

**Proceedings of Meeting of Monitoring Committee held at Solan under the Chairmanship of Shri E.Vikram,IFS, Conservator of Forests Solan Forest Circle pertaining to Eco Sensitive Zone of Chail Wildlife Sanctuary on 07.02.2022 at 3.00 PM.**

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The meeting started with welcome and introduction of the participants by the Chairman.

**Background:**

Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has recently notified the Eco Sensitive Zone of Chail Wildlife Sanctuary vide its Notification dated 05-01-2022. A Monitoring Committee for monitoring the implementation of ESZ Notification as per provisions of sub section(3) of Section-3 of Environment Protection Act, 1986 has been constituted vide the Notification of MoEFCC as below:

S.No.	Constituent of Monitoring Committee	Designation
1	Conservator of Forests (T) Solan	Chairman, ex officio
2.	Deputy Conservator of Forests (WL), Shimla	Member, ex officio
3.	One representative of Non-government Organization working in the field of environment (including heritage conservation) to be nominated by the State Government.	Member
4.	Regional Executive Engineer of State Pollution Control Board	Member, ex officio
5.	Senior Town Planner of the area	Member, ex officio
6.	An expert in the field of Ecology to be nominated by the State Government	Member
7.	An expert in the field of Biodiversity from State Biodiversity Board.	Member, ex officio
8.	Divisional Forest Officer Shimla	Member, ex officio
9.	Divisional Forest Officer Solan	Member-Secretary, ex officio

**Agenda of meeting:**

The meeting was held on 07-02-2022 wherein the following participants are present:

1. Shri Shubham Aggarwal, SDO, PWD Kandaghat
2. Shri Shreshtha Nand, DFO Solan.
3. Shri Arvind Sharma, Executive Engineer, Solan
4. Shri Pardeep Moudgil, AEE, HPSPB
5. Shri Arun Kumar, Tehsildar Kandaghat
6. Shri Hira Lal, RFO, WL, Dhalli, O/o WL Division

**Agenda No. 1:**

**Nominations of the experts to the Monitoring Committee as per ESZ Notification**

As this was the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Monitoring Committee, the expert in the field of Ecology, Biodiversity and one representative of NGO are yet to be nominated. The chairman of the committee will take-up the issue with State Biodiversity Board and other relevant Central/State Govt. Organization for the same.

**Agenda No. 2: Kiari to Khinna Road**

Widening and strengthening of existing roads is a regulated activity as provided in the above-referred notification. Accordingly, the case of diversion of 4.7 ha forest land in favour of HPPWD for the construction of road from Kiari to Khinna was discussed in the meeting.

DFO Solan who is also member secretary of the committee mentioned that the proposal for the construction of Kiari to Khinna road by HPPWD is under process by HPFD. In this regard, Nodal Officer-cum-APCCF (FCA) O/o Pr.CCF(HoFF) HP Shimla has written to Chief Wildlife Warden, HP vide letter Ft.48-3645-2017 (FCA) dated 29-09-2021. In this instant case the recommendation of the Monitoring Committee is required for facilitating approval for diversion of forest land under FCA, 1980. DFO Solan further mentioned that the road is very important to ensure connectivity and livelihood opportunity for the local people. He also said that the appropriate measures for mitigation of damage due to road construction will be ensured by him and also that the muck will be disposed properly as per muck management plan.

In view of the above, the Monitoring Committee recommends the proposal for construction of Kiari to Khinna road (Kms 0/0 to 7/820) in the Eco Sensitive Zone of Chail Wildlife Sanctuary.

**Agenda No.3:**

Shri Pardeep Moudgil, AEE, HPSPCB mentioned that disposal of solid waste in accordance with appropriate rules needs to be ensured in and the around Chail Town. In this regard, the chairman directed DFO Solan-cum-Member Secretary to liaise with the concerned BDO and put-up a detail report before the committee in accordance with the provision of the Eco Sensitive Zone.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to all the members.

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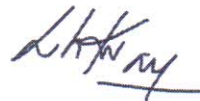
Chairman (Monitoring Committee) cum CF, Solan

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Dated Solan, 21.2.2022

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1. The Chief Wildlife Warden-cum-Pr.CCF(WL) HP Shimla-1 wrt to your letter No.WL (Misc) -18/Diversion/VI-IX/5981 dated 9.12.2021 addressed to CCF (WL), Shimla. The monitoring committee has recommended the construction of the proposed road in the ESZ of Chail WLS as per the proceedings as above.
2. The CCF, Wildlife Circle (S) Shimla
3. All Members of the Monitoring Committee.



Chairman (Monitoring Committee) cum CF, Solan