubai Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary for laying underground pipeline for Rural Water Supply Scheme under Jal Jeevan Mission in Village Samrad Taluka-Akole Dist. Ahmednagar in favour of Urban Development Department.

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

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023 with Deputy Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Nashik for conservation and protection of wildlife sanctuary.
2. Modern technology shall be used while construction activity to reduce sound pollution and to minimize disturbance to the wildlife habitat inside the Kalsubai-Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary.

3. Construction material shall be brought from outside of the sanctuary.
4. No work can be done on the area other than the demanded area as shown on map attached.
5. The User Agency shall restore the land after use / maintenance;
6. The User Agency shall take precaution to avoid any loss to forest / environment;
7. The User Agency shall take permission from the State Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance;
8. The diameter of drinking water pipeline shall commensurate with the width of the trench mentioned above.
9. The User Agency shall have to submit NOC from the agency the right to use the right of way;
10. The length of trench dug at a time does not exceed 500 m, filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500 m;
11. The time frame for completing the work of underground laying of drinking water pipeline, shall be adhered to.
12. The User Agency shall provide water supply points within the PAs if demanded by the in-charge of PA.
13. The User Agency shall inform /use “Call Before u Dig” (CBuD) Mobile Application of the Government of India prior to undertaking any type of digging/excavation. Otherwise, the digging/excavation shall be turned unauthorized. In the State of Maharashtra, the Director (IT) of Directorate of Information Technology is State Nodal for CBuD.
14. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.71** Proposal for use of 0.153 ha of forest land and 0.0220 ha non-forest land (Total 0.175 ha) from Nahargarh Wildlife Sanctuary for overground alteration laying 100 mm GI Pipe line from PHED Badrinath Pump House to Tech area Pump House Air Force Station, Amer Jaipur in favour of Public Health Engineering Department.

#### **WL/RJ/Pipeline/478515/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.153 ha of forest land and 0.0220 ha non-forest land (Total 0.175 ha) from Nahargarh Wildlife Sanctuary for overground alteration laying 100 mm GI Pipe line from PHED Badrinath Pump House to Tech area Pump House Air Force Station, Amer Jaipur in favour of Public Health Engineering Department.

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

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
2. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
3. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco Sensitive Zone.

4. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco Sensitive Zone.
5. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco Sensitive Zone.
6. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
7. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
8. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
9. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
10. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of PA.
11. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of Standard SOP/Guidelines issued by WII, Dehradun for linear projects.
12. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
13. It shall be ensured that there is no damage to the forest and wild animals during the work.
14. User Agency shall seek necessary/mandatory permission from the other concerned departments as applicable and shall not violate court orders if any.
15. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.72** Proposal for use of 0.88 ha of forestland from core zone of Guru Ghasidas Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve for erection of 11 KV transmission line from village-Tamki to Kotwaripara, district Surajpur in favour of Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Limited.

**WL/CG/VELEC/464711/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.88 ha of forestland from core zone of Guru Ghasidas Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve for erection of 11 KV transmission line from village-Tamki to Kotwaripara, district Surajpur in favour of Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Limited.

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

Member Secretary informed that since the project is proposed inside core zone of the tiger reserve, NTCA has not recommended the proposal.

The Chairman enquired that if the villages have been included in relocation plan.

The Chief Wild Life Warden mentioned that only village is willing for relocation. However, the village relocation plan has not been worked out.

The Chairman suggested that the State Government should work out relocation plan.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal till the State Government works out a village relocation plan.

**82.4.73** Proposal for use of 0.35 ha of forestland from core zone of Guru Ghasidas Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve for erection of 11 KV transmission line from village-Newaripara to village Khod, district Surajpur for a length of 2.05 km in favour of Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Limited.

**WL/CG/VELEC/464972/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.35 ha of forestland from core zone of Guru Ghasidas Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve for erection of 11 KV transmission line from village-Newaripara to village Khod, district Surajpur for a length of 2.05 km in favour of Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Limited.

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

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal till the State Government works out a village relocation plan.

**82.4.74** Proposal for use of 1.343 ha (0.1 ha forest land and 1.123 ha non-forest land for erection of 33 KV line and 0.12 ha forest land) for construction of sub-station for electrification at Jarida village in Sipna WL Division through buffer zone of Melghat Tiger Reserve in Amravati District by Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited.

**WL/MH/VELEC/462170/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.343 ha (0.1 ha forest land and 1.123 ha non-forest land for erection of 33 KV line and 0.12 ha forest land) for construction of sub-station for electrification at Jarida village in Sipna WL Division through buffer zone of Melghat Tiger Reserve in Amravati District by Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited.

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

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

1. The User Agency shall bear the cost of mitigation measures which are suggested by the experts & shall contribute for restoration including :
  - a. Minimum ground clearance of more than 9 m. for safe passage of avifauna.
  - b. Vertical distance of more than 8 m. between 2 conductors to avoid electrocution of large birds.
2. Project personnel, engaged in the project work shall abide the provisions of all the existing legal provisions, especially the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and rules made there under & also take all precautionary

- measures for conservation & protection of flora, fauna in the vicinity of the project.
3. User Agency shall make provision for barricading the work site to avoid any human or wildlife mishaps.
  4. No dumping of debris on wet lands and forest area shall be done by User Agency. Any violation shall be dealt in strictly.
  5. The laying of transmission line and its ancillary works shall be carried out with utmost care so as to cause least impact on the wildlife in the notified protected area, & final ESZ.
  6. All the other mandatory permissions from different statutory authorities shall be obtained prior to commencement of work.
  7. It shall be ensured that no damage or disturbance is caused to the wildlife and its habitat.
  8. The User Agency shall deposit Rs. 1.75 Lakh with Chief Conservator of Forest & Field Director, Melghat Tiger Reserve, Amaravati as a penalty for starting the work without permission.
  9. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023 with Chief Conservator of Forest & Field Director, Melghat Tiger Reserve, Amaravati Conservation Foundation of Maharashtra for improvement of wildlife and its habitat in Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Parks in Maharashtra.
  10. Insulated cables shall be used along the entire stretch of the proposed transmission line so as to avoid electrocution to avifauna and other arboreal species as well as avoid poaching using electricity.
  11. The entire length of the proposed electric line shall be marked with appropriate bird diverters spaced at regular intervals. The bird diverters shall be periodically checked and maintained by the power company.
  12. Width of the right of the way for the 33 kV transmission line on forest land shall not exceed the stipulated width.
  13. The alignment of the electric line shall be made such that minimum numbers of trees are felled. Vegetation clearance along forest stretches shall be avoided or minimized to the largest extent possible by increasing height of towers structure to maintain safe vertical clearance. Any felling/pollarding/pruning of trees for allowing electrical clearance/ maintenance shall be done with the permission of competent authority of Maharashtra Forest Department. Only those trees that are of sufficient height to compromise the requirements of minimal vertical and horizontal clearance from the conductor wires at maximum sag point shall be lopped.
  14. Periodic clearing of vegetation along the powerline may bring up invasive species. Integrated vegetation management with the plantation of native, palatable species shall be actively promoted by the User Agency in collaboration with Maharashtra Forest Department below the powerline. This shall not only prevent growth of invasive unpalatable species like but also shall provide excellent food for wild ungulates in form of its leaves and fruits.
  15. No construction / maintenance work shall be permitted within forest and wildlife areas at night. Labor camps shall be at least 1 km away from the tiger reserve and corridors.
  16. No construction material (including soil, stones etc.) shall be collected from the forest. Construction debris shall not be dumped inside the forest or wetland

areas and they shall be transported by the User Agency to suitable dumping sites outside the forests and wetlands.

