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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST &  
CLIMATE CHANGE

**11<sup>th</sup> September, 2018**

Dear Sir,

Following are the highlights of the achievements and activities of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) for August, **2018**:

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

**1.1** A notification under Section 38 of Biological Diversity Act, 2002 was published in the Gazette of India, Part-II, Section 3, sub-Section (ii) extra ordinary on 02.08.2018 threatened species of plants and animals which are on the verge of extinction or likely to become extinct in the near future, for the States of Jammu and Kashmir {S.O. 3845(E)} and Assam {S.O.3846(E)}.

**1.2** The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Consultative Committee of Members of Parliament attached to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change MoEF&CC, was held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister on 09.08.2018 at Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi. The agenda of the meeting was 'Biodiversity'.

**1.3** The 135<sup>th</sup> Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee meeting was held on 25.07.2018. The Committee considered applications related to event selection trials and held discussion on import of animal feed and protocols of additional studies to be undertaken on GM Mustard.

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

**2.1** National Museum of Natural History, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change organized a School Biodiversity programme to inculcate awareness in school students about flora and fauna's importance.

**2.2** Under the Green Skill Development programme of the Ministry, 24 courses have commenced in August 2018 and 13 courses have culminated in August 2018.

**2.3** A total of 7 new species were described by the Zoological Survey of India in the Month of August.

**2.4** Regional Museum of National History Mysore observed World Tiger Day on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 and also organized a programme in collaboration with Trans-Disciplinary University, Bengaluru which emphasized on Biodiversity Conservation for under-privileged children on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2018.



**2.5** A two days "Orientation Workshop for Trainee Teachers" was organized by NMNH, New Delhi from 29-30 August, 2018. The theme of the workshop was Environment and Health.

### **2.6 Eco Sensitive Zones**

Of a total of **651 Protected Areas (PAs)** in the country, ESZ proposals for **486 PAs have been issued** by ESZ Division. Of the 472 proposals, Draft Notifications have been published for **202 PAs** and Final Notifications have been published for **284 PAs**.

### **2.7 Environmental Clearances**

During the month, a total of **149 projects** pertaining to different sectors were appraised, **46 projects were accorded environmental clearance** and **34 projects were prescribed TORs**. So, a total of **80 proposals** were cleared during the month. The status of environmental clearance and TOR of Projects for the month of **August, 2018** is at **Annexure-I**.

### **2.8 Forest Clearances**

During the month, **1673.73 ha of forest land** in **104 cases** were approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. **628.06 ha of non-forest land and 2230.21 ha of degraded forest land** were earmarked for Compensatory Afforestation (C.A.).

### **2.9 Total Expenditure**

An expenditure of **Rs 850.02 Crores (Provisional)** has been incurred till **31<sup>st</sup> August, 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:**

- Following two Cabinet Notes were prepared and circulated to all concerned Ministries/departments for inter-ministerial consultations:

- i. Cabinet Note for Adoption of a Strategy for increasing tree cover outside forests under a tripartite agreement between land owning agency, concerned State Government and Public or private organization for taking up plantation on non-forest government lands.
- ii. Cabinet Note for Guidelines for public participation in afforestation of Degraded Forests

## **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 |
|---|--|
| <b>439</b>  | <b>256</b>   |

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,

Encl: as above

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**ANNEXURE - I**

**Status of Environment Clearance and Terms of Reference of Projects for the month of July, 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                           | 28           | 26  | 74            | 26  | 7       | 6   | 18                            | 6   | 16            | 11  | 139                | 68  | 110   | 34  | 66   | 13  | 4                         | 1   | 463   | 192 |
| Projects received during the month/reopened                      | 8            | 11  | 49            | 32  | 2       | 0   | 2                             | 7   | 2             | 6   | 9                  | 28  | 7   | 12  | 7  | 9   | 0                         | 0   | 86    | 105 |
| Projects cleared during the month                                | 8            | 4   | 12            | 18  | 0       | 0   | 0                             | 0   | 1             | 0   | 4                  | 7   | 12  | 5   | 9  | 0   | 0                         | 2   | 46    | 36  |
| 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                  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0                         | 0   | 0     | 0   |
| Projects closed during the month (due to non-commission 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            | 0   | 0             | 0   | 0       | 0   | 0                             | 0   | 0             | 0   | 0                  | 0   | 1   | 4   | 0  | 0   | 0                         | 0   | 1     | 4   |
| Projects kept in abeyance/delisted                               | 0            | 1   | 1             | 1   | 2       | 0   | 0                             | 0   | 0             | 0   | 0                  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0  | 0   | 0                         | 0   | 3     | 3   |
| Projects pending at the end of the month                         | 19           | 27  | 65            | 29  | 5       | 6   | 19                            | 9   | 15            | 17  | 131                | 69  | 99  | 30  | 63   | 22  | 4                         | 1   | 420   | 210 |