

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From
Sri R M Dobriyal, I.F.S.,
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force) (FAC),
Telangana, Aranya Bhavan,
Saifabad, Hyderabad.

To
The Special Chief Secretary to Government,
Forests Department,
Government of Telangana,
Hyderabad (TS), 500029.

Rc.No.14827/2020-FCA-2, Dt. 13/04/2023

Madam,

Sub: TSFD - F(C) Act, 1980 - PMGSY Roads (PR Department) - Diversion of **2.206 ha** of forest land for formation of BT road from **ZP Road 9/400 Km to Naguguda** of Tiryani RF of Asifabad Division of Kumuram Bheem Asifabad District in favour of Dist. Panchayathi Raj Engineer, PIU, (FAC), Kumuram Bheem Asifabad District - **Additional information furnished** - Regarding.

Ref : 1. PCCF's Rc. No. 14827/2020/FCA-2, dt. 25.06.2021.
2. State Govt. Lr.No.2320/For.I(1)/2021, dt.29.10.2021.
3. GOI, MoEF&CC, RO, Hyd F.No.4-TSB231/2021-HYD/183, dt.28.12.2021.

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Kind attention is invited to the references cited.

The proposal for diversion of **2.206 ha** of forest land for formation of BT road from **ZP Road 9/400 Km to Naguguda** of Tiryani RF of Asifabad Division of Kumuram Bheem Asifabad District in favour of Dist. Panchayathi Raj Engineer, PIU, (FAC), Kumuram Bheem Asifabad District, was submitted to the IRO by the State Govt. vide ref 2nd cited.

The IRO, MoEF&CC, Gol, Hyd vide ref 3rd cited has requested to obtain the recommendations of the SC-NBWL for further consideration of the proposal.

In this regard, it is submitted that the WL proposal was approved in 3rd SBWL meeting held on dt.07.09.2021 and the same was forwarded to Gol by Govt. of Telangana vide EFS&T (For.I) Dept. Lr.No.2320/For.I(1)/2021, dt.28.01.2022 for obtaining NBWL approval. Further, reply to the EDS raised by NBWL on 31.08.2022, was also submitted to the NBWL vide PCCF, T.S., Telangana reference no.6720/2018/WL-1, dt:18.11.2022 (with enclosure). NBWL approval is pending.

In view of the above, it is requested to forward the above replies to the IRO, MoEF&CC, Gol, Hyderabad for further consideration of the proposal.

Encls: (As above)

Yours faithfully,

Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &

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Signed by Rakesh Mohan

Dobriyal

Date: 13-04-2023 16:54:09

Reason: Approved

(Head of Forest Force) (FAC)

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Copy to the District Panchayathi Raj Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Adilabad District.

Copy to the Chief Engineer, Panchayath Raj Department, Errummanzil, Hyderabad.

Copy to the Asst. Conservator of Forests (WL), O/o Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) for information and necessary action.

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for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests


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F.No. 4-TSB212/2021-HYD/101

Date 29th October, 2021

To,

The Special Chief Secretary to the Government,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,
Telangana State Secretariat, Hyderabad.

Subject: Diversion of 2.206 ha of forest land for formation of BT road from ZP road 9/400 km to Naguguda of Tiryani RF of Asifabad Division of Kumuram Bheem Asifabad District in favour of District Panchayathi Raj Engineer, PIU, (FAC), Kumuram Bheem Asifabad District- Reg

Reference: The State Government letter No. 2320/For.I(1)/2021 dated 20.07.2021 and online proposal No. FP/TG/ROAD/124335/2021

Sir,

With reference to the subject and reference, it is requested that the approval of SC-NBWL for the subject project proposal may kindly be obtained and furnished at the earliest for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(N.S.Murali)

Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department / Nodal Officer (FCA), Govt. of Telangana Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
2. Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, O/o District Panchayat Raj Engineer PIU, Sandeep nagar, Vattivagu Road, Komarambheem Asifabad Dist - 504293 eeprasifabad@gmail.com

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**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
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From
Sri R.M.Dobriyal, I.F.S.,
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) &
Chief Wildlife Warden (FAC),
Telangana,
Aranya Bhavan, Hyderabad

To
The Member Secretary,
National Board For Wildlife,
Government of India, Ministry of
Environment, Forest and Climatic Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bhagh Road,
Aliganj, New Delhi - 110003.

Rc. No.6720/2018/WL-1, dt: 18/11/2022.

Sir,

Sub: TSFD - WL - EDS (Essential Details Sought) - Proposal for diversion of 2.206 Ha. of forest land for up gradation of road from ZP road 9/400 km to Naguguda of Tiryani Mandal, Tiryani RF of Asifabad Division of KB Asifabad District falling in buffer area of Kawal Tiger Reserve in favour of District Panchayat Raj Engineer, KB Asifabad District under PMGSY- EDS raised by the NBWL - Reply to EDS raised - Furnished - Reg.

Ref: EDS (Essential Details Sought) by the National Board for Wildlife on the PARIVESH portal on 31.08.2022.