17. Suitable safety provisions to be kept by the User Agency to avoid accidents of animals shall be kept during construction, execution as well as operational phase of the project.
18. CWLW, Maharashtra shall develop appropriate mechanism to monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated herein at various phases of project implementation.
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.

**82.4.75** Proposal for use of 0.01 ha of Non-forestland from Desert National Park Wildlife Sanctuary for 11 KV power line connection to own Khatedari land in favour of Shri Kuchat Ram, District Barmer, Rajasthan.

**WL/RJ/Others/444844/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.01 ha of Non-forestland from Desert National Park Wildlife Sanctuary for 11 KV power line connection to own Khatedari land in favour of Shri Kuchat Ram, District Barmer, Rajasthan.

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

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
2. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
3. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area
4. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area
5. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area.
6. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
7. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
8. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
9. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
10. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
11. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of Standard SOP/Guidelines issued by WII, Dehradun for linear projects.
12. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
13. Power Transmission line shall be laid underground.

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

**82.4.76** Proposal for use of 0.1 ha of non-forestland from Desert National Park for 11 KV power line connection to own Khatedari Project in favour of Shri Sohabat Khan, in Ganga Village, Jaisalmer District, Rajasthan.

**WL/RJ/Others/479603/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.1 ha of non-forestland from Desert National Park for 11 KV power line connection to own Khatedari Project in favour of Shri Sohabat Khan, in Ganga Village, Jaisalmer District, Rajasthan.

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

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
2. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
3. No material of any kind shall be extracted from the Protected Area.
4. There shall be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area
5. The waste material generated shall be disposed outside the Protected Area.
6. There shall be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
7. No blasting shall be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
8. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
9. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
10. Maintenance activity of any nature shall be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
11. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of Standard SOP/Guidelines issued by WII, Dehradun for linear projects.
12. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules
13. Power Transmission line shall be laid underground.
14. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.77** Proposal for use of 54 ha (49.6 ha forest land and 4.4 ha non-forest land) from tiger corridor connecting Melghat Tiger Reserve with Yaval Wildlife Sanctuary for gauge conversion from meter gauge to broad gauge in Buldhana District in favour of South Central Railway

#### **WL/MH/RAIL/490993/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 54 ha (49.6 ha forest land and 4.4 ha non-forest land) from tiger corridor connecting Melghat Tiger Reserve with Yaval Wildlife Sanctuary for gauge conversion from meter gauge to broad gauge in Buldhana District in favour of South Central Railway

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended for constitution of a committee for site inspection.

The existing MG line between Amlakhurd and Akot stations was passing through Melghat tiger reserved forest Zone. As per the proposal, Railway Board has decided to go for alternate alignment which is now away from Melghat Tiger Core and Buffer zone areas.

About 5 km out the total length of about 6 km proposed in the tiger corridor shall be tunnel.

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023 for conservation and management activities of the State with Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Melghat Tiger Foundation, Amravati
2. The Wildlife Mitigation Plan submitted along with the proposal shall be implemented by the User Agency.
3. Explosive activities shall be limited and of low intensity in tiger corridors.
4. No violation of Indian Forest Act, Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1980, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and other applicable laws and regulations shall be done by the project agency.
5. The User Agency shall inform /use “Call Before u Dig” (CBuD) Mobile Application of Government of India, prior to undertaking any type of digging/excavation. Otherwise, the digging/excavation shall be turned unauthorized. In the State of Maharashtra, the Director (IT) of Directorate of Information Technology is State Nodal for CBuD.
6. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.78** Proposal for use of 0.2623 ha of forest land from Umred-Paoni-Karhandla Wildlife Sanctuary (UPKWLS) for construction of Community Center in Mouja Dongarmouda, Gram Panchayat Dongarmoudaon (Samajik Kendra) at Village Dongarmouda, Taluka Kuhi in District Nagpur.

#### **WL/MH/VocTraining/479219/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.2623 ha of forest land from Umred-Paoni-Karhandla Wildlife Sanctuary (UPKWLS) for construction of Community Center in Mouja Dongarmouda, Gram Panchayat

Dongarmoudaon (Samajik Kendra) at Village Dongarmouda, Taluka Kuhi in District Nagpur.

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

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023 for wildlife conservation and management activities of the State with Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Pench Tiger Foundation, Nagpur.
2. All steps shall be taken to ensure minimum damage to the environment/wildlife habitat of the Umred-Pouni-Karandla wildlife sanctuary
3. During and after construction the User Agency must ensure minimum disturbance to the wildlife in the area.
4. The User Agency must comply with all conditions imposed by the Divisional Forest Officer in his report.
5. Project personnel engaged in the project work shall observe the provisions of all the existing legal provisions, especially the Environment Protection Act, 1986, Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules made there under & also take all precautionary measures for conservation & protection of flora, fauna in the vicinity of the project;
6. No dumping of debris on wet lands/mud flat and forest area shall be done by User Agency;
7. All the other mandatory permission from different statutory Authorities shall be obtained prior to commencement of work. The work must be carried out during day time only.
8. Provision of barricading the work site during execution phase to avoid any human or wildlife mishaps.
9. Norms of Noise, Air and Water pollution to be strictly followed.
10. There shall be no blasting within Eco-sensitive zone boundaries of the National Park / Wildlife Sanctuary.
11. The project agency shall construct a minimum 2.00 meters height chain link fencing along the boundary of the plot as a security measure to reduce human-wildlife conflict.
12. The project agency shall undertake eco-friendly sludge or solid waste disposal system and recycling of effluents within the said property.
13. No focusing of lights or any light beams which could disturb or alter the movement or behavior of the wildlife in the areas of Umred-Pouni-Karandla Wildlife Sanctuary landscape.
14. It shall be mandatory to plant trees in single rows at a distance of 2X2 meters on all four sides of the project site.
15. The User Agency shall inform/use "Call Before u Dig"(CBuD) Mobile application of Government of India, prior to undertaking any type of digging/excavation. Otherwise, the digging/excavation shall be turned unauthorized. In the state of Maharashtra, the Director (IT) of Directorate of Information Technology is state Nodal for CBuD.
16. Construction work shall be permitted during daytime. No labour camps shall be established inside the protected area.

17. Construction materials shall be procured from outside the protected area. Construction debris shall be disposed away from the protected area by the User Agency.
18. No trees shall be felled for the construction of the project
19. Suitable safety provisions to be kept by the User Agency to avoid accidents of animals shall be kept during construction.
20. CWLW, Maharashtra shall monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
21. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.79** Proposal for use of 10.86 ha non-forest land in three patches from the notified ESZ of Chakrashila Wildlife Sanctuary for National Bongaigaon Thermal Power Project in Kokrajhar District, Assam

**FP/AS/THE/499/2015**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 10.86 ha non-forest land in three patches from the notified ESZ of Chakrashila Wildlife Sanctuary for National Bongaigaon Thermal Power Project in Kokrajhar District, Assam.

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

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency with the Forest Department in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
2. The User Agency shall abide by the conditions mentioned in the ESZ notification of Chakrashila Wildlife Sanctuary.
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.

