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To
All Members,
Standing Committee of NBWL.

Sub: Minutes of 41st Meeting of Standing Committee of NBWL.

Sir/Madam,

Kindly find enclosed copy of the minutes of the 41st Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife held on 2nd March 2017 at 3.00 PM in "Teesta Conference Hall, I Floor, Vayu Block, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh, New Delhi under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Yours faithfully,

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6. Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.
7. Director, GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
8. Prof. R.Sukumar, Central for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.
9. Dr. H.S. Singh, Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat.
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Copy to:

1. PS to Hon'ble MOS (I/C) E&F.
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**MINUTES OF 41ST MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL
BOARD FOR WILDLIFE HELD ON 2ND MARCH 2017**

The 41st Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife (SC-NBWL) was held on 2nd March 2017 in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Environment, Forest and Climate Change. List of participants is at **ANNEXURE I**.

Hon'ble Chairman welcomed all the participants to the 41st Meeting and asked the IGF(WL) to initiate the discussions on the Agenda Items.

AGENDA ITEM No.1

Confirmation of the minutes of the 40th Meeting of Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife held on 3rd January 2017

The IGF(WL) informed the Committee that the minutes of the 40th Meeting of the Standing Committee of NBWL held on 3rd January 2017, were circulated to all members of the Standing Committee on 8th February 2017. However, no comments were received. *Accordingly, the minutes of 40th meeting were taken up and confirmed by the members.*

AGENDA ITEM No.2

ACTION TAKEN REPORT (ATR)

36.4.2.1. Setting up 5.25 MTPA-Development of Floating storage and Re-gasification Unit (FSRU) facilities for import of LNG within the existing deep water port at Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh. The proposed site is 2.5 km away from the boundary limits of Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary

The IGF(WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and mentioned that the same was discussed in the 40th meeting of SC-NBWL. He also mentioned that according to Terms of Reference (TOR) for EC, impact on Marine Life would be assessed. Since the proposal is 2.0 km from Coringa WLS, Impact Mitigation and Wildlife Conservation Plan is required to be

submitted. As the report on impact and other aspects related to marine life was still awaited, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal.

36.4.2.12. Construction of Singoli-Bhatwari Hydroelectric Project 99 MW by M/s L&T Uttaranchal Hydropower Limited. The proposed site falls within 10 km from the boundary of Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary.

36.4.2.13 Construction of 171 MW Lata Tapovan Hydro Power Project of NTPC Ltd, Uttarakhand.

36.4.2.14 Construction of 520 MW (4X130) Tapovan Vishnugad Hydroelectric Project of NTPC Ltd., Uttarakhand. The proposed site falls outside Nanda Devi National Park at a distance of 7.5 km.

The IGF(WL) briefed the Committee on the above proposals and mentioned that the proposals were considered by the SC-NBWL in its 39th meeting held on 23rd August 2016. During the said meeting, it was decided by the Standing Committee to seek the comments of Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation on the proposed projects. A letter was sent to Ministry of Water Resources on 23rd September 2016 for seeking its comments. Since the comments of Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation have not been received as yet, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal. *It was decided to send a reminder to the Ministry of Water Resources for expediting their response on the matter in view of the importance of the projects.*

34.4.2.11 Proposal of Ms Stone International Pvt. Ltd Chechat for expansion and renewal of Kotah Stone (Building) production in Mining lease no.22/92 situated in village Chechat in Tehsil Ramganj Mandi, District Kota which lies at about 6.4 km aerial distance from the Darrah Wildlife Sanctuary/ Mukundra Hills National Park

The IGF(WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and mentioned that a committee of NTCA had visited the site and accorded concurrence to the proposal. In the 39th meeting, the Standing Committee had decided to defer the proposals in view of non-finalization of ESZ

proposal of Mukundra Hills TR by state. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Rajasthan informed that ESZ proposal of Mukundra Hills TR would be finalised within 2-3 weeks time.