It is to inform that, in reference cited, EDS (Essential Details Sought) was raised by the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife for the proposal for Wildlife clearance for diversion of 2.206 Ha. of forest land for up-gradation of road from ZP road 9/400 km to Naguguda of Tiryani Mandal, Tiryani RF of Asifabad Division of KB Asifabad District falling in buffer area of Kawal Tiger Reserve in favour of District Panchayat Raj Engineer, KB Asifabad District under PMGSY. The reply to the EDS raised is furnished as under :

Sl.No.	Essential Details Sought	Reply to the EDS
Part I and II		
1	At A-1 (x), total period for which clearance is required (in years) is mentioned as 'NIL'. Please provide correct information.	The proposed road from ZP road 9/400 km to Naguguda is on existing earthen road. The length of the road passing through the Buffer area of Kawal Tiger Reserve is 3677.0 m with a width of 6.0 m. Since the proposal is for formation of Blacktopped road and needs maintenance continuously, the diversion is of permanent nature.
2	At A-3 (xvi) instead of a copy of documents in support of the competence/authority of the person making this application to make application on behalf of the User Agency, irrelevant document has been uploaded. Please upload correct	It is submitted that while uploading the Authorization letter by the User agency in the wildlife format, the details are automatically taken from the FCA application of the same which was made already in the PARIVESH portal. However, it is to inform that the request for diversion of the Forest area in Part-I & II of Wildlife format in Komaram Bheem, Asifabad district of Kawal Tiger Reserve was made by the

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	authorisation document.	District Panchayat Raj Engineer(PIU), Komaram Bheem, Asifabad district. A scanned copy of the Part I and II signed by the District Panchayat Raj Engineer (PIU) and countersigned by the Chief Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad is enclosed herewith for perusal.
3	At C- (iv), only a portion of the SI sheet has been uploaded. Please upload copy of complete SI sheet marking the boundaries of Tiger Reserve indicating core zone and buffer zone and the project area on the same.	The core and buffer area of the Kawal Tiger Reserve and the Project area are demarcated on Survey of India sheet and enclosed herewith showing the boundary of Kawal Tiger Reserve and the location of the proposed project with reference to the Protected area boundary.

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4	A-4 (ii), instead of conservation value of the protected area, irrelevant details have been uploaded. Please provide correct information.	The proposed project area is falling in the buffer area of Kawal Tiger Reserve in the State of Telangana. The Kawal Tiger Reserve is having conservation value in terms of biological, ecological, cultural, recreational values etc. The Kawal Tiger Reserve has Southern Tropical dry deciduous Forests - Dry Teak Forests and Southern Tropical dry deciduous Forests - Southern dry mixed deciduous Forests. KTR is also interspersed with Grasslands and water bodies. The KTR is home to Tiger, Leopard, Gaur, Sloth Bear, Wild Pig, Nilgai, Spotted Deer, Hare, Pea-fowl etc. The Tiger Reserve serves as sink area for the Spillover population of Tigers from Tadoba Andheri Tiger Reserve. The Tiger Reserve is home to Local tribal groups like Gonds etc. The Tiger Reserve is also catering to the tourism needs of the visitors from Hyderabad in terms of safari, visit to EEC etc.																														
5	A-4, for the queries, 'area (ha.) diverted/identified from the NP/WLS/ESZ so far for development and other purpose since it's notification' and 'Impact(s) due to the diversion of area for the use of land for the projects referred above', details of the present project proposal have been mentioned. As several projects have been recommended by the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life in the past, please provide details of these	The following 9 drinking water projects belonging to Telangana Drinking Water Supply Project (TDWSP) were approved by the SC-NBWL in KB Asifabad district of Kawal Tiger Reserve till date. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sl. No.</th><th>Name of the Segment</th><th>Area diverted in Ha.</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td><td>22/9 -Asifabad</td><td>0.903</td></tr> <tr> <td>2</td><td>22/17 -Powerguda</td><td>17.4145</td></tr> <tr> <td>3</td><td>22/8 -Wankidi</td><td>3.655</td></tr> <tr> <td>4</td><td>22/5 -Dahegoan</td><td>0.22</td></tr> <tr> <td>5</td><td>22/15 - Dhanora</td><td>1.073</td></tr> <tr> <td>6</td><td>22/1 - Kowtala</td><td>4.714</td></tr> <tr> <td>7</td><td>22/2 - Bejjur</td><td>3.876</td></tr> <tr> <td>8</td><td>22/3 - Sirpur</td><td>4.684</td></tr> <tr> <td>9</td><td>22/4 - Khagaznagar</td><td>2.425</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Sl. No.	Name of the Segment	Area diverted in Ha.	1	22/9 -Asifabad	0.903	2	22/17 -Powerguda	17.4145	3	22/8 -Wankidi	3.655	4	22/5 -Dahegoan	0.22	5	22/15 - Dhanora	1.073	6	22/1 - Kowtala	4.714	7	22/2 - Bejjur	3.876	8	22/3 - Sirpur	4.684	9	22/4 - Khagaznagar	2.425
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	projects in reply to these queries.	Total Area diverted	38.9645
		All these drinking water supply related diversion projects aim at supplying drinking water to Gram Panchayat and Municipalities through distribution pipelines in an optimized manner which will improve the health and living standards of the people of the area. There might be certain impact in terms of increased biotic pressure which may lead to habitat destruction. These are addressed through a Wildlife Mitigation Plan funded by the User Agency including planting of low height shrubs for sheltering smaller mammals and reptiles.	
6	A-4 (v), irrelevant document has been uploaded. Please provide comprehensive details of the likely impact of the current proposal in terms of sections 29 and/or section 35(6) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.	The proposed road aims at providing better medical facilities, schooling for children, transport of goods and agricultural produce to the market. The proposed road is an existing earthen road. Though, this is an existing earthen road, there might be certain impact of the project on the Wildlife habitat of the area in terms of Habitat Fragmentation. Hence, to mitigate any sort of impact on Wildlife, the Chief Wildlife Warden as well as the DFO/FDO, Asifabad has proposed a Wildlife mitigation plan as well as animal passage plan. Seven number of Animal passages have been proposed as per the guidelines issued of Wildlife institute of India. The Wildlife mitigation plan proposed includes components for protection and monitoring of Wildlife, habitat management, awareness activities etc. This will be funded by the User Agency.	

