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

1 Rules/Notifications/Policy Decisions:

1.1 A draft Notification vide S.O. 3933 (E) on 18.12.2017 inviting suggestions for proposing more delegation to SEIAA/SEAC in hydro & River Valley & hydro electric projects, mining and construction projects under EIA Notification 2006 has been issued.

1.2 Three guidelines issued for diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 during **December, 2017**.

2. Conferences/Workshops/Seminars and other activities:

2.1 The training of trainers workshops for the All India Tiger Estimation 2018 were conducted for capacity building of trainers for conducting of this extensive exercise across all the tiger bearing forests/areas of the country.

2.2 A two member Indian delegation participated in the following three meetings organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Montreal, Canada: (i) Capacity-building workshop on the sixth national report to the CBD from 9th -10th December, 2017; (ii) Twenty-first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 21) from 11th to 14th December, 2017; and (iii) Tenth meeting of the *Ad-hoc* Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (WG8J 10) from 13th to 16th December, 2017.

2.3 Indian delegation participated in International Conference on "Resilient Hindu Kush Himalaya-Developing Solutions towards a sustainable future for Asia" organized by ICIMOD during 3rd - 6th December, 2017 at Kathmandu, Nepal.

2.4 46th Meeting of Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife held on 8th December, 2017 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, MoEF&CC.

2.5 UNESCO C2C- WII (Wildlife Institute of India) was invited by ICOMOS India as a partner for the 19th ICOMOS General Assembly held in Delhi during December, 2017. As part of the primary theme of 'Heritage and Democracy' under the ICOMOS GA Scientific Symposium, UNESCO C2C WII

co-organized the thematic session titled "Culture-Nature Journey: Exploring the complexities of human relationships with natural and cultural places" in Delhi on 13th-14th December, 2017.

2.6 Behtar India Awards were awarded on 6th December, 2017 at Hyatt Regency, Bhikaji Kama Place, New Delhi by NMNH (National Museum of Natural History). The awards were given to various schools of all over India for participation in contests of various categories based on cleanliness, hygiene, health care and greening the environment.

2.7 8th Edition of Odisha Environment Congress-2017 was organized from 20th to 22nd December, 2017 on the theme "**Environment and Sustainable River Basin Management**" by Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhubaneswar in collaboration with Human Development Foundation-centre for Development Action & Research (HDF-CDAR).

2.8 A temporary exhibition on the topic: **Tsunami – The Giant Wave** was inaugurated by the undersigned at Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi. The purpose of exhibition was to create awareness on Tsunami among the citizens of the country with special focus on school children and to remember the victims of 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami which took thousands of life.

2.9 Eco Sensitive Zones:

Of a total of **648 Protected Areas (PAs)** in the country, ESZ proposals for **432 PAs have been issued** by ESZ Division. Of the 432 proposals, Draft Notifications have been published for **156 PAs** and Final Notifications have been published for **276 PAs**.

2.10 Environmental Clearances:

During the month, a total of **183 projects** pertaining to different sectors were appraised, **20 projects were accorded environmental clearance** and **11 projects were prescribed TORs**. So, a total of **31 proposals** were cleared during the month. The status of environmental clearance and TOR of Projects for the month of December, 2017 is at **Annexure-I**.

2.11 Forest Clearances:

During the month, **2793.63 ha of forest land in 97 cases were approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980**. **574.2027 ha of non-forest land and 723.662 ha of degraded forest land were earmarked for Compensatory Afforestation (C.A.)**.

2.12 Total Expenditure:

An expenditure of **Rs 1952.70 Crores** (Provisional) has been incurred till **31st December, 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: NIL**

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

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
11993	2461

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
533	426

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.

Encl: as above

Yours sincerely,

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Status of Environment Clearance and Terms of Reference of Projects for the month of December, 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	23	19	85	56	3	7	9	7	10	9	82	94	95	27	98	28	7	0	412	247
Projects received during the month/ reopened	16	8	34	46	0	2	1	1	4	1	19	22	12	9	18	22	0	0	104	111
Projects cleared during the month	1	2	11	4	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	6	1	0	0	20	11
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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Projects closed during the month (due to non-submission of inf.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Projects withdrawn/ Transferred/Returned/Duplicate	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1
Projects kept in abeyance/delisted	0	0	7	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	10	7
Projects pending at the end of the month	30	24	73	47	2	8	8	2	14	8	95	84	88	32	103	48	6	0	419	253