Since the State has not submitted the ESZ proposal of Mukundra Tiger Resreve as yet, the Committee decided to defer the proposal.

34.4.2.12 Proposal for renewal of existing lime stone mining lease no.24/87 in village Pipakhedi, Tehsil Ramganj Mandi District Kota near Darrah Wildlife Sanctuary, Rajasthan by M/s Zahoor Ahmed, Abdul Majid. The proposed mining lease 8.5 km away from Darrah Wildlife Sanctuary

The IGF(WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and mentioned that a committee of NTCA had visited the site and accorded concurrence to the proposal. In the 39th meeting, the Standing Committee had decided to defer the proposals in view of non-finalization of ESZ proposal of Darrah Wildlife Sanctuary by state. The State has not submitted the ESZ proposal of Darrah Wildlife Sanctuary as yet. Consequently the Committee decided to defer the proposal.

34.4.2.13 Proposal of Ms Associated Stone industries (Kota) limited for expansion and renewal of Kotah Stone production in mining lease no.1/89 situated in Tehsil Ramganj mandi, District Kota, Rajasthan

The IGF(WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and mentioned that a committee of NTCA had visited the site and accorded concurrence to the proposal. In the 39th meeting, the Standing Committee had decided to defer the proposals in view of non-finalization of ESZ proposal of Mukundra Hills TR by state. The State has not submitted the ESZ proposal of Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve as yet. Consequently the Committee decided to defer the proposal.

39.4.2.5 Proposal for International Amusement & Infrastructures Ltd for Jaipur Mega Tourism City, a Recreational Project at village Daulatpura Kotra, Tehsil Amer District Jaipur, Rajasthan.

The IGF(WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and mentioned that the proposal was considered by the SCNBWL in its 39th meeting held on 23rd August 2016. During the said meeting, the Chief Wildlife Warden, Rajasthan mentioned that the Environment Clearance for the project is under consideration of SEIAA, Rajasthan. Status of Environment Clearance is still awaited. Therefore, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal.

39.4.2.7 Proposal for stone mining lease area 4 ha (private land) in Khasra No. 357 village Ghoora, Tehsil-Rajnagar, Dist. Chhatarpur, Madhya Pradesh. The mining area is 6.67 km away from Panna Tiger Reserve.

The IGF(WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and mentioned that the proposal was considered by the SCNBWL in its 39th meeting held on 23rd August 2016. The IGF, NTCA mentioned that the mine location has not been ascertained as yet. The representative of CWLW, Madhya Pradesh mentioned that mining area is a private land and does not form part of any corridor. Dr. R. Sukumar, member mentioned that no mining should be permitted in the additional area to be added to Panna Tiger Reserve in lieu of the core area to be diverted for Ken-Betwa river linking project. The Committee asked the NTCA and Wildlife Institute of India to verify the location and furnish the report within one month for further consideration.

40.4.1.7 Proposal for diversion of 39.75 ha of forest land from Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary in width of 30 m in km.66.200 to km. 77.700, km.91.300 to km.91.900 & km.93.000 to km.93.900 for widening of existing 2-lane to 4-lane of NH-12 from km.10.40 (Junction of NH-7 bypass at Jabalpur) to Km.301.80 (near Bhojpur Junction) section Madhya Pradesh under NHDP Phase III.

The IGF(WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and mentioned that the proposal was considered by the SC-NBWL in its 40th meeting held on 3rd January 2017. Nauradhi

sanctuary is a part of the area proposed to be added to Panna TR in lieu of the diverted area for Ken-Betwa Link Canal. The representative of Chief Wildlife Warden, Madhya Pradesh mentioned that area does not form part of any corridor and is located south of Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary.

After discussions, considering the utility of the widening in decongesting the traffic flow, the Standing committee decided to recommend the proposal.

40.4.1.8 Proposal for diversion of 0.145 ha of forest land from Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of Harduwa reservoir canal, Madhya Pradesh.