In view of the information submitted above, it is requested to place the proposal before the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife for obtaining Wildlife clearance.

Encl- As above

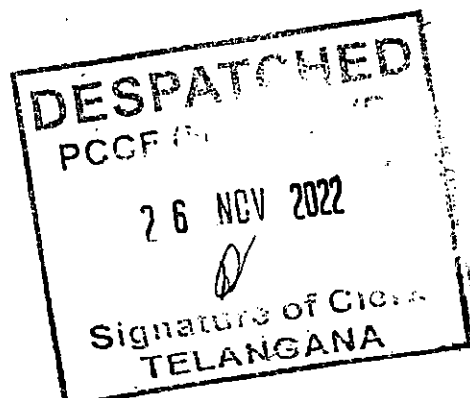
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Reason: Approved

Yours faithfully,

RAKESH MOHAN DOBRIYAL,
PCCF(HoFF), O/O PRINCIPAL CHIEF
CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
TELANGANA
Prl Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)
& Chief Wildlife Warden (FAC)

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Copy submitted to the Spl. Chief Secretary, EFS&T Department, Aranya Bhavan, Hyderabad for favour of information.



**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From
Smt. R. Sobha, I.F.S.,
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)&Chief
Wildlife Warden (FAC),Telangana,
Aranya Bhavan, Hyderabad

To
The Chairman and
all the Members of Reconstituted
State Board for Wildlife

Rc. No.1274/2014/WL-1, Dt: 16.09.2021

Sir,

Sub: - TSFD – Wildlife – Minutes of the 3rd reconstituted State Board for Wildlife Meeting held on 07.09.2021 at 11.00 A.M at Aranya Bhavan, 6th Floor conference Hall – Communicated – Reg.

Ref: - PCCF's Rc.No.1274/2014-WL-1, dt: 30.08.2021

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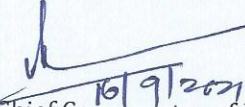
This is to inform that the Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the reconstituted State Board for Wildlife chaired by Hon'ble Minister for Forests and Environment convened on 07.09.2021 at 11.00 A.M have been approved.

A copy of the Minutes of the Meeting is enclosed herewith for information.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- R.Sobha,
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)
& Chief Wildlife Warden (FAC)

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for Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests

**Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Re-constituted State Board for Wildlife of
Telangana held on 07.09.2021 at 11.00 A.M in the Conference Hall, 6th Floor,
Aranya Bhavan.**

The 3rd reconstituted meeting of State Board for Wildlife for Telangana State was convened on 07.09.2021. The following Members, Spl. Invitees, Officials and Representative from User Agencies have attended the meeting.

Sl. No.	Name of the Member	Designation
1	Sri A. Indrakaran Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Forests & Environment Govt. of Telangana.	Vice-Chairperson
2	Sri. Koneru Konappa, MLA, Sirpur, Kahaznagar	Member
3	Smt. Kova Laxmi, (ST Representative), Zilla Parishad, KB Asifabad Dist.	Member
4	Sri. Anil Kumar V Epur, Chairman, World Wide Fund (WWF) India, Hyderabad Office.	Member
5	Sri. J.V.D. Moorthy, President, Deccan Birders, Hyderabad.	Member
6	Sri. Avinash Viswanathan, General Secretary, Friends of Snakes Society, Hyderabad.	Member
7	Sri. V. Kishan, IFS (Retd) Chief Conservator of Forests (Rtd),	Member
8	Dr. Vasudeva Rao, Prl. Scientist and Head of Agricultural Ornithology, PJTSAU, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad.	Member
9	Sri B.V.Subba Rao, President Convergence for Sustainable Initiatives, Hyderabad.	Member
10	Sri. Rajiv Mathews, Consultant, Wildlife Management, Mathews Mansion, Hyderabad.	Member
11	Sri. S.Raghavender, Co-founder, Green India Challenge	Member

