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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 July, 2017:

- 1. Rules/Notifications/Policy Decisions: NIL**
- 2. Conferences/Workshops/Seminars and other activities**

2.1 Dr. Amita Prasad, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) participated in the IPBES Regional Dialogue Meeting and capacity building workshop on 20-22 July, 2017 at Tokyo, Japan. The process for Asia –Pacific regional assessment prepared by experts was also discussed during the meeting.

2.2 44<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife was held on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge).

2.3 Training Program on 'Application of Very High Resolution Satellite Data in Natural Heritage Management' was held from 11-14<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 at Wildlife Institute of India (WII) Dehradun in collaboration with Digital Globe, a leading provider of high-resolution Earth Imagery, data and analysis.

2.4 Celebrations of Global Tiger Day, 2017 was held on 29.07.2017 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister MoEF&CC. Environment/Forest Ministers of MP, Uttarakhand, Chattisgarh, Orissa and Assam also participated.

2.5 The 2<sup>nd</sup> dialogue between India and Bangladesh Forest Departments for trans-boundary elephant conservation was held on 27.07.2017 at Shillong, Meghalaya under the chairmanship of DGF&SS, MoEF&CC.

2.6 The Cabinet on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 has approved to ratify the Second Commitment Period of the Kyoto Protocol ('Doha Amendment') on containing the emission of Green House Gases (GHGs). The Instrument of Acceptance has been issued by the Hon'ble President of India on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2017. The Secretary General of the United Nations acting as depository has notified the India's acceptance on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.



2.7 The project on “Carbonaceous Aerosol Emissions, Source Apportionment and Climate Impacts” (COALESCE) was launched at IIIT Bombay on 7.07.2017 under the National Carbonaceous Aerosols Programme (NCAP) as a constituent activity of the Climate Change Action Programme.

2.8 The Executive Director of Green Climate Fund (GCF) visited India for the signing of Accreditation Master Agreement (AMA) between GCF and NABARD on 27.07.2017 in the presence of MoEF&CC.

2.9 To celebrate Van Mahotsav, a Plantation drive was held at Botanic Garden of Indian Republic, Noida on 07.07.2017 in which 200 School children along with teachers participated.

2.10 Science Express Climate Action Special (SECAS) train which was flagged off on 17th Feb, 2017 is now in Maharashtra and will move further to Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and reach its destination at Gandhinagar, Gujarat on 8th Sept, 2017. On 22nd July at Mumbai CST, it had a record footfall of 1,24,406 visitors making it the highest footfall ever on a single day in such an exhibition.

2.11 Initiative to screen an environment related film on every Friday has been taken up w.e.f. 22.07.2017. Two films have been screened at Ganga Auditorium namely “Jassi Jasoos aur Rangeen Atma” and “Kanha- Protecting a Paradise” on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 28th July, 2017 respectively.

2.12 Exhibition hall on ground floor of Prithvi Block has been used on different occasions to show case theme based exhibition. In the month of July, 2017, International Tiger day has been celebrated on 29th July, 2017 with a week long exhibition in Indira Paryavaran Bhawan.

### 2.13 **Eco Sensitive Zones**

Of a total of 648 Protected Areas (PAs) in the country, ESZ proposals for 411 PAs have been issued by ESZ Division. Of the 411 proposals, Draft Notifications have been published for 179 PAs and Final Notifications have been published for 232 PAs.

### 2.14 **Environmental Clearances**

During the month, a total of 193 projects pertaining to different sectors were appraised, 45 projects were accorded environmental clearance and 71 projects were prescribed TORs. So, a total of 116 proposals were cleared during the month. The status of environmental clearance and TOR of Projects for the month of July, 2017 is at **Annexure-I**.

**2.15 Forest Clearances**

During the month, 1792.81 ha of forest land in 127 cases were approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. 713.9363 ha of non-forest land and 1680.0016 ha of degraded forest land were earmarked for Compensatory Afforestation (C.A.).

**2.16 Total Expenditure**

An expenditure of Rs 370.90 Crores (Provisional) has been incurred till 31<sup>st</sup> July, 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
4597	2880

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
359	612

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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**ANNEXURE - I**

**Status of Environment Clearance and Terms of Reference of Projects for the month of July, 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	45	147	230	6	5	28	9	14	16	186	320	195	54	276	84	10	2	899	765
Projects received during the month/ reopened	4	4	30	47	1	2	0	4	0	4	22	25	24	8	39	13	1	0	121	107
Projects cleared during the month	2	8	6	51	0	2	1	0	4	2	2	1	21	7	8	0	1	0	45	71
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	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Projects closed during the month (due to non-submission of inf.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Projects withdrawn/ Transferred/Returned/Duplicate	1	11	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	4	10	6	0	0	18	22
Projects kept in abeyance/delisted	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	39	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	53	1
Projects pending at the end of the month	<b>35</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>430</b>