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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 **May, 2017**.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan took over as Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on 22nd May, 2017 and started his duty by planting a sapling in memory of Late Shri Anil Madhav Dave. Thereafter he inaugurated an exhibition on the facets of country's Bio Diversity, 22nd May being the International Bio Diversity Day.

Rules/Notifications/Policy Decisions:

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

2. Conferences/Workshops/Seminars and other activities

2.1 Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) in coordination with the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) and Goa State Biodiversity Board organized the National Level Celebrations of International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) at Kala Academy, Goa on 22nd May, 2017. During the event, call for 'India Biodiversity Awards 2018' and NBA's newsletter 'Biodiversity Matters' were launched. A two day exhibition and Green Haat were also organized at the venue.

2.2 42nd Meeting of Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife was held on 15th May, 2017 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State (IC), MoEF&CC.

2.3 The 46th Session of the Subsidiary Bodies of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and 3rd Part of the First Session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA 1-3), was held from 8 to 18 May 2017, Bonn, Germany. These were preceded by preparatory meetings of the Like Minded Developing Countries (LMDCs) and meetings of the G-77 and China and Pre-Session Workshops from 3-7 May, 2017. A 12 member Indian Delegation led by Joint Secretary (Climate Change) participated in these meetings.



2.4 National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) in collaboration with Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB), organized Painting, Slogan writing and Quiz competitions for the children of National Security Guard Headquarters at Manesar-Gurugram (Haryana) to commemorate the International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May, 2017. On the occasion of the International Day for Biological Diversity, various events were held in different regional offices of NMNH.

2.5 NMNH organized Summer Vacation Programme- 2017 (SVP-2017) for Children (22nd May to 5th June, 2017) in two categories- Green Clubs (8-12 years) and Green Teens (13-15 years) successfully at IP Bhawan, New Delhi.

2.6 MoEF&CC along with UN Environment Programme (UNEP) organized the South Asia Ozone Officers Annual Network Meeting 2017 in Agra, on 23-26th May, 2017. The theme for the meeting was "HCFC Phase-out and Kigali Amendment- Implications, Challenges and Way Forward for South Asia".

2.7 The Vigilance Online Integrated Complaint & Enquiry System was implemented. The software application will facilitate to add and edit new complaints, appeals, review petitions and also generates reports of the cases at different stages and pendency status.

2.8 Eco Sensitive Zones

Of a total of **648 Protected Areas (PAs)** in the country, ESZ proposals for **457 PAs have been received** in ESZ Division. Of the 457 proposals, Draft Notifications have been published for 202 PAs and Final Notifications have been published for 206 PAs.

2.9 Environmental Clearances

During the month, a total of **171 projects** pertaining to different sectors were appraised, **23 projects were accorded environmental clearance** and **80 projects were prescribed TORs**. So, a total of **103 proposals** were cleared during the month. The status of environmental clearance and TOR of Projects for the month of May, 2017 is at **Annexure-I**.

2.10 Forest Clearances

During the month, **7914.30** ha of forest land in **106** cases were approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. **6302.3764** ha of non-forest land and **3084.9872** ha of degraded forest land were earmarked for Compensatory Afforestation (C.A.).

2.11 Total Expenditure

An expenditure of **Rs 161.78 Crores** (Provisional) has been incurred till **31st May, 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
8108	6485

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
725	518

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 May, 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	49	111	161	6	2	23	8	13	13	196	142	207	53	156	80	10	2	759	510
Projects received during the month/reopened	7	5	39	99	1	4	3	1	3	5	21	63	37	12	83	39	0	1	194	229
Projects cleared during the month	3	12	5	55	0	0	0	2	0	4	2	2	9	1	2	2	2	2	23	80
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	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	12
Projects kept in abeyance/delisted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Projects pending at the end of the month	37	41	134	174	7	4	25	5	14	15	206	200	180	61	213	103	8	1	816	603