12	Smt. Shanthi Kumari, IAS Spl. Chief Secretary Forests, Govt., of Telangana State	Member
13	Smt. R. Sobha, IFS., Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests(HoFF) & Chief Wildlife Warden	Member Secretary
14	Sri. E. Sridhar IAS, Spl. Secretary, (Tribal W)	Member
15	Sri. B. Manohar, Managing Director, Telangana State Tourism Development Corporation, Hyd.	Member
16	Superintendent of Police, Narcotics, CID representing Director General of Police , Telangana	Member
17	Representative of Director, Department of Animal Husbandry, Telangana.	Member
18	Sri. Kripashankar, IFS., Regional Deputy Director, WCCB Southern Region, Chennai.	Member
19	Dr. Raisingam, Deputy Director, Botanical Survey of India, Kendriya Sadan, Hyderabad.	Member
20	Dr. Deepa Jaiswal, Joint Director, Zoological Survey of India, Attapur, Hyd.	Member
Spl. Invitees		
21	Smt. Farida Tampal, State Director, WWF India, Hyderabad Office.	Spl. Invitee
22	Sri. A.G. Sanjeeva Rao, Engineer-in-Chief , Panchayat Raj, Engg. Dept., Hyd.	Spl. Invitee
23	Sri. Imran Siddique, Director, HyTiCoS, Hyderabad.	Spl. Invitee
24	Sri. Shafaat Ulla, Member, Deccan Birds, Hyderabad.	Spl. Invitee

The PCCF(HoFF) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Telangana while expressing happiness at the good attendance, welcomed the Vice-Chairman, Members and Spl. Invitees to the

3rd Meeting of the Reconstituted State Board for Wildlife OF Telangana and requested the Hon'ble Minister for Forests and Environment , Govt. of Telangana to address the members.

The Hon'ble Minister and Vice Chairman in his opening remarks welcomed the Members to the meeting and hoped that the Members will discuss the issues listed in the agenda and give their valuable suggestions. The Hon'ble Minister than requested the PCCF(HoFF) to present the agenda for the meeting for discussions.

Agenda 1: Action taken report on the minutes of the 2nd meeting of the State Board for Wildlife held on 05.10.2020.

- i. The PCCF informed the Members that action has been taken to implement the 10 proposals of OFC lines and repairs and maintenance of existing Palavagu in Tadvai Mandal recommended by the Board in the 2nd meeting.

As regards, the Proposal of SCCL for amalgamation of Cluster of Eleven Mines in Ramagundem Area falling in ESZ of Sivaram WLS recommended by the Board, recommendations were submitted to NBWL and it is under consideration of NBWL.

- ii. The Members were informed that, as suggested in the 2nd meeting, the Tigers moving into KTR and Corridor Area from Maharashtra are monitored on day to day basis and the movement mapped by the department.

Impetus is given to creating Natural Grass Lands and Water sources through 193 Solar Bore wells as a part of habitat improvement.

Excess Herbivores from Deer Parks and Zoo Parks are being translocated to Tiger Reserves to improve prey base. One Deer breeding center has also been set up in KTR for this purpose.

Eco-tourism facilities have been created in ATR, KTR, Kinnerasani, Tadvai and visitor numbers are increasing.

Relocation of the two Villages of Maisampet and Rampur from core area of KTR is under way. The site selected for re-location has been dis-reserved for this purpose.

Agenda 2: Proposals for diversion of Forests land falling in Wildlife Areas for laying of roads under the Prime Minister Grameen Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and Irrigation project .

The PCCF informed the Members that 26 proposals for laying of Roads and Bridges under PMGSY & one Irrigation proposal of JCRLIS received have been processed in Part-I to Part-IV and submitted to State Govt. The Members were informed that, the proposed roads are essential for providing basic facilities to the local communities to have access to

education, health and agriculture market facilities in the nearby Mandal Head Quarters / Towns.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj Dept., informed the Members that, the primary objective of the PMGSY is to provide Connectivity, by way of an All-weather Road with necessary culverts and cross-drainage structures, which is operable throughout the year, to the eligible unconnected Habitations in the rural areas with a population of 500 persons and above in Plain areas and 250 persons and above Tribal (Schedule V) areas and Selected Tribal and Backward Districts.

The proposals are placed before the Board for consideration and recommendation.

Placing the PMGSY road proposals before the Board for consideration, the PCCF stated that, for each proposal, a Wildlife mitigation Plan has been prepared for implementation with funds from the User Agency and for road proposals wherever required, an Animal Passage Plan has been prepared as per WII guidelines for implementation by the User Agency.