**82.4.80** Proposal for use of 0.8506 ha forest land from Lawalong Wildlife Sanctuary for upgradation of Katcha Forest Road (- 4 KM) to Black Topped Road Pasagam to Pasagam Road under PMGSY by Rural Development Special Division in Hazaribag District

**FP/JH/ROAD/5248/2020**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.8506 ha forest land from Lawalong Wildlife Sanctuary for upgradation of Katcha Forest Road (- 4 KM) to Black Topped Road Pasagam to Pasagam Road under PMGSY by Rural Development Special Division in Hazaribag District.

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 informed that the area falls in Chatra which is quite sensitive.

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

1. No tree felling shall be allowed in the project area.
2. No Widening of road shall be undertaken without statutory clearances.
3. No breaking of fresh forest land shall be carried out.
4. No Labor Camp shall be established within the PA.
5. No Work shall be allowed after sunset.
6. No crushing/breaking of stones shall be allowed inside the sanctuary.
7. Right of Way of the proposed road shall be reinforced with stone/bricks works and vegetative structures to check soil erosion at the project cost in consultation with the Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife Division Hazaribag.
8. Burning of Charcoal, Firewood and other flammable objects are strictly Prohibited inside the sanctuary.
9. The User Agency shall install speed breakers and speed control signages at regular interval to avoid accidents involving the wild animals.
10. The User Agency shall try to maintain the road surface as rough as possible to act as regular speed governor, even if it means going below the standard prescribed for the particular class of roads, the intention being only to make it an all-weather road only.
11. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.4.81** Proposal for use of 3.4202 ha from Balaram Ambaji Sanctuary for Widening of existing road from Gabbar Taleti to Gabbar circle road from Km 166.520 to 166.974 and km 167.177 to 168.412 by Public Works Department, District Banaskantha, Gujarat

#### **FP/GJ/ROAD/152654/2022**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 3.4202 ha from Balaram Ambaji Sanctuary for Widening of existing road from Gabbar Taleti to Gabbar circle road from Km 166.520 to 166.974 and km 167.177 to 168.412 by Public Works Department, District Banaskantha, Gujarat

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

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that the User Agency shall implement a proper animal passage plan.

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

1. The User Agency shall implement the Animal Passage Plan approved by the Chief Wild Life Warden prepared on the basis of WII guidelines named Eco-friendly Measures to mitigate Impacts on Linear Infrastructures on Wildlife.

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 not use the area for any other work other than the work permitted.
5. The User Agency shall not establish any temporary or permanent labour camp in the Sanctuary.
6. The User Agency shall have to prepare a conservation plan relevant to the biological entity affected due to the project and deposit the fund before initiating any work on the land.
7. The User Agency or his contractor shall not create any fire places inside the Sanctuary.
8. All the material required for the work shall be prepared outside the sanctuary.
9. The work in the Sanctuary shall be allowed only in the day time from 8 AM to 6 PM.
10. Approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, if required, shall be obtained separately for use of forest land.
11. The User Agency shall deposit NPV for the use of land of Protected Area as per the existing rates before initiating any work on the land.
12. The User Agency shall create adequate facilities for safe transit of wildlife across the road.

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

#### **Agenda Item No. 5: Miscellaneous item**

In connection with the Project “Commercial Complex at Plot No. 70, Industrial Area, Phase-I, Chandigarh” for which issues of violation and non-compliance were reported by SEIAA, Chandigarh, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of DGF& SS in January 2025. One of the action point that emerged from the meeting was that this matter and similar matters would be placed before the Standing Committee of the NBWL for its perusal and advice. The matters relate to infrastructure development works carried out in default ESZs of Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary on Punjab side and City Bird Sanctuary prior to the final notification of ESZ in 2017.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a comprehensive review meeting may be held at the level of Secretary, EF&CC; DGF&SS, and State Forest Department and therefore decided to defer the matter for the next meeting.

#### **Agenda No. 6**

##### **82.6 ANY OTHER ITEMS WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR**

##### **82.6.1 ACTION TAKEN REPORT**

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

**WL/MP/DRKWATER/459107/2024**

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

The proposal was considered in the 81<sup>st</sup> meeting wherein it was decided that a site inspection committee comprising of representatives of the Ministry, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Wildlife Institute of India, Madhya Pradesh Forest Department and the User Agency may be constituted for evaluation of the project proposal and examination of alternative sites if any and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

The Ministry had constituted the committee which carried out site inspection and has recommended the proposal with certain mitigation measures.

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

1. At Khaira Overhead Tank location in proposal shall be considered as Latitude 24.060468 E and Longitude of 81.541338 N which is towards West of motorable road.
2. The proposed area for Overhead Tanks falling within the forest area shall be barricaded around and allowing access only to authorised personnel. This shall prevent illegal entry into the forest.
3. The forest land diverted for the construction of underground pipeline and the
4. width of forest acquired shall be filled properly to allow the filled forest land to restored its original form, so that, soil erosion is avoided as restoration activities after laying out of pipelines.
5. Suitable measures shall be taken by agency to give outlets in the pipe in order to provide water to waterholes at 10 nos. locations used by wild animals “free of cost”. But these waterholes shall be at least 50 meter away from road. Outlet shall be given in consultation with Forest department.
6. No labour camp shall be constructed in the forest area.
7. The construction activities shall be carried out only between Sun-rise and Sun-set.
8. The User Agency shall ensure that there is no damage to forest, wildlife and its habitats.
9. The construction materials, if required shall be brought from outside the Protected Area.
10. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

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

**WL/MP/DRKWATER/459547/2024**

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

The proposal was considered in the 81<sup>st</sup> meeting wherein it was decided that a site inspection committee comprising of representatives of the Ministry, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Wildlife Institute of India, Madhya Pradesh Forest Department and the User Agency may be constituted for evaluation of the project proposal and examination of alternative sites if any and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

The Ministry had constituted the committee which carried out site inspection and has recommended the proposal with certain mitigation measures.

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

1. The proposed area for Overhead Tanks falling within the forest area shall be barricaded around and allowing access only to authorised personnel. This shall prevent illegal entry into the forest.
2. The forest land diverted for the construction of underground pipeline and the width of forest acquired shall be filled properly to allow the filled forest land to restored its original form, so that, soil erosion is avoided as restoration activities after laying out of pipelines.
3. Suitable measures shall be taken by agency to give outlets in the pipe in order to provide water to waterholes at 10 nos. locations used by wild animals “free of cost”. But these waterholes shall be at least 50 meter away from road. Outlet shall be given in consultation with Forest department.
4. No labour camp shall be constructed in the forest area.
5. The construction activities shall be carried out only between Sun-rise and Sun-set.
6. The User Agency shall ensure that there is no damage to wildlife and its habitat.
7. The construction materials, if required shall be brought from outside the Protected Area.
8. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

- 82.6. 1.3** Proposal for use of 4.9798 ha of land (2.167 ha forest land and 2.8128 ha revenue land) from Eco-Sensitive Zone area of Son Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground drinking water and construction of 3 overhead water tanks in Sidhi District, Madhya Pradesh.

## **WL/MP/Pipeline/486323/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 4.9798 ha of land (2.167 ha forest land and 2.8128 ha revenue land) from Eco-Sensitive Zone area of Son Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground drinking water and construction of 3 overhead water tanks in Sidhi District, Madhya Pradesh.