The IGF(WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and mentioned that the proposal was considered by the SC-NBWL in its 40th meeting held on 3rd January 2017. Nauradhi sanctuary is a part of the area proposed to be added to Panna TR in lieu of the diverted area for Ken-Betwa Link Canal.

After discussions, the Standing committee decided to defer the proposal and requested NTCA to examine the proposal and furnish its comments at the earliest.

32.4.2(19) Proposal for Lakheri Chamovali mining lease of M/s ACC Limited, Lakheri Cement Works, Lkaheri, Dist. Bundi (Rajasthan) for mining purpose of limestone, Rajasthan

The IGF(WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and mentioned that the proposal was considered by the SC-NBWL in its 40th meeting held on 3rd January 2017. That keeping view of the State of Rajasthan, the NTCA and the user agency, besides perusing scientific reports of the WII, Dehradun and WWF-India, middle ground suggested by the NTCA Technical Committee is the most optimal solution in the instant case which takes into account concerns of tiger conservation as well as those of the plant. In their deliberation NTCA pointed out that the committee suggested the conditions (also represented by the state of Rajasthan) were the best the committee could suggest as per the available social and ecological imperatives present in the area. Further the CWLW of Govt. of Rajasthan and Field Director RTR mentioned that there are

various issues about the denotification of the proposed area for Lakheri-Chamavoli Mining lease of M/s. ACC Ltd. In addition the Field Director suggested that allowing mining lease for 8 yrs will be against rules and will have long-term implications. The CWLW admitted lapses in the part of the State Government of Rajasthan while notifying the area as TR. The CWLW also suggested that FC clearance for 201.88 ha is required for the project. The CWLW, Rajasthan was agreeable to the proposal of the ACC on denotification.

Furthermore the Secretary, MoEF&CC was requested by the Standing Committee of NBWL to hear all the parties and submit a report to the Chairman, SCNBWL for further directions.

40.3.2.1 Proposal for denotification from Radhanagari Sanctuary for Savarde Minor Irrigation Project, Maharashtra

The IGF(WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and mentioned that the proposal was considered by the SC-NBWL in its 40th meeting held on 3rd January 2017. After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal pending acceptance of the conditions by the State. **No response on the acceptance has been received from the State.** The Committee asked the CWLW, Maharashtra to ascertain from the User Agency if it would like to go ahead with the irrigation Project and the comments of the State Govt. on the acceptance of conditions within 15 days from the receipt of letter of request from the Ministry of EF & CC.

40.3.2.2 Proposal for bauxite mining lease area 206.37 ha at village Talagaon in Taluka Radhanagari and village Baveli in Taluka Gaganbawada, Dist Kolhapur, Maharashtra

The IGF(WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and mentioned that the proposal was considered by the SC-NBWL in its 40th meeting held on 3rd January 2017. He has also mentioned that additional information has been sought from the state of MAHARASHTRA regarding the validity of lease and on the views of the state Government within 15 days from the receipt of letter of request from the Ministry of EF & CC.

AGENDA ITEM No.3

41.3. Policy Issues and Representations received from the user agencies

41.3. Change of status of 'forest land' to 'revenue land' when the former has been used to rehabilitate villages from core areas of National Parks/Wildlife Sanctuaries/Tiger Reserves forest land

The IGF(WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and mentioned that the Supreme Court order in I.A. No. 1658 in W.P. (C) No. 202/1995 on 21.11.2008 on conversion of status of forest land to revenue land in three villages namely Kosla, Botezari and Palasgaon (Single) in Andheri Wildlife Sanctuary in District Chandrapur, Maharashtra. He has also mentioned that the MoEF&CC vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 8.9.2009 conveyed approval of the Central Government for changing the legal status of forest land with retrospective effect covering all such cases of diversion of forest land, diverted under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for relocation /rehabilitation of villages from National Parks/Wildlife Sanctuaries/Tiger Reserves from forest land to revenue land.