It was informed that, an amount of Rs.1230.284 lakh has been proposed in the Part – IV of Wildlife format recommended by Chief Wildlife Warden to be provided by the User Agency for activities like:

- i) Habitat improvement like creation of Natural Grasslands, installation of Solar Bore Wells, Percolation Tanks.
- ii) Setting up integrated base-camps with watch tower, solar bore well, camping room etc.
- iii) Mitigating man-animal conflict, payment of compensations etc.
- iv) Publicity, sign boards, education and awareness.
- v) Monitoring Wildlife through camera traps.

It was informed that, Animal Passage plan for roads were prepared as per the following prescriptions of WII, Dehradun:

- i) Minimum length of the under pass shall be 30.00 m and height 2.75 m.
- ii) For each km of road passing through Wildlife Areas two under passes shall be provided depending on the established animal movement.
- iii) On either side of the under pass, chain-link fence shall be installed in bell shape and vegetation like grass, herbs, shrubs shall be planted to create Natural Ambience.

The PCCF presented the proposals before the Board as under:

S. No	Division	Subject	Mitigation Plan Rs. in lakh	Animal Passage Plan
	FDO Echoda	Diversion of 2.120 Ha. of forest land for improvement of existing road to BT standards and widening from PR road to Lachimpur –B falling in Buffer area of KTR.	15.00	Proposed 6 under passes in WL Area over a road length of 3.532 km each of 30.00 m length and 5.00 m height.
2	FDO Echoda	Diversion of 1.764 Ha. of forest land for improvement and widening of the road from L026-NH7 to Boregaon falling in Eco-Sensitive zone of KTR.	21.00	Proposed 4 underpasses in WL Area over a road length of 2.94 km each of 30.00 m length and 3.00 m height.
3	FDO Uttnoor FDPT	Diversion of 1.806 Ha. of forest land for improvement of existing road to BT standards and widening Road from L052 PR road to Thummalpahad falling in Buffer area of KTR.	15.00	Proposed 5 under passes in WL Area over a road length of 3.01 km each of 30.00 m length and 5.00 m height.
4	FDO Uttnoor FDPT	Diversion of 6.3099 Ha. of forest land for improvement of existing road to BT standards and widening Road from Muthnur to Fakeernaik Tanda falling in Buffer area of KTR.	68.00	Proposed 20 under passes in WL Area over a road length of 10.516 km each of 30.00 m length and 5.00 m height.
5	FDO Uttnoor FDPT	Diversion of 0.223926 Ha. of forest land for construction of Road from Muthnur to Fakeernaik Tanda (Chimmangudi) falling in the Buffer area of KTR.	20.00	The CF, Adilabad stated that this is a small stretch of road of 0.68 km length, hence no underpasses proposed.
6	FDO Uttnoor FDPT	Diversion of 1.5891 Ha. of forest land for up gradation of the existing road from R & B road to Morriguda falling in core area of KTR.	11.00	Proposed 6 underpasses in WL Area over a road length of 2.648 km each of 50.00 m length and 5.00 m height.
7	FDO Uttnoor FDPT & Khana-pur	Diversion of 5.1285 Ha. (2.3485 Ha. in Khanapur Division and 2.78 Ha. in Uttnoor FDPT Division) of forest land for widening of road from R & B road to Allampally falling in core area of KTR.	80.014	Proposed 7 Passages in Khanapur and 16 in Uttnoor each with a length of 30.00 m and 2.75 m height in Khanapur and 50.00 m length and 5.00 m height in Uttnoor over a road length of 3.355 km in Khanapur and 6.95 km in Uttnoor.
8	FDO Asifabad	Diversion of 0.969 Ha. of forest land for laying of road from R/F PWD road to Alliguda via Potharaj Temple falling in Tiger corridor area of KTR.	20.50	Proposed 3 underpasses in WL Area over a road length of 1.615 km each of 50.00 m length and 3.00 m height.

