

कार्यालय प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक एवं वन बल प्रमुख, मध्यप्रदेश भोपाल
(शाखा- भू प्रबंध)

सी-ब्लॉक, द्वितीय तल, लिंक रोड नं.-2, वन भवन, तुलसी नगर, भोपाल-462003

क्रमांक/एफ-5/1215/2023/10-11/2304

भोपाल, दिनांक 08/09/2025

प्रेषक :-

एच.एस. मोहन्ता, (भा.व.से.)
अपर प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (भू-प्रबंध) एवं
नोडल अधिकारी वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1980
मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल।

प्रति,

उप वन महानिदेशक (केन्द्रीय),
भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय,
क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, पश्चिम क्षेत्र केन्द्रीय पर्यावरण भवन,
लिंक रोड नं. 3, ई-5, रविशंकर नगर, मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल।

विषय:- पन्ना जिले में पन्ना टाइगर रिजर्व के बफर जोन से गुजरने वाले राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग क्रमांक 43 गुलगंज-अमानगंज-पवई-कटनी मार्ग के विस्तार/चौड़ीकरण हेतु 31.82 हेक्टेयर वनभूमि (ऑनलाईन आवेदित 31.90 हे.) लोक निर्माण विभाग, राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग संभाग, सागर को उपयोग पर देने बाबत। (FP/MP/ROAD/121709/2021)

संदर्भ:- आपका का पत्र क्रमांक/6-MPR 011/2023-BHO/ दिनांक 08.07.2025.

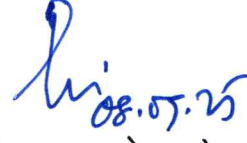
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कृपया उपरोक्त विषयांतर्गत संदर्भित पत्र का अवलोकन करने का कष्ट करें। जिसके द्वारा आपने प्रकरण में सैद्धांतिक स्वीकृति जारी करने के पूर्व 01 बिन्दु पर जानकारी चाही गई है। आपके द्वारा चाही गई जानकारी का विवरण निम्नानुसार है:-

क्र.	बिन्दु	प्रतिवेदन
1	With reference to the above mention subject and letter under reference, undersigned is directed to inform you that it is observed that the complete area of the proposal is falling in the buffer area for which proposal has already been submitted for recommendation of NBWL. This is also submitted to your kind consideration that the fresh widening is only 31.9 ha for which as per prevailing guidelines CA can be accepted for 70 ha degraded forest land being a Central Govt project. The balance area of 12.15 ha out of total 44.05 ha area proposed for diversion is existing carriageway and had build before 1980, so exempted from the requirement of CA and NPV. With above available details the proposal is fit for discussion in REC but as per the prevailing guideline decision on Forest Clearance can only be taken after getting recommendation of NBWL in this case. Hence, the State Govt can be intimated that submit the proposal for FC only after getting recommendation of NBWL.	प्रकरण में NBWL की स्वीकृति भारत सरकार ने अपने पत्र दिनांक 03.09.2025 से जारी की गई है, जो ऑनलाईन भाग-1 के एडीशनल कॉलम के बिन्दु क्रमांक 23 में आवेदक संस्थान द्वारा अपलोड किया गया है।

अतः प्रकरण में आपके द्वारा चाही गई जानकारी की पूर्ति हो गई है। कृपया प्रकरण की सैद्धांतिक स्वीकृति जारी करने का कष्ट करें।

भवदीय

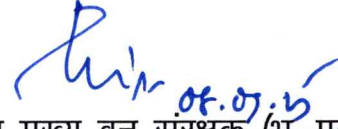


(एच.एस. मोहन्ता)

पृ. क्रमांक/एफ-5/1215/2023/10-11/2305
प्रतिलिपि:-

भोपाल, दिनांक 08/09/2025

1. क्षेत्र संचालक, पन्ना टाइगर रिजर्व, पन्ना, मध्यप्रदेश।
 2. उप संचालक, पन्ना टाइगर रिजर्व, पन्ना, मध्यप्रदेश।
 3. कार्यपालन यंत्री, लोक निर्माण विभाग, राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग संभाग, सागर, मध्यप्रदेश।
- की ओर सूचनार्थ प्रेषित।



अपर प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (भू-प्रबंध)
मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल

F.No.WL-6/61/2025-WL
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(Wildlife Division)

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Date: 3rd September, 2025

To,

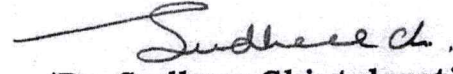
**All Members,
Standing Committee of NBWL.**

Sub: Minutes of 85th Meeting of the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life-reg.

Sir/Madam,

Kindly find enclosed a copy of the Minutes of 85th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 19th August, 2025 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. Sudheer Chintalapati)
Scientist 'E'
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Encl: As above

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. PPS to Addl.DGF (WL)/PPS to IGF (WL)/PA to DIGF (WL).
6. **The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary Forest Department, The PCCF and HoFF,** Andhra Pradesh/Assam/Bihar/ Chhattisgarh/Madhya Pradesh /Maharashtra/ Rajasthan/Sikkim/ Telangana/ Goa/Uttar Pradesh/Uttarakhand/Punjab/ Kerala.

7. **The PCCF and HoFF,** Andhra Pradesh/Assam/Bihar/Chhattisgarh/Madhya Pradesh/Maharashtra/Rajasthan/Sikkim/ Telangana/ Goa/Uttar Pradesh/ Uttarakhand/ Punjab / Kerala.

8. **The Chief Wild Life Warden,** Andhra Pradesh/Assam/Bihar/ Chhattisgarh/ Madhya Pradesh/ Maharashtra /Rajasthan/ Sikkim/Telangana/Goa/Uttar Pradesh/Uttarakhand/Punjab/Kerala.

