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Secretary
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

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Dear Sir,

Following are the highlights of the achievements and activities of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) for the month of **June, 2017**:

1. Rules/Notifications/Policy Decisions:

Advisory issued to all States/UT to have Pan India Transit for inter-state movement of bamboo on 5.6.2017. Further an advisory dated 13.6.2017 was also issued to all States/UTs to consider exemption of royalty on home grown bamboo and to exempt from requirement of transit permit on finished bamboo products.

2. Conferences/Workshops/Seminars and other activities

- 2.1 (a): The 3rd meeting of BRICS Environment Ministers' and Environmental Senior Officers meeting was held in Tianjin, China on 22-23 June, 2017. An Indian delegation led by Secretary, EF&CC participated and represented Government of India in the meetings. The major outcomes include adoption of:
- Tianjin Statement on Environment; and
 - BRICS Partnership for Urban Environmental Sustainability Initiative
- (b) The 8th India-European Union Environment Forum was organised by EU on the theme of "Resource Efficiency and the Circular Economy – Benefits beyond environment" in New Delhi on 30th June, 2017. Indian side was led by Secretary, EF&CC and EU was led by Mr. Onestini, Deputy Head of EU Delegation to India. The Forum gave further impetus to policy coherence of resource efficiency and secondary resource management by involving policy-makers, industry associations, academia, research organisation, civil society etc.
- 2.2 On the occasion of World Environment Day, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) organized a programme at IPB, New Delhi on 4th June, 2017. Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change was the Chief Guest for the function. During the occasion, 2 books of Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) and 3 books of Botanical Survey of India (BSI) were released by Hon'ble Minister. Mobile App and web GIS of Faunal information of



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Wildlife Sanctuaries for ZSI was also launched. The Young Environmentalist award was given away. Ministry has also celebrated World Environment Day on 5th June, 2017 at Forest Research Institute, Dehradun. Governor of Uttarakhand was the Chief Guest and Chief Minister of Uttarakhand was the Guest of Honour on the occasion. Various activities were organized at Dehradun like Nature Walk, Film Festival on the theme of Environment protection and biodiversity, 'Run for Environment' Marathon, Slogan Writing and Painting Competitions etc. The Day was also celebrated at various offices of MoEF&CC all over India

- 2.3 The International Day of Yoga was celebrated on 21st June 2017 in IPB New Delhi . A song prepared especially for the occasion was presented by school kids. A talk on the benefits of Yoga was also given by the experts. Officers and staffs of the Ministry participated in the common yoga protocol in multiple 1 hour sessions.
- 2.4 Swachhta Pakhwada was celebrated by MoEF&CC from 1st to 15th June, 2017. On 15th June, 2017, function was organized at National Zoological Park, New Delhi and inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister, EF&CC. On this occasion, a new initiative "Prakriti, Paryavaran aur Hum- Green March 2017-18" has been launched. This is available on MoEF&CC Website.
- 2.5 World Day to Combat Desertification was celebrated on 17 June 2017 at Swarn Jayanti Nature Camp, Bhondsi village of Gurugram, Haryana with the participation of Govt. of Haryana. The Nature Camp was jointly inaugurated by Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble Minister EFCC and Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana Shri Manohar Lal Khattar. A large variety of youth-centric outreach and awareness raising activities emphasize on countering the challenges posed by desertification, land degradation and drought was showcased at this event.
- 2.6 National Museum of Natural History celebrated its 40th Foundation Day and Valediction of Summer Vacation Programme-2017 on 5th June, 2017 on the occasion of World Environment Day. Participation Certificates, prizes for various contests held during the programme and token gifts were given to children.
- 2.7 Wildlife Crime Control Bureau organized and coordinated an enforcement operation named "Operation Wildnet" to drag the attention of the enforcement agencies within the country to focus their attention on the ever increasing illegal wildlife trade over internet using Social Media Platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Whatsapp, Wechat etc. apart from various online classified sites and trade portals, websites and Blog spots.
- 2.8 The ninth phase of the Science Express Train named as Science Express Climate Action Special (SECAS) has so far covered 45 stations and is currently at Thrissur (Kerala). It has been visited by more than 13 lakh people approximately.