The FC Division of the MoEF&CC referred this matter to NTCA as the aforesaid order named only 3 villages of the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, which rendered it unsuitable for blanket implementation, and deemed the aforesaid letter void. NTCA sought comments of the Ministry of Law and Justice which had advised it to file a Clarificatory Application before the Apex Court on the matter, which NTCA did vide letter of even number dated 8.10.2015. However, the application is yet to be listed. At the same time, the State of Madhya Pradesh approached the Hon'ble Apex Court on the same matter in context of voluntary village resettlement in Satpura Tiger Reserve [Diary No. 51575/2016 in WP (C) 337 of 1995]. Hon'ble Supreme Court observed that such matters are to be considered by the Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife in light of its order dated 5th October 2015 in WP(C)-202/95(Godvarman vs UOI & Ors).

Prof. R. Sukumar and Dr. H.S. Singh suggested that this issue should be treated as general policy issue applicable to all the States and Union Territories and specific cases need not be referred to the Standing Committee.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that in all those cases where the reserve forest has been used to rehabilitate villages from core areas of National Parks/Wildlife Sanctuaries/Tiger Reserves, status of 'forest land' would be changed to 'revenue land.'

AGENDA ITEM No.4

41.4.1. PROPOSALS WITHIN THE PROTECTED AREAS

41.4.1.1. Diversion of 1.83 ha of forest land from Madhav National Park to lay underground sewage pipeline across Madhav NP, Madhya Pradesh

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and mentioned that the proposal involves the diversion of 1.83 ha of forestland from Madhav National Park to lay underground sewage pipeline. He added that NTCA has recommended the project with mitigation measures after due feasibility assessment carried by team of officers and scientists.

After discussions, considering the public utility of the project, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions and mitigation measures suggested by NTCA and State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.1.2. Proposal for renovation and maintenance of Amadehi reservoir repair work of the waste weir in Satpura Tiger Reserve, Dist. Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involved the renovation and maintenance of Amadehi reservoir repair work of the waste weir in Satpura Tiger Reserve. He added that NTCA has recommended the proposal with mitigation measures and conditions after due feasibility assessment carried by team of officers and scientists.

After discussions, considering the importance of the project for the renovation and maintenance of Amadehi reservoir repair work of the waste weir in Satpura Tiger Reserve, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the mitigation measures and conditions prescribed by NTCA and State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.1.3. Diversion of 0.504 ha of forestland from Sohagibarawa Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of border outpost (BOP) Chowki of Shastra Seema Bal, Maharajganj within the area of Sohagibarawa Wildlife Sanctuary, Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh.

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the diversion of 0.504 ha of forestland from Sohagibarawa Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of border outpost (BOP) Chowki of Shastra Seema Bal, Maharajganj within the area of Sohagibarawa Wildlife Sanctuary.

After discussions, considering the importance of border outpost (BOP) in securing the international border, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the mitigation measures and conditions prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.1.4. Proposal for establishment and operating Retail Outlet with required facilities in private land situated in village-Mishirpur, Plot Khasra No. 223 M Right side of Asifabad - Garh road (MDR) on 12 km, Meerut District, Uttar Pradesh

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves diversion of 0.1343 ha (0.076677 ha of private land + 0.0576286 ha (Govt. land) for establishment and operating Retail Outlet with required facilities within the area of Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary. He added that CWLW has recommended the project with mitigation measures.

Dr. H. S. Singh observed that govt. land also is also involved in the proposal, the comments of CWLW, Uttar Pradesh needs to be obtained. The Govt. land should not be allowed to be used for setting up the facility on private land.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal pending receipt of comments by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.1.5. Proposal for diversion of 0.07 ha of reserved forest land from Nahargarh WLS for laying of underground electric cable from Doordarshan tower to the Nahargarh Fort Entrance length 1400 meters and width of trench 0.05 meters, APP depth 1.0 meter for establishment of Jaipur Wax Statues Museum at Nahargarh Fort, Rajasthan.

