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To
All Members,
Standing Committee of NBWL.

Sub: Minutes of 39th Meeting of Standing Committee of NBWL.

Sir/Madam,

Kindly find enclosed copy of the minutes of the 39th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife held on 23rd August 2016 at 11.00 AM in "Teesta", 1st Floor, Vayu Block, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh, New Delhi-110003 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Yours faithfully,

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Encl: As above

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6. Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.
7. Director, GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
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1. PS to Hon'ble MOS (I/C) E&F.
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Minutes of 39th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife held on 23rd August 2016

The 39th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife (SC-NBWL) was held on 23rd August 2016 in the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Environment, Forests and Climate Change. List of participants is at **Annexure-1**.

The Member Secretary welcomed the all the participants and requested them to introduce themselves to Hon'ble Minister and Chairperson, Standing Committee. Leave of absence was granted to the two members Dr R Sukumar and Dr H S Singh. Hon'ble Chairman welcomed all participants to the 39th Meeting and asked the Member Secretary to initiate the discussions on the agenda items.

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 38th Meeting of Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife held on 10th May 2016.

The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the minutes of the 38th meeting of the Standing Committee of NBWL held on 10th May 2016, were circulated to all members of the Standing Committee on 2nd June 2016. No comments were received. Accordingly, the minutes of 38th meeting were confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 2: Action Taken Report (ATR)

38.2.1.1 Construction of fish landing centre and allied works in Annamalaicherry village of Ponneri Taluk of Pulicat Bird Sanctuary, Thiruvallur district, Tamil Nadu.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal was considered in the 38th meeting and deferred as the representative of the state was not present. The representative of the state mentioned that proposal involves construction of a fish landing centre (desilting of the approach channel and parking channel, auction hall, net mending shed, fish drying platform, overhead tank) at Annamalaicherry in Tiruvallur district. He clarified that the sanctuary is a wetland which supports livelihood of communities there traditionally and fisheries was the main basis of subsistence. The activity would improve the working conditions and benefits

to the communities which in turn would be helpful for conservation of fish resources and habitats with the help of communities there.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions stipulated by State Chief Wildlife Warden – including waste and sewage management and environmental monitoring.

38.2.1.2 Realignment of core zone of Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal. He mentioned that the proposal was deferred earlier due to non-receipt of endorsement of State Government.

The Chief Wildlife Warden, West Bengal stated that overall boundary of the Tiger Reserve has not been altered. Some areas of core area of the TR have been proposed to be re-designated as buffer while some areas of buffer have been proposed to be added in the core zone, based on the scientific and objective criteria following the due process of the law. The Core and Critical Tiger Habitat of the TR has been consolidated in this process. In the process, the core area of the TR has increased by 26.87 sq km. NTCA has recommended the proposal.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal.

38.2.1.3 Proposal for Wildlife Clearance in respect to Ken-Betwa Link Project-Phase I, Panna Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal that while NTCA had to examine the proposal under the Wild Life (Protection) Act and SC NBWL also discussed and was of opinion that the project site must be visited to understand the proposal, a combined site inspection was undertaken by NTCA, WII and two members of the Standing Committee. The observations were discussed in the 38th meeting wherein while agreeing in principle, it was decided that in view of the differing opinions on the height of the water impounding structures and resulting impacts, to discuss further the hydrological and related implications of the projects with irrigation and engineering experts. Accordingly deliberations were organized and after the meeting of the group with experts, a report incorporating views of the Hydrology expert on height of the dam, viability of the project and planning concerns, the project relevance with respect to climate

change, phases of the project, impact on cave/cliff dwelling species and consolidation of the Greater Panna Land Landscape for ensuring viability of the tiger population. NTCA was requested to present their views to the Committee on the said combined report. Presenting the findings of the group, Director WII indicated that the group was convinced that lowering the dam height by 10 m will result in non-availability of water for linking because due to nature of the valley, water storage is available only in top few meters, thereby reduction of 32% in water storage. Further, as effective submergence in upstream of the dam is only for July end to October, the habitat and corridors across the river area available most of the time. Similar case for only about 3% of the area of the identified vulture habitat. WII clarified that phase II does not have any component impacting wildlife and connecting systems of both the rivers would ensure water availability away from the dam site also to the wildlife.

AIG (NTCA) presented the major concerns of Tiger Habitat, management issues and recommendations of NTCA, as examined under the Section 38 (O) (b) of WLPA. The major concerns of direct loss of tiger habitat of 105 sq.km, loss of vulture nesting sites and disturbances were presented. NTCA recommended to integrate Nauradehi WLS, Rani Durgavati WLS and Ranipur WLS (UP) in the Panna Tiger Reserve and rehabilitation of people affected at the cost to the user agency. The areas of Chhatarpur and South Panna Division shall be notified as the buffer of the PTR due their historical tiger presence. The management based on a landscape level plan consisting delineation of tiger dispersal routes, vulture recovery programme was proposed based on a tripartite MoU between the state of MP, NTCA and the Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR) to safe guard the land scape. No new mining leases shall be allowed in the delineated tiger dispersal routes and existing mining leases shall only be extended if concretely justified interest following due process of law. Members agreed that recent data of dispersal routes could be used for the plan. While inclusion of the proposed areas for integration could be feasible and may be attempted as it would require interstate and public deliberations. Chief Wildlife Warden suggested that as the main objective is addressing drought in Bundelkhand region, any installation of power generation within the tiger reserve should not be permitted. Further, the reservoir would not be opened to commercial fisheries as it is to be located in the middle of critical tiger habitat.