The proposal was considered in the 81<sup>st</sup> meeting wherein it was decided that a site inspection committee comprising of representatives of the Ministry, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Wildlife Institute of India, Madhya Pradesh Forest Department and the User Agency may be constituted for evaluation of the project proposal and examination of alternative sites if any and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

The Ministry had constituted the committee which carried out site inspection and has recommended the proposal with certain mitigation measures.

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

1. The proposed area for Overhead Tanks falling within the forest area shall be barricaded around and allowing access only to authorised personnel. This shall prevent illegal entry into the forest.
2. The forest land diverted for the construction of underground pipeline and the
3. width of forest acquired shall be filled properly to allow the filled forest land to restored its original form, so that, soil erosion is avoided as restoration activities after laying out of pipelines.
4. Suitable measures shall be taken by agency to give outlets in the pipe in order to provide water to waterholes at 10 nos. locations used by wild animals “free of cost”. But these waterholes shall be at least 50 meter away from road. Outlet shall be given in consultation with Forest department.
5. No labour camp shall be constructed in the forest area.
6. The construction activities shall be carried out only between Sun-rise and Sun-set.
7. The User Agency shall ensure that there is no damage to wildlife and its habitat.
8. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

**82.6.1.4** Proposal for use of total 4.7066 ha land (2.8897 ha forest land and 1.8169 ha Revenue land) for laying of underground drinking water pipeline (area 4.1667 ha,) and water tank structure (0.54 ha) structure for Vadiya MBR Water supply Scheme for the villagers of the villages located in Core Zone (4.2496 ha) and Buffer Zone (0.457 ha) Sanjay Dubri Tiger Reserve by Madhya Pradesh Jal Nigam Maryadit, PIU, Sidhi, Madhya Pradesh.

## **WL/MP/DRKWATER/458720/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 4.7066 ha land (2.8897 ha forest land and 1.8169 ha Revenue land) for laying of underground drinking water pipeline (area 4.1667 ha,) and water tank structure (0.54 ha) structure for Vadiya MBR Water supply Scheme for the villagers of the villages located in

Core Zone (4.2496 ha) and Buffer Zone (0.457 ha) Sanjay Dubri Tiger Reserve by Madhya Pradesh Jal Nigam Maryadit, PIU, Sidhi, Madhya Pradesh.

The proposal was considered in the 81<sup>st</sup> meeting wherein it was decided that a site inspection committee comprising of representatives of the Ministry, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Wildlife Institute of India, Madhya Pradesh Forest Department and the User Agency may be constituted for evaluation of the project proposal and examination of alternative sites if any and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

The Ministry had constituted the committee which carried out site inspection and has recommended the proposal with certain mitigation measures.

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

1. The proposed area for Overhead Tanks falling within the forest area shall be barricaded around and allowing access only to authorised personnel. This shall prevent illegal entry into the forest.
2. The forest land diverted for the construction of underground pipeline and the
3. width of forest acquired shall be filled properly to allow the filled forest land to restored its original form, so that, soil erosion is avoided as restoration activities after laying out of pipelines.
4. Suitable measures shall be taken by agency to give outlets in the pipe in order to provide water to waterholes at 10 nos. locations used by wild animals “free of cost”. But these waterholes shall be at least 50 meter away from road. Outlet shall be given in consultation with Forest department.
5. No labour camp shall be constructed in the forest area.
6. The construction activities shall be carried out only between Sun-rise and Sun-set.
7. The User Agency shall ensure that there is no damage to wildlife and its habitat.
8. The construction materials if required shall be brought from outside the Protected Area.
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.

**82.6.1.5** Proposal for use of 254.9347 ha (38.8022 ha forest land and 216.1325 ha non-forest land from critical tiger corridor linking Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve to Navegaon Nagzira Tiger Reserve for construction of underground Pipe Distribution Network of Sub branch-2 & 3 to creating irrigation potential of 8000 ha on Ghodazari branch canal of Gosikhurd project in Sindewahi taluka of Chandrapur district in favour of Department of Irrigation.

**WL/MH/IRRIG/491594/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 254.9347 ha (38.8022 ha forest land and 216.1325 ha non-forest land from critical tiger corridor linking Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve to Navegaon Nagzira Tiger Reserve for construction of underground Pipe Distribution Network of Sub branch-2 & 3 to creating irrigation potential of 8000 ha on Ghodazari branch canal of Gosikhurd

project in Sindewahi taluka of Chandrapur district in favour of Department of Irrigation.

The project is proposed in the same landscape where Asolamendha project would be located. The project involves construction of underground pipe distribution network.

The proposal was considered in the 81<sup>st</sup> meeting wherein the Standing Committee decided that a site inspection committee comprising of representatives of the Ministry, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Wildlife Institute of India, Maharashtra Forest Department and the User Agency may be constituted for evaluation of the project proposal together with the Asolamedha project and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

The Ministry constituted a site inspection committee which carried out inspection and recommended the proposal with certain mitigation measures.

Further, the Ministry held two meetings with relevant stakeholders including the User Agency which has agreed for implementation of the recommendations of the site inspection committee.

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

1. The stretches of the pipeline falling within the forest area shall be barricaded from both ends allowing access only to authorised personnel. This shall prevent illegal entry into the forest.
2. The forest land diverted for the construction of underground pipeline and the width of forest acquired shall be taken up for restoration activities after construction ceases. This shall include planting of native palatable grass species on the now barren and open areas of land, as well as subsequent monitoring and maintenance of these areas as grasslands for a minimum period of five years. This shall ensure that these spaces are not overtaken by weeds. Although road requirement is not mentioned in proposal but the material from the excavation shall be spread on one side of the excavation for future use as maintenance path. But this disturbance to soil shall lead to invasive weeds in this section which may affect the adjoining forest areas. Hence this entire section of width which is cleared for pipeline shall be maintained as grassland. If any any excess material remains after backfilling and spreading, it shall be disposed of outside the forest area by User Agency. All the expenses for 5 years to create the grassland shall be borne by the User Agency. An expert restoration ecologist shall be hired by forest department to execute the work. It shall be maintained as grassland. Tree growth shall be discouraged in this section because this path shall be used for maintenance of the pipeline whenever necessary in future.
3. Care shall be taken to avoid leakages through valves in pipeline passing through forest area. Suitable measures shall be taken by agency to give outlets in the pipe in order to provide water to waterholes used by wild animals “free of cost”. Outlet shall be given in consultation by forest department.
4. Solar CCTV cameras shall be installed covering the stretches of pipeline and on roads suggested in forest area to monitor and prevent illegal activities as well as theft. Access to the live feed for the same shall remain with the forest department and the irrigation department to ensure effective monitoring.

5. User Agency shall provide rescue equipment's such as winches, ropes etc. as recommended by Forest department.
6. During construction, proper barricading shall be done on either side of trenches so as to avoid incidental fall off wild animal into trenches and proper care shall be taken by User Agency so, that minimum trees are cut.
7. The User Agency shall implement the mitigation measures proposed in integrated report of Gosikhurd project submitted by Asolamendha Wildlife proposal for open canals in Ghodazari project.
8. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency for wildlife conservation and management activities of the State with Conservator of Forest and Field Director, Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Conservation Foundation, Chandrapur in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
9. Explosive activities shall be limited and of low intensity in tiger corridors.
10. There shall be no violation of Indian Forest Act, Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and other prevailing laws and regulations.
11. All activities in the Tiger corridor shall be done during day time. Civil structures shall not be built at work sites.
12. Water shall be made available to wild animals in the forest, if necessary.
13. The User Agency shall inform /use "Call Before u Dig" (CBuD) Mobile Application of Government of India, prior to undertaking any type of digging/excavation. Otherwise, the digging/excavation shall be turned unauthorized. In the State of Maharashtra, the Director (IT) of Directorate of Information Technology is State Nodal for CBuD.
14. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

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

#### **WL/AP/ROAD/448446/2023**

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

The Standing Committee in the 81<sup>st</sup> meeting decided that a site inspection committee comprising of representatives of the Ministry, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Wildlife Institute of India, Andhra Pradesh Forest Department and the User Agency may be constituted for evaluation of the project proposal, examination of animal passage plan and suggest modifications in the animal passage plan if any and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

Site inspection committee submitted the report with the certain modifications in the mitigation plan.

