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

1 Rules/Notifications/Policy Decisions:

1.1 One Guideline was issued for diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 during **December 2018**.

2. Conferences/Workshops/Seminars and other activities:

2.1 Indian Delegation participated in the 55th GEF Council Meeting at the World Bank Headquarters, Washington DC from 17-20 December 2018.

2.2 An Inter-Ministerial Meeting and Dissemination Workshop on the outcome of Centre for Biodiversity Policy and Law (CEBPOL) Programme was organized by the MoEF&CC in collaboration with CEBPOL, National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) on 5th December 2018 in India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

2.3 India submitted its Sixth National Report (NR6) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) online to the CBD Secretariat on 29th December 2018 in the presence of the Hon'ble Minister, during the inaugural session of the 13th National Meeting of the State Biodiversity Boards organized by the NBA in the MoEF&CC, New Delhi.

2.4 Transboundary consultation between India and Myanmar on addressing illegal wildlife trade and trafficking was conducted on 6-7 December 2018 in which activities undertaken for faster tiger conservation in the transboundary landscape were deliberated.

2.5 Meeting reviewed the progress of ongoing High Altitude Tiger Project chaired by the Secretary General, Global Tiger Forum held at WII, Dehradun on 28 December 2018.

- 2.6** National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) participated in Paryavaran Kumbh organized by Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi, U.P. on 1-2 December 2018.
- 2.7** NMNH organized one-day special programme of “Creative Session with specially challenged children” on 20th December, 2018 for specially challenged children to make them aware of their environment through various activities to assure equal access and to enable them to most effectively compete with their peers in school and ultimately in society.
- 2.8** A three days Biodiversity Fare (Theme: Diversity-Our Identity Our Heritage) was organized in Dharchula, District- Pithoragarh during 19-21 December 2018 by Centre for Biodiversity Conservation and Management.

2.9 Eco Sensitive Zones:

Of a total of **651 Protected Areas (PAs)** in the country, ESZ proposals for **499 PAs have been issued** by ESZ Division. Of the 499 proposals, Draft Notifications have been published for **207 PAs** and Final Notifications have been published for **292 PAs**.

2.10 Environmental Clearances:

During the month, a total of **79 projects** pertaining to different sectors were appraised, **20 projects were accorded environmental clearance** and **62 projects were prescribed TORs**. So, a total of **82 proposals** were cleared during the month. The status of environmental clearance and TOR of Projects for the month of **December 2018** is at **Annexure-I**.

2.11 Forest Clearances:

During the month, **6515.78 ha of forest land** in **93 cases** were approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. **653.40 ha of non-forest land** and **4217.23 ha of degraded forest land** were earmarked for Compensatory Afforestation (C.A.).

2.12 Total Expenditure:

An expenditure of **Rs 1856.04 Crores (Provisional)** has been incurred until **31st December, 2018** against the Net budget estimate of **Rs 2683.42 crores** for FY 2018-19.

3. Important policy matters held up because 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 : NIL
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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. 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
626	431

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.

Encl: as above

Yours sincerely,
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Status of Environment Clearance and Terms of Reference of Projects for the month of December, 2018

	Industry-(I)		Industry-(II)		Thermal		RiverValley & 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	44	33	128	35	4	5	19	11	17	33	32	77	128	28	46	39	3	2	420	263
Projects received during the month/ reopened	17	13	71	36	1	1	2	3	3	7	1	15	33	9	3	5	0	0	131	89
Projects cleared during the month	0	12	5	19	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	7	11	8	3	13	0	0	20	62
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)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	2	0	0	6	2
Projects kept in abeyance/delisted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	9	2	0	3	0	0	0	13	9
Projects pending at the end of the month	51	29	128	41	5	6	22	14	18	31	24	75	144	27	37	21	3	2	432	246