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the diversion of 0.07 ha of reserved forest land from Nahargarh WLS for laying of underground electric cable from Doordarshan tower to the Nahargarh Fort Entrance length 1400 meters and width of trench 0.05 meters, APP depth 1.0 meter for establishment of Jaipur Wax Statues Museum within the area of Nahargarh Wildlife Sanctuary. He added that CWLW has recommended the project with mitigation measures.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the mitigation measures and conditions prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.1.6. Diversion of 20.53 Ha of forest land in Warangal District for improvement of the existing road from Nakkerekal to Mallampally Road of NH-365 from km 121/0 to 154/0 in favour of Executive Engineer, NH Diversion, Warangal Telangana.

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the diversion of 20.53 Ha of forest land in Warangal District for improvement of the existing road from Nakkerekal to Mallampally Road of NH-365 from km 121/0 to 154/0 within the area of Pakhal Wildlife Sanctuary. He added that CWLW has recommended the project with mitigation measures. It was suggested by the Committee that the user agency would construct adequate standard safe passages in the form of over-bridges and under-bridges for movement of wild animals.

After discussions, considering the public utility of the proposal, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the standard mitigation measures brought out by Wildlife Institute of India and conditions prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.1.7. Diversion of 0.54 Ha in Mansorabad RF and 2.31 Ha in Kuntloor RF total 2.85 Ha for strengthening and widening of existing road from Nagole Junction to Gowrelly X road passing through Mahavir Harina Vanasthali National Park, Hyderabad in favour of Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA), Hyderabad.

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the diversion of 0.54 Ha in Mansorabad RF and 2.31 Ha in Kuntloor RF total 2.85 ha for strengthening and widening of existing road from Nagole junction to Gowrelly X road passing through Mahavir Harina Vanasthali National Park. He added that CWLW has recommended the project with the condition that the user agency will construct one under pass of 40 ft. width for smooth passage of wild animals at the designated place.

After discussions, considering the public utility of the proposal, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.1.8. Underground Laying of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) for Indian Army under Project Network for Spectrum (NFC), Directorate General of Signals, Ministry of Defence in Ladakh Region, Leh District, Jammu & Kashmir.

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the diversion of total area 28.035 ha (26.1 ha from Changthang Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary and 23.025 ha from Karakoram Wildlife sanctuary). He added that CWLW has recommended the project with the mitigation measures and conditions after due feasibility assessment carried by team of officers and scientists.

After discussions, considering the importance of project for Indian Army in communication, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.1.9. Diversion of 0.459 ha of forest land from Ramnagar Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable by the Network for spectrum (NFS) cell, Directorate General of Signals, Ministry of Defence.

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involved diversion of 0.459 ha of forest land from Ramnagar Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable by the Network for spectrum (NFS) cell.

After discussions, considering the importance of project for Indian Army in communication, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.1.10. Proposal for diversion of 7.60 ha forestland from Changthang Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for establishment of National Large Solar Telescope, Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir.

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involved the diversion of 7.60 ha forestland from Changthang Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for establishment of National Large Solar Telescope. The user agency (Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore) has mentioned that the present place is ideal location for establishment of the Telescope for day time observations.

After discussions, considering the scientific utility of the telescope, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.2. PROPOSALS WITHIN 10 KM FROM THE BOUNDARIES OF PROTECTED AREAS

41.4.2.1 Proposal for CAPFIMS Central Armed Police Forces Institute of Medical Science (along with R&R Hospital and allied Institutes), New Delhi. The proposed site is 200 km from the Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary.

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the establishment of a referral and research hospital 200 m from the boundary of Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary.

After discussions, considering the public utility of the project, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.2.2. Construction of Halon Irrigation Project near village Karanjiya across river Halon in Mandla district situated in the buffer zone of Kanha Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh.

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the construction of Halon irrigation project across river Halon situated in the buffer zone of Kanha Tiger Reserve.