9	FDO Asifabad	Diversion of 2.206 Ha. of forest land for up gradation of road from ZP road 9/400 km to Naguguda falling in buffer area of KTR .	38.00	Proposed 7 underpasses in WL Area over a road length of 3.677 km each of 30.00 m length and 3.00 m height.
10	FDO Asifabad	Diversion of 2.7052 Ha (Revised from 4.8025 Ha.) land falling in Tiger corridor area of KTR for formation of BT road from Karji to Motlaguda .	105.00	Proposed 13 underpasses in WL Area over a road length of 6.763 km each of 50.00 m length and 3.00 m height.
11	FDO Asifabad	Diversion of 2.942 Ha. of forest land (falling in buffer area of KTR) for formation of BT road from ZP road 27/9 to Gundala.	38.00	Proposed 5 underpasses in WL Area over a road length of 2.131 km each of 30.00 m length and 3.00 m height.
12	FDO Kagaznagar	Diversion of 2.21 Ha. of forest land for construction of road and 2 bridges from "Bejjur to Somini" falling in Tiger corridor area of KTR.	50.40	Proposed 8 underpasses in WL Area over a road length of 3.4278 km each of 30 m length and 3.00 m height. Also 2 bridges with length of 200 meters and 3 meter height each included in the road by UA will also serve as animal passage.
13	FDO Kagaznagar	Diversion of 1.132 Ha. of forest land for improvement and widening of existing road from R/F Etiguda to Talai falling in Tiger corridor area of KTR.	30.75	Proposed 5 underpasses in WL Area over a road length of 2.255 km each of 30.00 m length and 3.00 m height.
14	FDO Kagaznagar	Diversion of 7.451 Ha. of forest land for widening from Etiguda to Agerguda falling in Tiger corridor area of KTR.	89.00	Proposed 28 underpasses in WL Area over a road length of 14.837 km each of 30.00 m length and 3.00 m height.
15	FDO Kagaznagar	Diversion of 1.623 Ha. (Revised 1.485 Ha) of forest land for improvement of existing road and widening from Ravindranagar to Korsini falling in Tiger corridor area of KTR.	19.00	Proposed 6 underpasses on the road in WL Area over a road length of 2.97 km each of 30.00 m length and 3.00 m height.
16	FDO Kagaznagar	Diversion of forest land of 0.416 Ha for construction of High level bridge at 1/00 km from Kethinin to Dimda falling in Tiger corridor area in Bejjur Mandal of Gudem.	45.32	This proposal is for construction of High Level Bridge and will not require a separate Animal Passage plan.
17	FDO Khanapur	Diversion of 4.2063 Ha. of forest land for Widening of the existing R/F Rasimatla to Korikal via Ankena, Rayadhari road of Pembi falling in Buffer Zone of KTR, Nirmal.	46.00	Proposed 12 Passages each with a length of 30.00 m and 2.75 m height over a road length of 7.01 km.

18	FDO Khanapur	Diversion of 0.3893 Ha. of forest land for widening of the existing earthen road to BT standard from R & B Road to Kosagattu in Pembil falling in core area of KTR .	26.00	Proposed 2 Passages each with a length of 30.00 m and 2.75 m height along the road passing through the Forest area over a length of 648.83 m.
19	FDO Khanapur	Diversion of 1.3574 Ha. of forest land for widening of the existing earthen road to BT standard from R/F Ervachinthal to Dathojipet upto Gangapur falling in Buffer area of KTR.	16.50	Proposed 6 Passages each with a length of 30.00 m and 2.75 m over a road length of 22.22 km.
20	FDO WLM Kinnerasani	Diversion of 0.358 Ha. of forest land for widening of the existing road to Thunikibandla of Kinnerasani WLM Division falling in Kinnerasani WLS .	2.90	The road passes through WL Areas over 358.09 m, only. Hence, no under passes proposed.
21	FDO WLM Kinnerasani	Diversion of 3.4263 Ha. of forest land for widening of the existing road from Mondikunta to Mamillavai falling in Kinnerasani WLS.	65.00	The road passes in WL Area over 3.426 km in the periphery. Proposed 3 underpasses/ Culverts of length ranging from 5.25 to 14.60 m and height from 1.4 to 2.5 m.
22	FDO WLM Kinnerasan	Diversion of 0.170 Ha. of forest land for widening of the existing road from Pathuru to Rayalanka of Kinnerasani WLM Division falling in Kinnerasani WLS.	2.00	The road passes through WL area over 170.315 m only, hence, no underpasses are proposed.
23	FDO WLM Kinnerasani	Diversion of 1.246 Ha. of forest land for widening of the existing road from Allapally to Mylaram falling in Kinnerasani WLS.	12.00	The road passes through WL Areas over 1246.47 m. Underpasses not proposed.
24	FDO WLM Gudur	Diversion of 5.9359 Ha. of forest land Mattewada to Veerampet road in Gudur WLM Division passing through Pakhal WLS .	112.70	Proposed 7 Passages each with a minimum length of 30.00 m and 2.75 m height over a road length of 11.00 km.
25	FDO, Gudur	Diversion of 3.2411 Ha. of forest land PWD Road to Neelavancha passing through Pakhal WLS .	100.00	Proposed 5 Passages each with a minimum length of 30.00 m and 2.75 m height over a road length of 2.7009 km.
26	FDO WLM Gudur	Diversion of 4.0555 Ha. of forest land for BT Road Cheruvumundu Thanda to Doravari Vempally passing through Pakhal WLS .	37.20	Proposed 5 Passages each with a minimum length of 30.00 m and 2.75 m height over a road length of 6.759 km.

