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CLIMATE CHANGE

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Following are the highlights of the achievements and activities of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) in the month of **April 2019**:

1 Rules/Notifications/Policy Decisions:

1.1 OM dated 11.4.2019 issued for prohibition of grant of statutory clearances for mineral concessions of Beach sand Minerals held by Private Person/Company.

2. Conferences/Workshops/Seminars and other activities

2.1 A meeting regarding Draft Resource Efficiency (RE) policy was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, EF&CC on 15th April 2019 in Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi.

2.2 An Indian delegation led by Joint Secretary –GEF OFP India attended the Expanded Constituency Workshop (ECW) at Ulanbaatar, Mongolia w.e.f 23-26 April 2019.

2.3 Out of 3528 Highly Polluting Industries covered under 17 categories, 2791 units installed the online effluent/emission monitoring system and connected to Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) server.

2.4 Scientists of Botanical Survey of India (BSI) discovered Phanera murthyii from the Western Ghats of Kerala.

2.5 Director, Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) participated in a workshop on social network of animals in Antarctica at Port Blair from 22-24 April 2019.

2.6 National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) in collaboration with National Zoological Park (NZP), MoEF&CC organized an environment awareness programme and exhibition on the theme – “Rural Landscapes” on “World Heritage Day -2019” at National Zoological Park.

2.7 An essay writing competition was organized by NMNH on the occasion of Earth Day on 22 April 2019 at Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi, while a poster making competition for High School students was held on the theme “Protect our species” at Regional Museum of Natural History, Mysuru.



2.8 Proposals for designation of 17 wetland approved by Hon'ble MEF&CC, as Ramsar sites have been sent to MEA for their clearances.

2.9 Meeting for updation of Ramsar site information Sheet of wetlands falling in the state of J&K, HP, Kerala, Gujarat and UP was held on 26.4.2019.

2.10 **Environmental Clearances**

During the month, **117 projects** pertaining to different sectors were appraised, **22 projects accorded environmental clearance** and **60 projects prescribed TORs**. Therefore, **82 proposals** were cleared during the month. The status of environmental clearance and TOR of Projects for the month of **April 2019** is at **Annexure-I**.

2.11 **Forest Clearances**

During the month, **1803.24 ha of forestland** in **71 cases** were approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. **1252.64 ha of non-forest land and 1168.64 ha of degraded forestland** have been earmarked for Compensatory Afforestation (C.A.).

2.12 **Total Expenditure**

An expenditure of **Rs 107.14 Crores (Provisional)** has been incurred until **30 April 2019** against the Net budget estimate of **Rs 3283.72 crores** for FY 2019-20.

2.13 **Eco sensitive Zone**

Out of **651 Protected Areas (PAs)** in the country, the Ministry has issued ESZ Notifications for 508 PAs. This includes **Draft Notifications for 202 PAs and Final Notifications for 306 PAs**.

3. **Important policy matters held up because of prolonged inter-ministerial consultations : NIL**

4. **Compliance of CoS Decisions:**

No. of CoS decisions pending for compliance	Proposed action plan/time lines for compliance of CoS decisions	Remarks
NIL	NIL	NIL

5. Number of cases of 'sanction for prosecution' pending for more than three months: **NIL**

6. Particulars of cases in which there has been a departure from the Transaction of Business Rules or established policy of the Government: **NIL**

7. Details of cases in which ACC directions have not been complied with: **NIL**

8. **Status of Public Grievances:**

No. of Public Grievances redressed during the month	No. of Public Grievances pending at the end of the month
316	370

9. **Information on the specific steps taken by the Ministry/Department for utilization of the Space Technology based tools and applications in Governance and Development:**

Ministry has its own Decision Support System developed by FSI based on combining GIS platform and remotely sensed imagery obtained by Indian Satellite IRS P-6 Liss-III. This system is used for Wildlife, Biodiversity and Forest Management and decision-making related with these issues.

Yours sincerely,

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Status of Environment Clearance and Terms of Reference of Projects for the month of April, 2019

	Industry-(I)		Industry-(II)		Thermal		RiverValley& Hydro- Electric		Mining (Coal)		Mining (Non-Coal)		Infrastructure and MiscellaneousProjects + CRZ		New Construction Project and Industrial Estates		Total	
	EC	ToR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	ToR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR
No. of projects at beginning of the month	44	49	142	55	4	10	26	14	23	26	32	52	91	22	42	18	404	246
Projects received during the month/ respond	16	12	41	55	0	1	2	4	8	11	15	9	27	4	0	5	109	101
Projects cleared during the month	5	5	8	44	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	1	4	3	5	0	22	60
Projects converted from EC to TOR due change of scope	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Projects exempted during the month	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Project rejected during the month (on merit)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Project closed during the month (due to non-submission of info.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Projects withdrawn/ returned/ transferred/ duplicate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Projects kept in abeyance/ delisted	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Projects pending at the end of the month *	50	54	148	51	4	10	28	17	24	22	34	60	104	21	31	23	423	258