All the committee members agreed with the mitigation measures proposed by the committee except for two underpasses of length 500 m (two nos). In this regard, NHAI agreed as best as possible considering topography and maintaining gradient 1 in 40 within the diverted area.

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

1. The User Agency shall implement the mitigation plan recommended by the Site Inspection Committee constituted as per directions of the Standing Committee.
2. User Agency shall carry out the work only in day time i.e., 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM.
3. The User Agency shall not leave any waste excess material inside the forest.
4. No blasting shall be done in proposed area without the approval of concerned authority.
5. Clearance of bush growth etc., shall be kept to bare minimum.
6. User Agency shall not set up labour camps inside the protected area.
7. The felled material (trees, fuel, timber and pulp if any) is property of forest department and the User Agency shall bear the felling and transportation charges etc.,
8. The User Agency shall not commit any action, which is detrimental to wildlife and habitat and shall obey other conditions stipulated by the forest department.
9. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in BIOSAP account for immediate and effective implementation in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
10. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government.

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

#### **WL/AP/ROAD/456886/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 9.89 ha of forest land from tiger corridor connecting Sri Lankamalleswara Wild Life Sanctuary with Nagarajunasagar Srisaillam Tiger Reserve (NSTR) and within notified ESZ at about 500m from the Sanctuary for widening and improvement of existing two lanes carriageway to 4 lanes of Mydukur-Badavel (NH-67) from chainage 606.500 to

609.800 on Hybrid Annuity mode under Bharatmala Pariyojana in favour of National Highways of India in YSR District, Andhra Pradesh.

The Standing Committee in the 81<sup>st</sup> meeting decided that a site inspection committee comprising of representatives of the Ministry, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Wildlife Institute of India, Andhra Pradesh Forest Department and the User Agency may be constituted for evaluation of the project proposal, examination of animal passage plan and suggest modifications in the animal passage plan if any and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

Site inspection committee submitted the report with the certain modifications in the mitigation plan. The four members of the committee, namely, the representatives of NTCA, WII, MoEF&CC & Andhra Pradesh Forest Department, recommended elevated road of 3.3 km span with height of 5-8m.

NHAI agreed on the recommendation of NTCA, WII and MoEF&CC for construction of 3.3km elevated corridor with vertical clearance of 5m to 8m subject to the condition that approaches on either side is to be constructed in Forest Area of 3.3km with restricted RoW of 30m. The upgradation of road work is already under progress in all non-forested areas and also on either side of this stretch i.e. before 606+500 and after 609+800.

The Chairman pointed out that this is a case of fait accompli.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Andhra Pradesh informed that no work has been carried out in the forest area.

Dr. Sukumar mentioned that the User Agencies in road widening proposals are carrying out the works right upto the forest boundaries. Thereafter they are approaching the Standing Committee leaving no scope for elevation.

Dr. H. S. Singh stated that the elevated road for a span of 3.3 km would be beneficial for wildlife.

The Chairman suggested that the matter may be discussed by the Secretary, EF & CC, Secretary, MoRTH, DGF & SS, PCCF and CWLW, Andhra Pradesh along with the Environment Clearance granted for the proposal.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a comprehensive review may be conducted in a meeting between, Secretary, EF & CC, Secretary, MoRTH, DGF & SS, PCCF and CWLW, Andhra Pradesh regarding the animal passage structures proposed by the User Agency and those proposed by the four members of the site inspection committee and the outcomes may be placed in the next meeting. The Standing Committee therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

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

Nagarjuna Sagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve - Sri Venkateswara National Park for construction of four lane national highway from Kadapa to Renigunta section of NH-716 from km 0 to km 121.935, Andhra Pradesh in favour of National Highways Authority of India.

#### **WL/AP/ROAD/496488/2024**

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

The Standing Committee in the 81<sup>st</sup> meeting decided that a site inspection committee comprising of representatives of the Ministry, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Wildlife Institute of India, Andhra Pradesh Forest Department and the User Agency may be constituted for evaluation of the project proposal, examination of animal passage plan and suggest modifications in the animal passage plan if any and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

Site inspection committee submitted the report with the certain modifications in the mitigation plan. The four members of the committee, namely, the representatives of NTCA, WII, MoEF&CC & Andhra Pradesh Forest Department, recommended elevated road at four stretches with spans of 5.5 km, 3.5 km, 3.9 km and 4.9 km. of 3.3 km span with height of 5-8m. Along with these, the committee made other general recommendations.

The NHAI has not agreed to these recommendations citing higher costs.

Dr. Sukumar mentioned that the project involves Sri Venkateswara Wildlife Sanctuary, Sri Penusila Lakshmi Narasimha Wildlife Sanctuary and Nagarjuna Sagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve - Sri Venkateswara National Park. There has been elephant movement in these areas. The proposal for NHAI for construction elevated road for 2.4 km is grossly inadequate.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a comprehensive review may be conducted in a meeting between, Secretary, EF & CC, Secretary, MoRTH, DGF & SS, PCCF and CWLW, Andhra Pradesh regarding the animal passage structures proposed by the User Agency and those proposed by the four members of the site inspection committee and the outcomes may be placed in the next meeting. The Standing Committee therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

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

## **WL/RJ/ROAD/429009/2023**

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

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has suggested for constitution of a committee for site appraisal.

As decided in the 81<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee, a site inspection committee was constituted which carried out inspection and submitted its report on 12.03.2025.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that such proposals at very short notice should not be considered.

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

- 82.6.1.10** Proposal for use of 11.196 ha of land from core area of Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve for Construction of road including High Level Bridges Indergarh-Dhipatri-Rajopa-Itawa-Shahnawada-Lalitpur Road (SH-120) Gothara Kalan village from chainage km 380 to km 2868 Across River Chambal, Distt. Kota and Bundi, Rajasthan in favour of Public Works Department.

## **WL/RJ/ROAD/447841/2023**

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

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has suggested for constitution of a committee for site appraisal.

As decided in the 81<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee, a site inspection committee was constituted which carried out inspection and submitted its report on 12.03.2025.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that such proposals at very short notice should not be considered.

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

- 82.6.1.11** Proposal for use of 5.3148 ha for laying of underground pipeline (2.5423 ha forest land and 2.5025 ha revenue land) and for constructing Overhead Tank (0.27 ha forest

land) from core and buffer zone of Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve for Hindoli-Nainwa Water Supply Project from Chambal- Bhilwara WSP (PHASE-I) in District-Bundi in favour of Public Health Engineering Department.

#### **WL/RJ/DRKWATER/438857/2023**

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

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has suggested for constitution of a committee for site appraisal.