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

MINUTES OF THE 85TH MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR WILD LIFE HELD ON 19TH,AUGUST 2025

The 85th meeting of the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life was held on 19th August, 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 presented the details of the proposals for consideration before the SC-NBWL.

AGENDA ITEM No. 1

85.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the 81st Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 21st December, 2024.

The Member Secretary informed the Standing Committee that the 84th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life was held on 26th June, 2025. The minutes of the meeting were circulated vide letter F. No. WL-6/51/2025 -WL dated 9th July 2025 amongst all the members.

The Member Secretary briefed the committee that a note was received on 28th July from Dr. H.S Singh and another letter received from Dr. Raman Sukumar on the 9th of August regarding the need for adequate time to examine big projects like the Sharavathi Pumped Storage Project (WL/KA/HYD/507286/2024 considered in the 84th meeting. Both requested the need to reconsider the proposal. The Member Secretary appraised that the additional proposals are taken as and when received and processed. He also provided the data of last five years and number of additional agenda taken. It was also emphasized that review of progress of proposals are done at different level and State governments also pursue their cases and therefore, as and when the recieved proposals get examined, they are taken as additional agenda in the meeting for deliberation. Additionally the Member Secretary also underlined the need of submission of additional comments on any of the projects by the members so that

they may be timely processed for further needful.

Decisions taken:

After due deliberations the committee decided to confirm the minutes of the 84th meeting. Regarding Sharavati pumped storage project it was reiterated that the proposal has been given in-principal clearance and the proposal will be reconsidered after the decision regarding Forest Clearance, which is still under consideration. The Chairman also directed that a committee composed of Dr H.S.Singh, Dr.Raman Sukumar and a nominee of the Ministry may visit the site and submit a report to the SC-NBWL.

AGENDA ITEM No. 2

85.2 ACTION TAKEN REPORT

85.2.1 Proposal for use of 31.82 ha of forest land from buffer area of Panna Tiger Reserve for reconstruction & widening of 2-lane with paved shoulder section KM 43.00 to KM 77.00 on Gulganj-Amanganj-Pawai-Katni road (NH-43 extension), Madhya Pradesh.
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The Member Secretary informed the Standing committee that the proposal was earlier considered in the 79 meeting of SC-NBWL held on 31st December 2024. The SCNBWL had decided that the animal passage plan may be increased and comments may be sought from WII; WII recommended certain mitigation measures. The proposal was deferred in the 80th meeting for examination of the animal passage plans and submission of the report by the state. The proposal was discussed during the 82nd meeting on 12th March, 2025 in which the Standing Committee directed that a comprehensive review may be done. A comprehensive review was done at the level of Secretary, EF&CC and the State government was asked to provide a comprehensive note on the requirement of the road vis-a-vis the existing road infrastructure in the region. The Wildlife Institute of India was also asked to revisit the mitigation letters. Responses were sent by both the CWLW and WII.

Decisions taken: After detailed deliberations with the members and the CWLW, Madhya Pradesh and considering the recommendation of the SBWL, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to *inter alia* the following conditions:

1. CWLW MP will coordinate with WII for the implementation of mitigation plan
2. All the construction material will be brought from outside of the tiger reserve.
3. No labour camp will be established inside the tiger reserve area.
4. Construction work will not be carried out at night.
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.

85.2.1 Proposal for alteration (rationalization) in the boundary of National Chambal Gharial Sanctuary, Kota from hanging bridge to Kota barrage in Kota- WL/RJ/Others/530432/2025

The Member Secretary informed the Standing Committee that the proposal is for alteration (rationalization) in the boundary of National Chambal Gharial Sanctuary, Kota from hanging bridge to Kota barrage in Kota. The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and forwarded by the State Government. Since the proposal involves Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve, NTCA after examination had recommended that a team may be formed by NBWL to conduct a comprehensive site appraisal to assess the ecological evaluation of the landscape and any decision on the proposal may be undertaken on the report submitted by the team. The proposal was examined in the 84th meeting and a team composed of members of the Ministry, NTCA, WII and State Government Officials conducted a site visit. The committee's report recommends exclusion of only that area which is already having

construction and urbanisation and the river also does not have sites for gharial habitat. The area which is the buffer of the Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve will also remain the buffer zone of the National Chambal Gharial Sanctuary.

Decisions taken: After detailed deliberations with the members and the CWLW, Rajasthan and considering the recommendation of the SBWL, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to *inter alia* the following observations of the aforementioned committee and conditions recommended:

i. High faunal diversity, including 20 species of mammals, 116 bird species, and 40 herpetofaunal species, with notable representation of Schedule and IUCN-threatened species. Specifically, 22 species listed under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act (including 7 mammals, 11 birds, and 4 reptiles) were recorded, along with 10 species recognized as threatened under the IUCN Red List (3 mammals, 6 birds, and 1 reptile). These findings confirm that the approximately 5 km stretch of the Chambal River in question harbors rich biodiversity and supports numerous threatened and ecologically significant species.

ii. Seasonal variation in species occurrence and habitat use, particularly among amphibians, reptiles, and birds, underscores the ecological importance of the area. The dependence of aquatic fauna, including fish and reptiles, on riverine habitats highlights the need for continuous water flow and habitat protection. The richness of bird diversity in forested areas and riparian zones indicates the presence of diverse microhabitats supporting various trophic guilds. The presence of threatened and endemic species further emphasizes the ecological significance of the area from a conservation perspective.

iii. The river stretch should be included as a vital component of the sanctuary based on current ecological evidence.

iv. It has been observed that, in the past, extensively dried riverbeds in this area provided ideal conditions for gharials. These shallow sandbanks offered important basking sites and suitable nesting areas, which are essential for the survival and reproduction of this