

MEMORANDUM

Sub: Committee for 'Strengthening of Elephant Reserves/Corridors' constituted by Ministry of Environment and Forests -reg.

This Ministry has vide its O.M dated 10.1.2013 constituted a committee, in pursuance of the decision taken in the 6th meeting of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL), for Strengthening of Elephant Reserves/Elephant corridors etc. In the 2nd meeting of the committee held on 5.9.2013, it was inter-alia, decided to solicit the comments/suggestions from the various stakeholders and interested persons on the Terms of Reference (ToRs) of the committee.

The ToRs of the committee are as follows:-

1. To examine whether the existing network of Elephant Reserves adequately and exhaustively covers the potentially viable elephant populations and elephant habitats in the country
2. To review the composition and management of the existing Elephant Reserves in consultation with the State Forest Departments and make recommendations for streamlining and strengthening the same.
3. To review the management of the recognised Elephant Corridors in consultation with the concerned State Forest Departments; identify other potential Elephant Corridors in need of management; and make recommendations for streamlining and strengthening the management of recognised and potential Elephant Corridors.
4. To examine the existing legal coverage available under various laws (including WLPA-1972, IFA-1927, State Forest Acts and EPA-1986] for protection and management of existing and potential Elephant Reserves and Elephant Corridors in the country and suggest ways for extending and strengthening such legal coverage as recommended by the ETF report.
5. To assess the impact on communities living inside or utilising the land inside the Elephant Reserves and Elephant Corridors on the protection and management of elephants and make suitable recommendations for mitigating the adverse impacts.

Accordingly, comments/suggestions of interested persons, stakeholder and citizens are solicited. These may be sent to the Ministry at the postal address given below and /on at the email address cmurti7@gmail.com.

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