2.9 Eco Sensitive Zones

During the month, final notifications have been published for 15 PAs. So far, final notifications have been published for 225 PAs.

2.10 Environmental Clearances

During the month, a total of **167 projects** pertaining to different sectors were appraised, **44 projects were accorded environmental clearance** and **20 projects were prescribed TORs**. So, a total of **64 proposals** were cleared during the month. The status of environmental clearance and TOR of Projects for the month of June, 2017 is at **Annexure-I**.

2.11 Forest Clearances

During the month, **2541.09 ha** ha of forest land in **92** cases were approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. **1459.1011 ha** of non-forest land and **953.8963 ha** of degraded forest land were earmarked for Compensatory Afforestation (C.A.).

2.12 Total Expenditure

An expenditure of **Rs 269.16 Crores** (Provisional) has been incurred till **30th June, 2017** against the gross budget estimate of **Rs 2931.42 crores** for FY 2017-18.

3. Important policy matters held up on account 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 |
|---|--|---------|
| 1. | <p>Cabinet note for Ratification of the Second Commitment Period of the Kyoto Protocol.</p> <p>The Cabinet approved the proposal of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to ratify the 2nd Commitment period of Kyoto Protocol (Doha Amendment) on 24.01.2017.</p> <p>Thereafter, MoEF&CC vide letters dated 3.2.2017, 8.03.2017 and 28.03.2017 requested Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) to do needful for depositing the Instrument of Ratification. In response, the MEA has made observations on the proposal of MoEF&CC. The matter is being taken up with MEA.</p> | |

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. **Status of implementation of e-Governance:**

| Total No. of Files | Total No. E-files |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 4363 | 3090 |

8. Details of cases in which ACC directions have not been complied with:

| Sl. No. | Case | Remarks |
|---------|------|---------|
| | NIL | |

9. Status of Public Grievances:

| No. of Public Grievances redressed during the month | No. of Public Grievances pending at the end of the month |
|---|--|
| 488 | 580 |

10. 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.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Encl: as above

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ANNEXURE - I

Status of Environment Clearance and Terms of Reference of Projects for the month of June, 2017

| | Industry-(I) | | Industry-(II) | | Thermal | | River Valley & Hydro-Electric | | Mining (Coal) | | Mining (Non- Coal) | | Infrastructure and Miscellaneous Projects + CRZ | | New Construction Projects and Industrial Estates | | Nuclear, Defence & Others | | Total | |
|--|--------------|-----|---------------|-----|---------|-----|-------------------------------|-----|---------------|-----|--------------------|-----|---|-----|--|-----|---------------------------|-----|-------|-----|
| | EC | ToR | EC | TOR | EC | TOR | EC | TOR | EC | TOR | EC | ToR | EC | TOR | EC | TOR | EC | TOR | EC | TOR |
| No. of projects at the beginning month | 37 | 41 | 134 | 174 | 7 | 4 | 25 | 5 | 14 | 15 | 206 | 200 | 180 | 61 | 213 | 103 | 8 | 1 | 824 | 604 |
| Projects received during the month/ reopened | 2 | 9 | 26 | 72 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 9 | 23 | 128 | 23 | 12 | 83 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 160 | 259 |
| Projects cleared during the month | 2 | 4 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 18 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 20 |
| 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 | 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 | 0 | 0 |
| Projects rejected during the month (on merit) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Projects closed during the month (due to non-submission of inf.) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Projects withdrawn/ Transferred/Returned/Duplicate | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| Projects kept in abeyance/delisted | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 3 |
| Projects pending at the end of the month | 36 | 45 | 147 | 226 | 6 | 5 | 28 | 9 | 14 | 16 | 186 | 315 | 195 | 54 | 275 | 84 | 8 | 1 | 895 | 755 |