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Following are the highlights of the achievements and activities of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) during the month of **May, 2019**:

1. Rules/Notifications/Policy Decisions:

- 1.1 5 Guidelines were issued for diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose under the Forest Conservation Act 1980 during the month of May, 2019.

2. Conferences/Workshops/Seminars and other activities:

- 2.1 Indian delegation participated in the 14th Session of United Nations Forum on Forests at UNHQ, New York, USA from 6-10 May, 2019.
- 2.2 National Level celebrations of the International Day on Biological Diversity (IDB) were held at Kalaivanar Arangam in Chennai on 22nd May, 2019. The celebrations were organized by this Ministry in coordination with the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) and with the cooperation of the Government of Tamil Nadu. The event was graced by the Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu as the Chief Guest.
- 2.3 National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) organized an outreach programme in collaboration with National Bal Bhawan for under privileged children to connect them with nature through art and culture on the occasion of "International Museum Day" (17th May, 2019).
- 2.4 Summer Vacation Programme, 2019 is being organized for fifteen days from 20th May to 7th June, 2019 by NMNH, highlighting the theme on World Environment Day – "Beat Air Pollution".
- 2.5 On the occasion of Anti-Terrorism Day, a pledge taking ceremony was organized in Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi on 21st May, 2019.
- 2.6 On the occasion of 'No Tobacco Day', a pledge taking ceremony was organized in Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi on 31st May, 2019.

2.7 Trans-boundary consultation between India and Bangladesh on addressing illegal wildlife trade and trafficking was held on 27-28 May 2019.

2.8 **Environmental Clearances:**

During the month, **181 projects** pertaining to different sectors were appraised and **52 projects were accorded environmental clearances** while **84 projects were prescribed Terms Of Reference (ToR)**. Thus a total of 136 proposals were cleared during the month. The status of environmental clearances and TOR of Projects for the month of **May 2019** is at **Annexure-I**.

2.9 **Forest Clearances:**

During the month, **1356.36 ha of forestland** in **66 cases** were approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. **891.93 ha of non-forest land and 966.87 ha of degraded forest land** were earmarked for Compensatory Afforestation (C.A.).

2.10 **Total Expenditure:**

An expenditure of **Rs 160.60 Crores (Provisional)** has been incurred till 31st May 2019 against the total budget estimate of **Rs 3283.72 crores** for FY 2019-20.

2.11 **Eco sensitive Zone:**

Out of **651 Protected Areas (PAs)** in the country, the Ministry has issued **ESZ Notifications for 508 PAs**. This includes **Draft Notifications for 202 PAs and Final Notifications for 306 PAs**.

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 | NIL | NIL |

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: **NIL**

8. **Status of Public Grievances:**

| No. of Public Grievances redressed during the month | Total no. of Public Grievances pending at the end of the month including carry forward. |
|---|---|
| 500 | 326 |

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:

The Ministry has its own Decision Support System developed by FSI based on combining GIS platform and remote 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,

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ANNEXURE - I

Status of Environment Clearance and Terms of Reference of Projects for the month of May, 2019

| | Industry-(I) | | Industry-(II) | | Thermal | | River Valley & Hydro-Electric | | Mining (Coal) | | Mining (Non-Coal) | | Infrastructure and Miscellaneous Projects + CRZ | | New Construction Project and Industrial Estates | | Nuclear and Defence sector | | Total | |
|--|--------------|-----|---------------|-----|---------|-----|-------------------------------|-----|---------------|-----|-------------------|-----|---|-----|---|-----|----------------------------|-----|-------|-----|
| | EC | ToR | EC | TOR | EC | TOR | EC | TOR | EC | TOR | EC | ToR | EC | TOR | EC | TOR | EC | TOR | EC | TOR |
| Projects at the end of the month | 50 | 54 | 148 | 51 | 4 | 10 | 28 | 17 | 24 | 22 | 34 | 60 | 104 | 21 | 31 | 23 | 7 | 1 | 423 | 258 |
| Projects received in the month/ month-end | 15 | 9 | 47 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 13 | 8 | 11 | 27 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 108 | 71 |
| Projects cleared in the month | 8 | 24 | 22 | 44 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 19 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 52 | 84 |
| Projects converted from EC to TOR (out of scope) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Projects exempted in the month | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Projects rejected in the month (merit) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Projects closed in the month (non-availability of info.) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Projects withdrawn/deferred/late | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Projects kept in delisted | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Projects pending at the end of the month * | 48 | 33 | 139 | 23 | 4 | 9 | 30 | 20 | 23 | 23 | 35 | 60 | 96 | 21 | 29 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 404 | 198 |