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Dear

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

1. Rules/Notifications/Policy Decisions

1.1 Two Guidelines on diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 have been issued during the month of February 2017.

2. Conferences/Workshops/Seminars and other activities

2.1 Science Express Climate Action Special (SECAS) is an innovative mobile exhibition mounted on a 16 coach AC train which has been customized on the theme of Climate Action. The next phase of this SECAS train was flagged off on 17th February 2017 from Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station. The SECAS will run from 17th February 2017 to 8th September, 2017 over 19,000 Km during which it will halt at 68 stations across 20 States of India. The exhibition will convey a message about Climate Change and will also be a good opportunity to generate dialogue and discussion and create awareness amongst the public at remote locations.

2.2 The World Bank's Initiative namely 'Partnership for Market Readiness (PMR) was launched during COP 16 Meeting at Cancun, Mexico. It seeks to bring together developed and developing countries to provide a platform for sharing experience, fostering new and innovative market instruments, harnessing financial flows, and building market readiness capacity for countries to scale up their climate change mitigation efforts. India joined the PMR as one of the implementing country participant. India submitted its Market Readiness Proposal (MRP) to the World Bank on 28th Feb, 2017.

2.3 The UNESCO Category 2 Centre on World Natural Heritage Management and Training for Asia and the Pacific Region (NWHMT) at Wildlife Institute of India (WII) Dehradun organized a series of two events under an innovative workshop-cum-festival. The primary objective was to reinforce the appreciation of environmental heritage and it's connect with nature through popular forms of visual and written media.

2.4 On the occasion of World Wetland Day, on 2nd February 2017, an out-reach Programme for under privileged children in the age group of 12-15 years was organized by National Museum of Natural History (NMNH), New Delhi. Wetland Awareness Programme was also held for youth at Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi. Various competitions for children were also organized at Regional offices of NMNH.



2.5 Eco Sensitive Zones

Of a total of 648 Protected Areas (PAs) in the country, ESZ proposals for 315 PAs have been received in ESZ Division. Of the 315 proposals, Draft Notifications have been published for 228 PAs and Final Notifications have been published for 179 PAs. ESZ proposals of 9 PAs are under various stages of notification.

2.6 Environmental Clearances

During the month, a total of 227 projects pertaining to different sectors were appraised, out of which 32 projects were accorded environmental clearance and 55 projects were prescribed TORs in various meetings of Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC). So, a total of 87 proposals were cleared during the month. The status of adequate environmental safeguards of various projects is at Annexure-I.

2.7 Forest Clearances

During the month, 445.61 ha of forest land in 41 cases were approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. 172.06 ha of non-forest land and 410.05 ha of degraded forest land were earmarked for Compensatory Afforestation (C.A.).

2.8 Plan Expenditure

The Plan Expenditure against the 9 Umbrella Schemes being administered by the Ministry incurred till 28th February, 2017 was Rs.1602.55 crore against the budget estimates for 2016-17 of Rs.2000.00 crore.

3. Important policy matters held up on account of prolonged inter-ministerial consultations: NIL

4. Compliance of COS decisions:

No. of CoS decisions pending compliance for	Proposed action plan/time lines for compliance of CoS decisions	Remarks
1	Cabinet Note for ratification of second Commitment Period of Kyoto Protocol. Legal and Treaties Division of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) have been requested to prepare the instrument of ratification for its deposit to the United Nations, vide letter sent on 6.2.2017.	--

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
50,000 approx	47,491

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

Sl. No.	Case	Remarks
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9. Status of Public Grievances:

No. of Public Grievances redressed during the month	No. of Public Grievances pending at the end of the month
331	1121

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,

Encl: as above

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

	Industry-(I)		Industry-(II)		Thermal		River Valley & Hydro-Electric		Mining (Coal)		Mining (Non-Coal)		Infrastructure -I		Infrastructure-II		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 of month	27	49	120	75	09	07	23	16	31	17	173	54	57	8	129	45	10	03	579	274
Projects received during the month/ reopened	1	1	1	11	-	01	1	6	02	06	21	18	11	7	41	21	00	03	78	74
Projects cleared during the month	0	17	10	22	01	-	2	5	05	03	11	06	1	2	1	-	01	00	32	55
Projects converted from EC to ToR due change of scope	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	00	0	0
Projects exempted during the month	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Projects rejected during the month (on merit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	--	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Projects closed during the month (due to non-submission of inf.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	10	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	1
Projects withdrawn/ Transferred/Returned/Duplicate	-	-	-	-	-	02	--	--	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	00	00	0	25
Projects kept in abeyance/delisted	-	-	2	-	-	-	--	--	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0
Projects pending at the end of the month	28	33	109	64	08	06	21	17	18	19	183	66	67	13	169	43	09	00	612	261