27	DFO, Warangal (R) and Mulugu	Diversion of 5.0590 (4.9256 Ha in Warangal (R) and (0.06655Ha in Mulugu Div.) of forest land falling in Pakhal WLS for laying of underground pipes for JCR DLIS pipeline project.	144.00	Since this is a surge pool & underground pipeline project, no animal passage plan is proposed. However, planting of grass and shrubs is proposed along the pipeline on either side.
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Responding to the proposals the Members gave the following suggestions:

- The maximum vehicular speed on the above roads shall be prescribed as 30 kmph and it shall be ensured that this is implemented strictly and speed breakers included at regular intervals on the road stretches in forest areas .
- Movement of vehicles shall be restricted during the night hours from 9.00 PM to 6.00 AM to avoid accidental death of animals and minimize disturbance to wildlife habitat.
- Dense grass and low height shrubs shall be planted on either side of the underpass in bell shape with chain link fence of size 8" x 8" x 10 gauge to create a natural ambience and facilitate movement of reptiles through the fence.

The Board after discussions recommended all the above proposals with the above suggestions.

Agenda 3: All India Tiger Estimation 5th cycle 2021-22

The PCCF explained to the Board that:

- The GoI introduced AITE in 2006 and four cycles have been completed.
- As per the last estimation of 2018 there are 26 Tigers and 398 Panthers in Telangana.
- AITE, 2021-22 is to be carried out once in 4 years in all the Forest Areas of the State covering 3083 beats during Jan' 2022.
- In this cycle, the data is to be collected digitally in AITE app on Smart phone during the 7 days field exercise in each beat. No paper shall be used for data collection and transmission to NTCA/WII.
- For each beat a team of 3 persons is to be nominated for conducting carnivore trail walk for 3 days and herbivore transect walk for 3 days.
- Due to shortage of field staff at the level of FBO & FSO, it is essential to involve NGOs, Volunteers, students and nature lovers in the field work to form 3 member team for each beat as was done during the 4th cycle in 2018.
- This will improve the efficiency and accuracy of the field work and will also bring in transparency

The Members representing NGO's and subject specialists stated that they would willingly participate in the AITE- 2021-22 along with Members of their respective organizations in large numbers.

Agenda 4: Man Animal conflict: Orders issued by TFD for controlling Wild boar attacking Agriculture field Adequacy and further suggestions for improvement- Discussions.

The PCCF informed the Members that the Government in G.O.Rt.No.11 EFS&T, dt.26.01.2021 issued orders appointing all the GP Sarpanches in the State as Honorary Wildlife Warden U/s 4(3) of WLPA, 1972. Accordingly the PCCF (HoFF) & CWLW in Proc.No.51282/2009/WL-2, dt. 29.01.2021 issued orders U/s 5(2) of WLPA, 1972 delegating the powers to cull Wild Pigs damaging agriculture crops to GP Sarpanches.

The PCCF further informed that, the Forest Dept. has empaneled 30 expert shooters with licensed weapons who have volunteered to take up the culling Wild Pigs free of cost. This panel has been communicated to all field level staff and GP Sarpanches. Contrary to the apprehensions that these powers will be misused leading to large scale killing of Wild Pigs, these provisions have been used Judiciously by the GP Sarpanches resulting in culling of only 21 Wild Pigs between March & August' 2021. This is an initiative of the Govt. to safeguard human life and property from wild animal attacks within the existing provisions of WL (P) Act, 1972.

During the discussion on the subject Dr. V. Vasudeva Rao, Member suggested measures like growing crops which repel Wild Pigs on the periphery of farmlands and also adopt technology available with PJSTS Agriculture University for scaring away Wild Pigs. The Spl. CS responded saying that these measures are to be implemented by the Agriculture Dept. The Forest Dept. has provided a facility for providing relief to farmers from Wild Pigs attack on standing crops.

The Regional Dy. Director, WCCB, Chennai expressed that the initiative taken by the Telangana Forest Dept. is good and all necessary safeguards are provided in the orders issued.

Agenda 5: Use of Eco-tourism as a tool in Wildlife Conservation. Suggestions from members for meaningful Eco-tourism in Forest and Wildlife Areas and to make Eco-tourism self-sustainable.

Initiating the discussion on the subject, the PCCF stated that, the National Wildlife policy recognizes Eco-tourism as an important tool in Wildlife Conservation and that the Telangana State is in the process of promoting meaningful Eco-tourism to spread awareness for Wildlife Conservation and to provide an opportunity to people to visit the Wildlife areas and enjoy the beauty of nature. Several initiatives have been taken up in this regard like :

1. In ATR, Farhabad view point and safari, Mallelatheertham Water falls, Octopus view point, Saileshwaram, Akka Mahadevi caves, Umamaheshwaram, Kadalivanam, Pratap rudra kota, Maddimadugu temple, Mannanur EEC & base camp.
2. In KTR, Jungle safari, Ghanishetti kunta, Kalpakunta, Bison Kunta, Gonduguda base camp, Malyal watch tower, Kadem dam, Kuntala , Pochchera and Ginnedhari Water falls.
3. Under Warangal Tourism circuit- Lakknnavaram lake, Tadvai complex, Bogatha water falls, Pandavula gutta.
4. In Kinnerasani Eco-Tourism, Deer park, EEC, Nature trek, Bird watching at reservoir.

