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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST &
CLIMATE CHANGE

11th June, 2018

Dear

Following are the highlights of the achievements and activities of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) for **May 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 **May, 2018**.
- 1.2 **OM No. 3-50/2017-IA-III (Pt) dated 30.5.2018** on consideration of mining proposals involving violations of the EIA Notification, 2006 under the provisions of S.O. 804 (E) dated 14.3.2017 and subsequent amendment for ToR/EC was issued.
- 1.3 **OM No. 22-65/2017-IA-II dated 1.5.2018** for transparency and uniformity while recommending Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) by EAC/SEAC/DEAC.
- 1.4 Amendment of Aravali Notification vide S.O. 2172 (E) dated 29.5.2018 making prior environment clearance mandatory for all minerals (major and minor) irrespective of size of the mine lease.

2. Conferences/Workshops/Seminars and other activities

- 2.1 The workshop was organized by the India-UK Water Centre of India Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune and Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun at WII on "Integrating Precipitation Forecasts and Climate Predictions with Basin-Scale Hydrological Modelling in the Himalayas".
- 2.2 India's Focal Point to the Convention on Migratory Species along with one official from MoEF&CC participated in the 3rd Meeting of the Seasonal Committee of CMS held in Bonn, Germany from 29th May to 1st June, 2018.
- 2.3 The Summer Vacation Programme 2018 organized from 22nd May to 5th June, 2018 by National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) highlighting on the theme of World Environment Day- "Beat Plastic Pollution".



- 2.4 On the occasion of International Museum Day NMNH organized an outreach programme for under privileged children in the age group of 12-15 years on 18th May, 2018 to create awareness about Nature and Environment.
- 2.5 Young Environmentalist of the Year Award- a National level award which is given by National Museum of Natural History (NMNH), MoEF&CC, Government of India, every year to a teenager in the age group of 14-18 years was selected for the year 2018 by a panel of Experts/Judges on 8th May, 2018. The results were made available on the website of the MoEF&CC on 10th May, 2018.
- 2.6 The MoEF&CC organized a National Workshop for developing Communication Strategy to enhance awareness on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) under the Biological Diversity Act in partnership with NBA and GIZ, New Delhi on 2-3 May, 2018 at Chennai.
- 2.7 During the month of May 2018, the MoEF&CC in coordination with the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) and with the support team from Telangana State Biodiversity Board organized the national level celebrations of International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) at Prof. Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTSAU) in Hyderabad on 22nd May, 2018.
- 2.8 The Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP), the pilot of which was launched in FY 2017-18 is being scaled up to an all India Level. In this Context, a mobile app, giving information about the training programmes being conducted under GSDP, list of the institutes offering these programs and other details, and enabling online application, was launched by Hon'ble Minister, EF&CC.
- 2.9 The meeting of Subsidiary bodies under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was held in Bonn, Germany from 30th - 10th May, 2018. The Indian Delegation was led by Shri Ravi S. Prasad, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
- 2.10 On the occasion of Anti-Terrorism Day, pledge taking ceremony was organized in Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor bagh, New Delhi on 21st May, 2018.

2.11 Eco Sensitive Zones

Of a total of **648 Protected Areas (PAs)** in the country, ESZ proposals for **472 PAs have been issued** by ESZ Division. Of the 472 proposals, Draft Notifications have been published for **190 PAs** and Final Notifications have been published for **282 PAs**.

2.12 Environmental Clearances

During the month, a total of **171 projects** pertaining to different sectors were appraised, **47 projects were accorded environmental clearance** and **74 projects were prescribed TORs**. So, a total of **121 proposals** were cleared during the month. The status of environmental clearance and TOR of Projects for the month of **May, 2018** is at **Annexure-I**.

2.13 Forest Clearances

During the month, **4309.77 ha of forest land** in **121 cases** were approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. **3239.17 ha of non-forest land and 1487.95 ha of degraded forest land** were earmarked for Compensatory Afforestation (C.A.).

2.14 Total Expenditure

An expenditure of **Rs 214.71 Crores (Provisional)** has been incurred till **31st May, 2018** against the Net budget estimate of **Rs 2683.42 crores** for FY 2018-19.

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

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

Sl. No.	Case	Remarks
	NIL	

8. Status of Public Grievances:

No. of Public Grievances redressed during the month	No. of Public Grievances pending at the end of the month
517	514

9. 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,

Sd/-

(Anil Kumar Jain)

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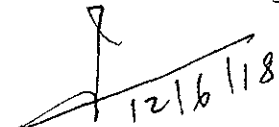
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Copy also to: PS to Hon'ble Minister, Environment, Forest & Climate Change.


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Joint Secretary

Status of Environment Clearance and Terms of Reference of Projects for the month of May, 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	32	26	61	70	4	6	12	5	13	10	165	79	98	37	120	29	5	2	510	264
Projects received during the month/reopened	7	20	37	28	2	2	1	3	5	2	14	25	13	11	19	9	0	0	98	100
Projects cleared during the month	5	4	5	33	0	3	0	3	0	1	4	8	3	12	6	8	0	2	23	74
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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Projects closed during the month (due to non-submission of inf.)	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3
Projects withdrawn/Transferred/Returned/Duplicate	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	3
Projects kept in abeyance/delisted	0	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	9
Projects pending at the end of the month	32	25	69	45	4	5	13	4	17	8	146	76	105	32	121	26	5	0	512	221