After discussions, considering the public utility of the Project for irrigation, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions and mitigation measures prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.2.3. Construction of Intake Well in Son River in Son Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary, near village Kurwah for water supply scheme of Sidhi Township, Madhya Pradesh.

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the construction of Intake Well in Son River in Son Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary. He further stated that there was no information on the water flow during the lean months.

After discussions, considering the public utility of project for drinking water, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions and mitigation measures prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.2.4. Diversion of 19.653 ha forest land for widening and up gradation of Betul-Sarni-Tekadhana-Junnardev Road (SH-43) passing through Satpura-Pench corridor in Chhindwara district, Madhya Pradesh.

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the diversion of 19.653 ha forest land for widening and up-gradation of Betul-Sarni-Tekadhana-Junnardev Road (SH-43) passing through Satpura-Pench corridor. He added that both CWLW and NTCA have recommended the project with the mitigation measures and conditions.

After discussions, considering the public utility of the project, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions and mitigation measures prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.2.5. Proposal for widening of existing Dahisar-Surat Section from 4-lane to 6-lane between 497.400 km to 498.900 km along NH-8 in the State of Maharashtra. The area required for the project is outside the Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Borivali.

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the widening of existing Dahisar-Surat Section, from 4-lane to 6-lane, passing through

Sanjay Gandhi National Park and its notified Eco-sensitive zone. He added that CWLW has recommended the project with the mitigation measures and conditions.

After discussions, considering the public utility of the proposal, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions and mitigation measures prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.2.6. Proposal for construction of barrage (civil works) for Kanhan River Project across Kanhan River at Kochi village, Saoner Taluk, Nagpur Dist, Maharashtra state. The proposed site is 8 km away from the boundary of Mansingdeo Wildlife Sanctuary.

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the construction of barrage (civil works) for Kanhan River Project across Kanhan River 8 km away from the boundary of Mansingdeo Wildlife Sanctuary. The project would provide irrigation to 3960 ha of agriculture land besides the water for drinking purpose and Koradi thermal power station.

After discussions, considering the public utility of the project for irrigation and drinking water, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions and mitigation measures prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.2.7. Proposal for setting up retail outlet proposed by Indian Oil Corporation, Bareilly Division, Bareilly, at private land Khasara No. 248 and 249 village Kripanathpur tehsil Dhanaura district JP Nagar on 141 km SH No-51 Badaun-Bilsi-Bijnor Road, within ESZ from Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary.

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the setting up retail outlet proposed by Indian Oil Corporation at private land Khasara No. 248 and 249 Kripanathpur on 141 km SH No-51 Badaun-Bilsi-Bijnor Road, within ESZ from Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary. He added that CWLW has recommended the project with the mitigation measures and conditions.

After discussions, considering the public utility of the proposal, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions and mitigation measures prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.2.8. Proposal for the diversion of 0.47 ha of reserved forest land from Shivalik Elephant Reserve for construction of a new lane tunnel on NH-72 A (new 307) between 33 km and 34 km near Dat-Kali Temple in the Elephant Reserve Shivalik Forest Division Saharanpur.

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the diversion of 0.47 ha of reserved forest land from Shivalik Elephant Reserve for construction of a new lane tunnel on NH-72 A between 33 km and 34 km near Dat-Kali Temple. He added that both CWLW and NTCA have recommended the project with the mitigation measures and conditions.

After discussions, considering the public utility of the project in de-congesting the traffic flow on NH-72A, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions and mitigation measures prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.2.9. The proposal for extension/re-notification of ASAN Field Firing Range for Gazette Notification from 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2025. Established since 1987.

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the extension/re-notification of ASAN Field Firing Range for Gazette Notification from 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2025. He added that CWLW has recommended the project with the mitigation measures and conditions.

