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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 **January, 2018:**

**1. Rules/Notifications/Policy Decisions:**

**1.1 One guideline** issued for diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 during **January, 2018.**

**1.2 Advisory** dated 23.01.2018 has been issued to all States/UTs for adoption of inter-state movement of commonly grown agro forestry tree species.

**2. Conferences/Workshops/Seminars and other activities**

**2.1** Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change organized nationwide campaign- 'Prakriti Paryavaran aur Hum' – an initiative 2018 under "Swachh Bharat Mission" which concluded on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. The aim of the campaign was to intensify the focus on Swachhta and create an environment of cleanliness across the country.

**2.2** National Museum for Natural History (NMNH) organized Declamation Contest for Visually Challenged students on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 to encourage these children to become aware of the environmental issues.

**2.3** A specialized exhibit prepared for the occasion of World Hoolock Gibbon Day on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 by Regional Museum of Natural History, Mysuru. Visitors were informed about the conservation of Hoolock Gibbon. Documentary on the conservation of Hoolock Gibbon was also screened on the day in the auditorium.

**2.4** A meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on 'Environment Pollution of Rivers including Spring-fed Rivers, and its impact on ecology' was held on 16.01.2018 in Parliament House, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Shri Anand Sharma, Member of Parliament.

**2.5** 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 from January 8-10, 2018 at Kaziranga Tiger Reserve, Assam and from January 15-17, 2018 at Sundarban Tiger Reserve, West Bengal.

**2.6** MoEF&CC in partnership with National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) have organized meeting of the Project Steering Committees on 18.1.2018 under the Chairmanship of Shri Arun Kumar Mehta, Additional Secretary.

**2.7** Silence for two minutes was observed in the Ministry on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 at 11:00 AM in the memory of those who gave their lives in the struggle for India's freedom.

**2.8** 47<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife was held on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, EF&CC.

### **2.9 Eco Sensitive Zones**

Of a total of **648 Protected Areas (PAs)** in the country, ESZ proposals for **443 PAs have been issued** by ESZ Division. Of the 443 proposals, Draft Notifications have been published for **164 PAs** and Final Notifications have been published for **279 PAs**.

### **2.10 Environmental Clearances**

During the month, a total of **126 projects** pertaining to different sectors were appraised, **23 projects were accorded environmental clearance** and **17 projects were prescribed TORs**. So, a total of **40 proposals** were cleared during the month. The status of environmental clearance and TOR of Projects for the month of January, 2018 is at **Annexure-I**.

### **2.11 Forest Clearances**

**During the month, 21849.79 ha of forest land in 132 cases were approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. 1069.0706 ha of non-forest land and 830.9994 ha of degraded forest land were earmarked for Compensatory Afforestation (C.A.).**

### **2.12 Total Expenditure**

An expenditure of **Rs 2056.5 Crores** (Provisional) has been incurred till **31<sup>st</sup> January, 2018** 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
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**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
101617	76332

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
551	304

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.

**Yours sincerely,**

*Encl: as above*

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Copy also to: PS to Hon'ble Minister, Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

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**Status of Environment Clearance and Terms of Reference of Projects for the month of January, 2018**

	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	30	24	73	47	2	8	8	2	14	8	95	84	88	32	103	48	6	0	412	253
Projects received during the month/ reopened	10	9	41	55	1	3	1	2	6	6	13	22	10	8	14	7	0	0	92	112
Projects cleared during the month	3	8	17	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	23	17
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	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
Projects closed during the month (due to non-submission of inf.)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Projects withdrawn/ Transferred/Returned/Duplicate	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
Projects kept in abeyance/delisted	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	10	4	11	3	0	0	0	38	21
Projects pending at the end of the month	<b>31</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>241</b>