5. In Pocharam Eco-tourism EEC, Safari, Bird watching at lake

The Hon'ble Minister expressed that, the Eco-tourism promoting taken up so far have yielded good results, but lot more development is required as there is very good response from public.

The MD, TSTDC informed that, they are creating Eco-tourism infrastructure outside the Forest and Wildlife areas at ATR, KTR, Laknavaram, Somasilla to cater to the needs of visitors. The MD requested to setup a sub-committee with representation from concerned Depts., for facilitating permissions for eco-tourism activities around Forest areas and PAs.

Sri. Rajiv Mathew, Member suggested participation of private parties in Eco-tourism promotion and Sri. B.V. Subba Rao, Member stated that, theme based eco-tourism may be adopted like focus on natural rocky areas, important wet land bird areas etc.

Agenda 6: Any other item which members desire to discuss with the permission of the Chair.

On the invitation of the Chair, the Members offered suggestions on important related issues as below:

- i. Dr. Deepa , ZSI : The ZSI is carrying out faunal studies in ATR and will submit the report soon informed the Board that they are ready to take up faunal studies in all PAs of Telangana with special focus on aquatic faunal species for which they have submitted a proposal to Forest Dept. and also informed that they are ready to depute their Scientist and field staff for participation in AITE – 2021-22.
- ii. Dr. Rasingam, BSI: Informed that they are ready to depute their Scientist and field staff for participation in AITE – 2021-22. Also requested to consider recommending land of 0.5 to 1.00 acre for establishing their office.
- iii. Sri. Avinash Viswanathan, FoSS: Want to conduct Telemetry studies on Snakes released in natural habitat to monitor post release behaviour, survival status and integration with natural habitat.
- iv. Sri. B.V. Subba Rao: Expressed need for Wildlife Extension Program with focus on addressing on man animal conflict and encourage peoples participation in conservation.
- v. Sri. Rajiv Mathew: Informed that Maharashtra has large number of man eating Tigers which could move towards Telangana through the corridor connecting KTR. He suggested increasing the prey base to reduce dependence on domestic cattle and prevent attack on human beings.

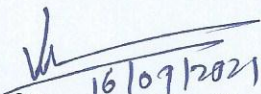
- vi. Sri. Koneru Konappa, MLA Sirpur - Kagaznagar: Informed the Board that a strange behaviour among Tigers is noticed wherein the domestic cattle are killed frequently, but the meat is not eaten. He suggested a study on this to find out the reason for this kind of behaviour. It was also suggested to set up a Deer breeding centre in the Tiger corridor area in Kagaznagar and release the excess Deer bred in the captive facility into the wild to improve the prey base in corridor area instead of transporting the Deer from Hyderabad at a huge cost.
- vii. Sri. V.Kishan, IFS (Retd): Stated that in the recent years there seems to be increase in the greenery in the Forest areas and also increase in the density of wildlife. He was of the opinion that the good rains in the recent years has contributed to this significantly.
- viii. Sri. Kova Lakshmi: Expressed happiness that several PR roads under PMGSY have been recommended by the Board. She expressed that some of the roads under R&D Dept. like Jodeghat road, Bugga road and Keramery road are pending for wildlife clearance. The Member suggested construction of check dams and large PTs in Jodeghat area to benefit wild animals. Also suggested developing several waterfalls in this area as tourist centres.
- ix. Sri. J.V.D. Murthy, Deccan Birders: Suggested to conduct bird festival in Telangana as is being done in UP and AP States. The Deccan Birders was requested to identify the location along with dates for conducting the Bird festival.
- x. Sri. B. Manohar, MD, TSTDC: Expressed the readiness of his organization in helping in conducting the proposed Bird festival by providing logistic support like accommodation and boarding.
- xi. Sri. S. Raghavender: Suggested involvement of corporate sector to play a larger role in promotion of eco-tourism, creating awareness towards conservation under CSR funding.
- xii. Sri. Kripa Shankar, WCCB: Suggested opening more schools in villages which are now connected with PMGSY roads to create awareness among students towards conservation.
- xiii. Sri. Anil K. Epur, WII: Suggested to conduct a meet with corporate sector to invite funding for research projects and encouraging studies on lesser known bio-diversity of Eastern Ghats.
- xiv. The PCCF(HoFF) & CWLW : Speaking on the subject of Monkey menace in the state, informed that the problem is compounded due to people feeding Monkeys on highways passing through forest areas. Due to this the Monkey are not moving into interior forest in search of food. The PCCF also informed that, the Monkey Rescue Centre at Chincholi is fully functional and that the Panchayat Raj Dept. has been

addressed to advise all GP Sarpanches to send the Monkeys captured by them for sterilization and release thereon.

Concluding the meeting the PCCF(HoFF) & Chief Wildlife Warden expressed sincere thanks to the Hon'ble Minister for Forests and Environment, the MLA Sirpur-Kagaznagar and other Members for attending the meeting and contributing meaningfully to the discussions.

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