After discussions, considering the importance of firing range for practice by Indian Army, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions and mitigation measures prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.2.10. Proposal for Survey & Exploration of Uranium over 83 km² [over an area of 7 km² in 2 blocks of 3 and 4 km² in Nidgul RF of WLM division, Nagarjuna Sagar and 76 km² in 2 block of 38 km² of each] in Amarabad Tiger Reserve by Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research, South Central Region, Telangana.

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the Survey & Exploration of Uranium over 83 km² in Amarabad Tiger Reserve. He added that CWLW has recommended the project with the mitigation measures and conditions.

After discussions, considering the strategic importance of uranium for a developing country, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions and mitigation measures prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.2.11. Proposal for Construction of Shipyard and Allied Facilities at Ship Building Center, Krishna Gate, Naval Base, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the Construction of Shipyard and Allied Facilities at a place 7.59 km away from the Kambalakonda Wildlife Sanctuary. He added that CWLW has recommended the project with the mitigation measures and conditions. It was mentioned that the recommendations of SBWL will be submitted in due course.

After discussions, considering the strategic importance of the shipyard for construction of ships and vessels for Indian Navy, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions and mitigation measures prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.2.12. Laying of underground 12.75 diameter steel pipeline for transportation of Naptha from Jaipur to Panipat Refinery of IOCL.

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the laying of underground 12.75 diameter steel pipeline for transportation of Naptha from Jaipur to Panipat Refinery of IOCL situated within 10 km radius of Nahargarh Sanctuary.

He added that CWLW has recommended the project with the mitigation measures and conditions.

After discussions, considering the utility of the project for energy sector, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions and mitigation measures prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.2.13. Proposal for modernization of existing manufacturing unit for increase of clinker and cement production; expansion in existing mines up to 8 MTPA and installation of new power plant of 17.5 MW within existing owned complex of M/s Mangalam Cement, village Modak, Dist. Kota, Rajasthan.

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the modernization of existing manufacturing unit for increase of clinker and cement production, expansion of existing mines up to 8 MTPA and installation of new power plant of 17.5 MW within existing owned complex of M/s Mangalam Cement situated at 8.5 km from the boundary of Mukundra Hill National Park. He added that CWLW has recommended the project with the mitigation measures and conditions.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions and mitigation measures prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.2.14. Barmer-Pali Pipeline Project for 'Laying 18''dia natural gas pipeline originate from CAIRN's Rageswari Terminal near village Guda Malani, Tehsil /District Barmer and terminated at village Shivtalav, Tehsil Bali, Dist. Pali (connecting GIGL's MBPL main line).

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the laying of 18 inch diameter natural gas pipeline situated at 5.05 km from the boundary of Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary. He added that CWLW has recommended the project with the mitigation measures and conditions.

After discussions, considering the utility of the project for energy sector, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions and mitigation measures prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.2.15. Construction of new dry dock facility at Cochin Shipyard Ltd. within the existing premises Ernakulam, Kerala.

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the Construction of new dry dock facility at Cochin Shipyard Ltd. within the existing premises situated 3.3 km away from the Mangalavanam Bird Sanctuary. He added that CWLW has recommended the project with the mitigation measures and conditions.

After discussions, considering the utility of project for construction/repair of ships/vessels, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions and mitigation measures prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.3. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

41.4.3.1. Setting up an Eco-tourism facility in village Binsar, M. Joljivi Tehsil, District Almora (inside Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary), Uttarakhand.

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves setting up of an eco-tourism facility on private land in Binsar village situated inside Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary. He added that the recommendations of CWLW have not been received in Part IV.

After discussions, considering the utility of project in promoting eco-tourism, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions and mitigation measures prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.3.2. Proposal for extraction/collection of Sand/Bajri/boulder mine at village-Nawanbgarh, Tehsil-Vikas Nagar of Dehradun District and Uttarakhand State cover 1.913 ha area in respect of Asan Wetland Conservation, Uttarakhand.