As decided in the 81<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee, a site inspection committee was constituted which carried out inspection and submitted its report on 12.03.2025.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that such proposals at very short notice should not be considered.

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

## **82.6.2 FRESH PROPOSALS**

**82.6.2.1** Proposal for use of 12.26 ha of forest land from Bhimbandh Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of Head Works and Main Canal etc under Sindhwarni Reservoir Scheme at Thana Kharagpur in District of Munger in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation Division

#### **WL/BR/Others/466848/ 2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 12.26 ha of forest land from Bhimbandh Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of Head Works and Main Canal etc under Sindhwarni Reservoir Scheme at Thana Kharagpur in District of Munger in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation Division.

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

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

1. It has been reported by the User Agency that due to implementation of the proposed project, no additional submergence area shall be created in the Sanctuary, therefore, the proposed 12.26 Ha land of the Sanctuary can be used

by the User Agency Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, Laxmipur (Jamui) for the Sindhwarni Reservoir Project.

2. During construction in the sanctuary area and its Eco-sensitive Zone, the User Agency shall not destroy or change or regulate the wildlife habitat.
3. The User Agency shall not harm, exploit or destroy any wildlife in the sanctuary area and shall strive to ensure the same.
4. The legal status of the proposed area shall remain as part of the sanctuary and shall remain under control of the Environment, Forests and Climate Change Department, Bihar.
5. Weir height to be lower than past water levels (highest) of Kharagpur lake.
6. Use of Silent power source during construction phase.
7. No plastic, solid or liquid waste or sewage shall be thrown inside the sanctuary area and its Eco-sensitive Zone. The labour camps would be established outside sanctuary limits.
8. No felling of trees would be allowed for this project.
9. The work shall be not be executed between sunset and sunrise.
10. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023 in CAMPA, under the head 'Additional Charges for Protected Areas'.
11. Necessary conditions may be imposed to promote eco-tourism in the proposed project area.
12. Every possible effort shall be done to minimize the effect of construction on wildlife in that area and noise shall be kept under limits.
13. No debris shall be dumped in the sanctuary. The construction debris shall be disposed of outside the sanctuary and at a safe distance.
14. The User Agency / User Agency shall comply with any additional conditions imposed by Chief Wildlife Warden, Bihar as deemed necessary in the interest of wildlife protection and management in the sanctuary area.
15. Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court passed in IA No. 1000 of 2003 in W.P. (C) No. 202 of 1995 T.N. Godavarman Vs Union of India & Ors and any such other order/orders passed in this context shall be complied with.
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.

**82.6.2.2** Proposal for use of 33.18 ha of forest land from Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of 4/6-lane access controlled Greenfield Expressway from Varanasi to Kolkata (Package-II) via Ranchi with spur to Kharagpur under Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-II (Lot-9/Pkg-3), length of the Tunnel is 4.38 KM in favour of NHAI

#### **WL/BR/ROAD/401942/2022**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 33.18 ha of forest land from Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of 4/6-lane access controlled Greenfield Expressway from Varanasi to Kolkata (Package-II) via Ranchi with spur to Kharagpur under Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-II (Lot-9/Pkg-3), length of the Tunnel is 4.38 KM in favour of NHAI.

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

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

1. During construction in the sanctuary area and its Eco-sensitive Zone, the User Agency shall not destroy or change or regulate the wildlife habitat.
2. The User Agency shall not harm, exploit or destroy any wildlife in the sanctuary area and shall strive to ensure the same.
3. The legal status of the proposed area shall remain as part of the sanctuary and shall remain under control of the Environment, Forests and Climate Change Department, Bihar.
4. No plastic, solid or liquid waste or sewage shall be thrown inside the sanctuary area and its Eco-sensitive Zone. The labour camps would be established outside sanctuary limits.
5. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023 in CAMPA, under the head 'Additional Charges for Protected Areas'.
6. The road construction work shall be implemented after getting the opinion from the prestigious NIT Institute of the Country on the Geotechnical and Geophysical investigations report submitted by NHAI.
7. The highway road must be flyover road at the entry-exit area and nearby forest area, because the entry-exit area and nearby forest area has a good and dense forest. It's a natural habitat for many wildlife species (mentioned in the proposal) and is used for movement. The proposed highway road must not bifurcate the entry-exit habitat.
8. No facility like Toll Plaza, Fuel Stations / Retail Outlets, Restaurant / Hotel / Motel and other traveller amenity shall be permitted in the Right of Way in the stretch of expressway within the Sanctuary. No such facility shall be permitted in its notified Eco-sensitive Zone also in the Right of Way of the 4/6 lane expressway. However, such utilities that are essential for road transport safety and emergency requirements as per prevalent norms of National Highway may be provided.
9. The construction and installation work and related operations shall normally be carried out between sunrise and sunset, and in case of any unavoidable construction processes to be undertaken during night time, the Divisional Forest Officer-cum-Wild Life Warden, Rohtas shall be informed in advance about the same.
10. The use of explosives for road construction and tunnel construction works in the sanctuary area and its ESZ shall be prohibited.
11. Safe transportation of broken small and big stones, minerals etc. generated during road construction and tunnel construction work/mining in the sanctuary area and its ESZ along with their safe storage outside the sanctuary area shall be ensured by the User Agency in coordination and consent of the forest officials. All these materials shall be the property of the Forest Department and their proper disposal shall be done as per convenience by the Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department, Bihar.
12. Apart from the above-mentioned mining material, the muck shall be disposed of appropriately by the User Agency in the outer area of the sanctuary.
13. During tunnel construction, it shall be ensured that the electrical machinery/equipment is properly covered with insulated wire.

14. The User Agency / User Agency shall comply with any additional conditions imposed by Chief Wildlife Warden, Bihar as deemed necessary in the interest of wildlife protection and management in the sanctuary area.
15. Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court passed in IA No. 1000 of 2003 in W.P. (C) No. 202 of 1995 T.N. Godavarman Vs Union of India & Ors and any such other order/orders passed in this context shall be complied with.
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.

**82.6.2.3** Proposal for use of 2.0818 ha of forest land from Bhimband Wildlife Sanctuary for widening and Strengthening in Km 28.340 to 38.840 km of NH-333 (Gagta More to Kobharwa More in Hanta Jungle) Under NH Division , Lakhisarai at Munger Project length is 10+623 km in favour of Public Works Department-

#### **WL/BR/ROAD/ 420974/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 2.0818 ha of forest land from Bhimband Wildlife Sanctuary for widening and Strengthening in Km 28.340 to 38.840 km of NH-333 (Gagta More to Kobharwa More in Hanta Jungle) Under NH Division, Lakhisarai at Munger Project length is 10+623 km in favour of Public Works Department.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has suggested for constitution of a committee for site appraisal.

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

1. The User Agency shall prepare and implement the animal passage plan in the road length inside the sanctuary based on Wildlife Institute of India's guidance document titled-"Eco-Friendly Measures to Mitigate Impacts of Linear Infrastructure on Wildlife". Animal Passage Plan shall be an essential part of the scheme for the movement of wild animals.
2. During construction in the sanctuary area and its Eco-sensitive Zone, the User Agency shall not destroy or change or regulate the wildlife habitat.
3. The User Agency shall not harm, exploit or destroy any wildlife in the sanctuary area and shall strive to ensure the same.
4. The legal status of the proposed area shall remain as part of the sanctuary and shall remain under control of the Environment, Forests and Climate Change Department, Bihar.
5. No plastic, solid or liquid waste or sewage shall be thrown inside the sanctuary area and its Eco-sensitive Zone. The labour camps would be established outside sanctuary limits.
6. No felling or trimming of trees would be allowed for widening and strengthening of road.
7. The work shall be not be executed between sunset and sunrise.
8. The User Agency shall bear the cost of mitigation measures to ensure wildlife conservation during pre-construction, construction and post-construction phases. For this purpose, 2% of the project cost under the sanctuary area, shall be deposited by the User Agency in CAMPA, under the head 'Additional Charges for Protected Areas'.