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the extraction/collection of Sand/Bajri/boulder mine in 1.913 ha area situated away from 7.80 km away from Asan Wetland Conservation Reserve. He added that CWLW has recommended the project with the mitigation measures and conditions. The Chief Wildlife Warden of Uttarakhand mentioned that the proposal requires the recommendation of Standing Committee as directed by the hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand.

After discussions, considering the utility of the proposal in providing construction materials, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions and mitigation measures prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.3.3. Proposal for Rejuvenation of Amanishah Nallah including Area Development (Nahargarh Wildlife Sanctuary) in Rajasthan. The proposed site is inside and outside Nahargarh Wildlife Sanctuary.

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the Rejuvenation of Amanishah Nallah situated inside and outside Nahargarh Wildlife Sanctuary. He added that CWLW has recommended the project with the mitigation measures and conditions.

After discussions, considering the utility of nallah in draining the rain water, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions and mitigation measures prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.3.4. Proposal for permission of existing state highway 30 Sawaimadhampur-Shivpuri Road from 82/700 to 93/390 km in Sawai madhopur district; inside Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve and within 10 km from its boundary.

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the road widening of road from 82/700 km to 93/390 km (widening of road from 3.75 meter to 7.00 meter). He added that both CWLW and NTCA have recommended the proposal with the mitigation measures and conditions.

After discussions, considering the public utility, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions and mitigation measures prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

41.4.3.5. Diversion of 0.117 ha of forest land in Bellampally and Mancherial Divisions for laying pipeline and construction of structures in Segment 22/7 (Vemanapally) for providing safe drinking water under Telangana Drinking Water Supply Project.

41.4.3.6. Diversion of 2.643 ha (0.22+2.421) of forest land in Kagaznagar and Bellampally divisions erstwhile Adilabad District presently in Komarambheem (Asifabad) and Mancherial districts for laying of pipeline in segment -22/5 (Dahegoan) under Telangana Drinking Water Supply Project in favour of Superintending Engineer, TDWSP (RWS&S) Circle, Nirmal, Telangana.

The IGF (WL) briefed the Committee on the proposals and stated that the proposal involves the diversion of 22.258 ha of forestland in Warangal division (13.965 ha RF+ 2.583 ha ESZ) and WLM division Warangal (5.710 ha) for laying of pipeline and construction of structures in segment 20/2 (Eturunagaram) for providing safe drinking water. He added that CWLW has recommended the project with the mitigation measures and conditions.

After discussions, the ADGF (FC) suggested that a committee comprising of Dr. H. S. Singh, member, Dr. R. Sukumar, member, one representative of NTCA and one person from Wildlife Division would visit the project sites and submit a report to the Ministry for further consideration within March 2017.

41.4.3.7. Diversion of 0.50 ha of forest land from National Chambal Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of Intake Well in Chambal River and underground pipeline for water supply scheme of Morena Township, Madhya Pradesh.

The IGF(WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the diversion of 0.50 ha of forest land for construction of Intake Well in Chambal River and underground pipeline for water supply scheme from National Chambal Wildlife Sanctuary. He added that CWLW has recommended the project with the mitigation measures and conditions.

After discussions, considering the public utility, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions and mitigation measures prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

Agenda Item No. 5:

The Chief Wildlife Warden, Telangana, with the permission of the Chair, mentioned that State of Telangana has formulated an integrated water pipeline project for laying of pipeline and construction of structures passing through notified corridor area of Kawal Tiger reserve, through Pranahita WLS, Pocharam WLS, Amrabad TR, Kinnarsaini WLS, Eturnagaram WLS etc. These 23 proposals have been recommended by State Board of Wildlife on 27.2.2017.

After discussions, the ADGF (FC) suggested that a committee comprising of Dr. H. S. Singh, member, Dr. R. Sukumar, member, one representative of NTCA and one person from Wildlife Division would visit the project sites and submit a report to the Ministry for further consideration within March 2017.

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