9. Every possible effort shall be done to minimize the effect of construction on wildlife in that area and noise shall be kept under limits.
10. The construction debris shall be disposed off outside the sanctuary and at a safe distance.
11. After widening and strengthening of the said path, necessary control and regulation in the use of speed limit and horn etc. shall be done by Munger Wildlife Administration (Munger Forest Division) under the Forest Department from the point of view of wildlife conservation and management. The User Agency shall get the construction and installation of signage, information board, check post etc. done at its own expense as per the instructions of Munger Wildlife Administration for speed limit control and wildlife conservation regulation.
12. The User Agency / User Agency shall comply with any additional conditions imposed by Chief Wild Life Warden, Bihar as deemed necessary in the interest of wildlife protection and management in the sanctuary area.
13. Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court passed in IA No. 1000 of 2003 in W.P. (C) No. 202 of 1995 T.N. Godavarman Vs Union of India & Ors. and any such other order/orders passed in this context shall be complied with.
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.

**82.6.2.4** Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of non-forest land from Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary for establishing 4G Saturation Project at Hemmadaga Village in favour of BSNL-

**WL/KA/CommPost/444009/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of non-forest land from Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary for establishing 4G Saturation Project at Hemmadaga Village in favour of BSNL

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

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

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

2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers shall not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers shall be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR shall be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers shall be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. The User Agency shall ensure that the men and material required for construction of the tower shall be housed within the village limits and no forest land shall be utilized for this purpose.
6. The User Agency shall provide direct OFC connectivity to the Bhimgad Wildlife Range office at Hemmadaga.
7. Yearly monitoring of electromagnetic field (EMF) shall be conducted in and around the areas of Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary.
8. The following mitigation measures are proposed to protect the interest of wildlife during and after the execution of the project:
9. Signage Boards regarding wildlife to be instated at the cost of User Agency.
10. The construction work shall be restricted to day time hours i.e. between 6 AM to 6 PM.
11. The implementing agency shall abide by the conditions laid down by the forest officials in charge of the project area in the interest of protecting and minimizing disturbance to wildlife during construction phase and after completion of the project.
12. Shall not be collecting the raw materials, forest produce including firewood from the forest.
13. All the staff and workers involved in the project implementation shall be informed, created awareness about wildlife, so that they would not harm/ kill/ hunt / poach or abet in any such crimes in any way, failing which, legal course of action under the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, shall be taken.
14. Care shall be taken not to disturb the wildlife species and their habitat during construction activities.
15. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act & Rules, Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
16. The muck generated during the project implementation shall be taken out of the corridor without endangering the flora and fauna.
17. The work shall be taken up only under the close supervision of the jurisdictional officers & staff, to avoid any damage to the flora & fauna.
18. No tents or any other stay arrangement shall be permitted inside the protected area.
19. 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.

**82.6.2.5** Proposal for use of 1.6034 ha forest land and 1.3414 ha non-forest land in National Gavial Sanctuary and 7.9577 ha forest land in Dholpur Wildlife Sanctuary (total

10.9025 ha) (also core zone of Dholpur Karauli Tiger Reserve) for construction of approach channel, 3 pump houses, approach road, laying of pipeline and 33kV transmission cable under Kaliteer Lift Scheme to provide drinking water to 483 villages of 4 tehsils of Dholpur District, (Basedi, Sarmathura, Badi and Saipau), Dholpur Town, Rajasthan.

#### **WL/RJ/DRKWATER/471990/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.6034 ha forest land and 1.3414 ha non-forest land in National Gavial Sanctuary and 7.9577 ha forest land in Dholpur Wildlife Sanctuary (total 10.9025 ha) (also core zone of Dholpur Karauli Tiger Reserve) for construction of approach channel, 3 pump houses, approach road, laying of pipeline and 33kV transmission cable under Kaliteer Lift Scheme to provide drinking water to 483 villages of 4 tehsils of Dholpur District, (Basedi, Sarmathura, Badi and Saipau), Dholpur Town, Rajasthan.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has suggested for constitution of a committee for site appraisal.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a committee shall be constituted comprising of representatives of the Ministry, NTCA, WIL, Rajasthan Forest Department and the User Agency for site appraisal and therefore decided to defer the proposal.

### **82.6.3 Announcements made by Hon'ble Prime Minister in 7<sup>th</sup> National Board for Wild Life**

IGF(WL) presented the follow up action taken with regard to the key announcements that were made in conjunction with the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

The first major announcement pertains to the establishment of the National Referral Centre for Wildlife. This initiative aims to create a dedicated facility for wildlife conservation awareness, research, and public engagement. The responsibility for implementing this project shall be undertaken by the Central Zoo Authority (CZA), which has the expertise and mandate to develop and manage such facilities.

The second key announcement concerns the 16th cycle of the national Lion population estimation survey. The Gujarat Forest Department has been designated as the agency responsible for conducting this cycle of the wildlife estimation.

Another important initiative is the establishment of a Centre for Excellence in Human-Wildlife Conflict Management. Given the increasing incidents of human-wildlife interactions, this center shall focus on research, mitigation strategies, and policy recommendations to effectively address conflicts between humans and wildlife. The responsibility for implementing this project shall be undertaken by the WII- SACON.

Additionally, there is a proposal for Wildlife Management Interventions, which shall encompass a range of measures aimed at improving conservation efforts, habitat protection, and species recovery programs. Further discussions are needed to determine the leading agency responsible for executing these interventions. The nodal agency could be WII which can partner with WCCB and CZA.

Hon'ble Prime Minister had also guided to involve local communities and youth in dolphin conservation measures through creation of awareness. The nodal institute could be WII since it is already leading the implementation of Project Dolphin.

To involve local youth in nature/wildlife conservation, NMNH take lead.

For documentation of traditional knowledge in wildlife conservation, BSI and ZSI together with Ministry of Culture can be roped in.

Government of Gujarat is implementing measures in Barda Wildlife Sanctuary for making it the second home of Asiatic Lions in the country.

For promotion of ecotourism, adventure tourism and homestays, IIFM has been identified as nodal institute.

With regard to Research and documentation of medicinal plants in forest areas for animal health management and promoting use of plant based medicine systems for animal health management on global scale, BSI has been identified as nodal agency who can partner with Ministry of Ayush.

Cheetah introduction in other areas including Gandhisagar Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh and Banni Grasslands, Gujarat, NTCA would be taking lead and work along with the respective state forest departments.

NTCA is already working on a scheme regarding tiger outside tiger reserves.

NTCA along with IBCA would work for organizing global summit towards the end of 2025.

Wildlife Division along with WII would work towards formulation of schemes for conservation of gharials and sloth bear. Actions have already been initiated for conservation of Great Indian Bustard.

To initiate collaboration with BISAG-N and Forest Survey of India, Forest Protection Division in the Ministry can take the lead.

For establishment of Central Asian Flyway Co-ordinating Unit, Cabinet note circulated for inter ministerial consultations and the Unit would be established in the campus of WII.

Another action point is regarding preparation of Wildlife Management Plan for Viksit Bharat 2047 with focus on wildlife management, conservation, ecotourism etc. WII has been identified as nodal institute for this action point.

Compilation and mapping of India's wildlife management initiatives with global standards would be taken by WII, Dehradun and IIFM, Bhopal.

Dr. Sukumar mentioned that there are a lot of scientific institutes in the country which have achieved academic excellence of global standards. Their expertise and knowledge has to be taken into account. A large number of institutes and individuals have worked on many species and have considerable amount of experience. Their knowledge can be taken on board for which there has to be a plan in place. There are a large number of institutes in the country who have documented traditional knowledge. One such organization is FRLHT, Bengaluru. All such institutes may be consulted. Certainly, WII being a pioneer institute can take the lead. However, the expertise of other institutes should also be roped in.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that there are three female Great Indian Bustards in Gujarat. They lay infertile eggs every year. If some fertile eggs from Rajasthan can be replaced there, the GIB population in Gujarat can be recovered. It will be historical achievement of Forest Department. They lay eggs in the month of April-May. WII and Gujarat Forest Department can work together.

The Chairman mentioned that Dr. Sukumar has rightly pointed out that apart from these institutions, there are highly qualified individuals, other expert organizations, and academic institutions such as universities that are actively contributing to this field. Thus, the scope of participation shall not be restricted solely to designated institutions. There exists a comprehensive framework outlining the various agencies involved in conservation and ecological studies.

Currently, the National Tiger Conservation Authority is operating within this framework, alongside multiple organizations working in the same domain. Additionally, there are other departments addressing these concerns. The IBCA is also a key player in this effort, but they cannot work in isolation. Coordination with the Ministry of External Affairs is necessary to facilitate collaborative efforts on an international level.

To enhance engagement, a workshop may be conducted on the 21st and 22nd of March.

Furthermore, within the framework of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), there are individuals at different levels of expertise. Some officers are relatively new, while others bring over 30 years of experience. In addition to PCCF officials, scientists, and subject-matter experts are also engaged in conservation efforts. Since these projects have long-term implications spanning 15–20 years, it is crucial that all relevant verticals and stakeholders are involved in the planning and execution process.

To ensure a structured approach, working group and sub-groups may be formed to address specific aspects of the subject. These sub-groups should have focused deliberations and thereafter formulate presentations outlining a strategic roadmap over the course of the day.

Retired officials, field experts, and senior bureaucrats shall also be invited to participate, alongside representatives from various ministries who shall provide additional inputs.

The Ministry shall take the lead in developing a clear vision based on these deliberations. At the policy level, the decisions made during this event shall set the future direction for conservation efforts. The initiative shall involve both experienced officers and younger professionals who shall play a key role in implementing long-term conservation strategies.

The final presentations shall provide clarity on policy decisions, which shall then be presented in the subsequent meeting of the Standing Committee. A dedicated 2-hour session shall be held to discuss the policy framework in the next meeting of the Standing Committee.

Additionally, there are unresolved issues concerning Gurugram and other areas, which must be addressed through a meeting of Secretary, EF & CC Director General of Forests and Special Secretary. Without such intervention, these matters may remain unresolved indefinitely. These matters may be placed before the Standing Committee in the next meeting for decision.

There should be standard guidelines for deciding project proposals regarding amount being charged for mitigation plans in matters related to Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. Particularly in cases involving mining areas, decisions shall be made strictly on merit and in accordance with established policies. Conservation policies shall be framed based on scientific principles, ensuring a balanced approach to sustainable development.

A key concern raised pertains to the prioritization of conservation efforts. While Tiger Reserves receive significant attention, other ecological assets such as lakes and wetlands, which are critical for biodiversity and migratory birds, shall also be given due importance. Conservation planning must take a holistic approach, incorporating various ecosystem components rather than focusing solely on a few flagship species.

The discussion also touched upon infrastructure planning in forested and urban areas. The design of flyovers, bypasses, and alternative routes must consider ecological connectivity and wildlife corridors. The impact of infrastructure development on species such as tigers and leopards must be carefully evaluated to ensure long-term ecological sustainability.

Every decision shall be backed by thorough analysis and expert input, ensuring that environmental concerns are effectively balanced with developmental needs.

Moreover, the conservation strategy must incorporate perspectives from multiple stakeholders, including local communities, revenue authorities, and urban planners. Without such an integrated approach, conservation efforts may face challenges in execution.

A small sub-committee may be formed to review agendas at least three days in advance of meetings. No proposal shall be taken for consideration in the meetings of the Standing Committee received within less than three days before the meeting date. This would ensure better preparation and facilitate more meaningful discussions.

In conclusion, a structured, collaborative, and multi-stakeholder approach is essential for effective conservation planning. The initiatives undertaken in this regard shall be instrumental in shaping long-term environmental policies and sustainable development practices.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



**List of participants**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
a.	Shri Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Minister for EF&CC	Chairman
2.	Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State EF&CC	Invitee
3.	Shri Tanmay Kumar, Secretary	Member
4.	Shri Sushil Kumar Awasthi,, DGF&SS, MoEF&CC	Member
5.	Shri Anjan Kumar Mohanty, ADGF(WL), MoEF&CC	Member Secretary
6.	Dr Gobind Sagar Bhardwaj, ADGF (Project Tiger) & Member Secretary (NTCA)	Invitee
7.	Dr. H. S. Singh, Member, NBWL	Member
8.	Prof. R. Sukumar, Member, NBWL	Member
9.	Shri Virendra Tiwari, Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.	Member
10.	Shri. R. Raghu Prasad, IGF (WL), MoEF&CC	Invitee
11.	Shri Ramesh Kumar Pandey, IGF (PT & E), MoEF&CC	Invitee
12.	Shri N. Tam, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Arunachal Pradesh	Invitee
13.	Shri Ajay Kumar Naik, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Andhra Pradesh	Invitee
14.	Shri Vinay Gupta, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Assam.	Invitee
15.	Shri Jaipal Singh, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Gujarat	Invitee
16.	Shri Sudhir Kumar Aggarwal, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Chattisgarh	Invitee
17.	Shri Arvinder Singh, Additional PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Bihar	Invitee
18.	Shri Vivek Saxena, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Haryana	Invitee
19.	Shri Rakesh Kumar Dogra, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu.	Invitee
20.	Shri Bikash Ranjan Dash, PCCF and HoFF, Odisha.	Invitee
21.	Shri Pramod G. Krishnan, APCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Kerala	Invitee
22.	Shri Debal Ray, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, West Bengal	Invitee
23.	Shri M Srinivas Rao, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Maharashtra	Invitee

24.	Dr. Shubharanjan Sen, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Madhya Pradesh	Invitee
25.	Ms. Shikha Mehra, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Rajasthan	Invitee
26.	Shri Elusing Meru, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Telangana.	Invitee
27.	Shri R.K. Mishra, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttarakhand	Invitee
29.	Shri Anurag Bajpai, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Manipur.	Invitee
30.	Shri.S.R. Natesha, Chief Conservator of Forests, Jharkhand.	Invitee
31.	Shri Rakesh Kumar Jagenia, DIGF (WL), MOEFCC, New Delhi	Invitee
32.	Dr. Sudheer Chintalapati, Scientist E, MoEFCC, New Delhi.	Invitee