The representative of user agency, Special Secretary, MoWR expressed consent of the Ministry of Water Resources to the conditions as prescribed by site inspection team in the

combined report. In response to the Committee's query on the need of the Hydro Power Generation, he explained that all the power generating facilities shall be established outside the TR and the operations shall have minimal disturbance on the TR. He also assured that no fishing will be allowed at the dam site.

After discussions, the Standing Committee agreed to recommend the proposal with the conditions prescribed by the Site Inspection team and NTCA, as agreed by MoWR and that the resultant reservoir area shall be retained as core area with minimum activities for management purpose under close consultation with the Tiger Reserve management. The landscape based plan for the area will be finalized with NTCA in lead, assisted by WII, State forest department and project proponents.

The effort to integrate the said three wildlife sanctuaries within the PTR will be undertaken simultaneously and the management objective of these areas will be in context of treatment of the area as a part of tiger landscape. Requirement of all extant statutes related to environment and forests including EC and FC shall be met as applicable.

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

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and mentioned that according to Terms of Reference (TOR) for EC, the impact on Marine Life would be assessed. Since the proposal is 2 kms from Coringa WLS, Impact Mitigation and Wildlife Conservation Plan is required to be submitted. The report on the impacts and other aspects is still awaited.

After discussions, the Standing Committee deferred the proposal.

38.2.1.5 Proposal for use of 11.2680 ha land of Block No. 25 in Marine Sanctuary for Laying for 2504 m. long and 45 m wide Waste Water Pipeline by Tata Chemicals Limited (TCL), Gujarat.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that in the 38th meeting, the Standing Committee flagged the condition of providing 5% of the project cost

stipulated by CWLW for habitat improvement and wildlife conservation in the sanctuary area and desired to know if it was agreeable to the user agency as some user agencies had represented in many cases, in the past, for relaxation after the decision had been taken. Since the user agency was not present in the meeting, the proposal was deferred and the Chief Wild Life Warden was advised to intimate the funds involved, activities proposed using these funds and views of the user agency on the condition stipulated by the Chief Wild Life.

The Chief Wildlife Warden clarified that user agency agrees with the condition to provide 5% of project cost for habitat improvement and submitted a copy of the information on the funds involved and activities proposed.

After discussions, considering that the activity is planned in compliance of the CRZ regulation and Environment Clearance conditions, and involves use of the existing channel for making the pipeline subterranean instead of open channel, Standing Committee agreed to recommend the proposal along with the conditions stipulated by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

38.2.1.6 Proposal for seeking permission of Relocation & Rehabilitation of villagers from Bhitarkanika National Park area to the WL Sanctuary area, Odisha.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal He stated that the Committee had sought clarification on legal status of lands where relocation is sought and livelihood option for the relocated people so that the retention of land at one place and occupation of same extent elsewhere, which compromises the sanctuary objectives, can be avoided.

The Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha clarified that the identified lands in the sanctuary area were revenue lands and mentioned that the lands originally occupied shall be retained by the relocated people for short term as that area would eventually be submerged by sea. After discussions, the Standing Committee opined that relevant provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972 confer responsibility on the State Govt. to decide on management issues and treatment of rights and claims and activities within the protected area, subject to the requirement of other laws in effect. Accordingly, the Standing Committee decided to refer the proposal back to the State.

38.2.1.7 Proposal for issue of ROR (Pattas) to the inhabitants of Bagapatia within Bhitarkanika National Park & Sanctuary, Odisha.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that in the 38th meeting, the Standing Committee opined that as the case apparently relates to regularization of encroachments, a legal examination of the matter including compliance of Forest Rights Act must be undertaken. The Standing Committee had agreed to defer the proposal and sought further clarifications from the state on the points raised by the members including on the legal status of the land within the sanctuary.

After discussions, the Standing Committee was of considered opinion that the proposal could not be considered under the functions of NBWL as defined in Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972. Accordingly, the Standing Committee decided to refer the proposal back to the State.

38.2.1.8 Proposal for upgradation and strengthening of existing single/two lane road to two lane with paved shoulder of Gulabpura (NH-79) Shahpura-Jahazpur-Hindoli (NH-12) Nainwa -Uniara (NH-12)Nainwa-Uniara (NH-116) to 2 lane with paved shoulder (Newly declared NH-148D), Rajasthan.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and mentioned that the Standing Committee deferred the proposal as the information from the State is awaited on Environment Clearance and also NTCA comments as the sanctuary is located between Ranthambore and Mukundra Tiger Reserves as mentioned by Member secretary, NTCA in the meeting.

The information on Environment Clearance has been received. The proposal was granted Environment Clearance on 4th August 2014. The State Chief Wildlife warden informed that the proposed expansion does not fall in any Tiger Corridor of Ranthambore and Mukundra Tiger Reserves.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions prescribed by the State.

38.2.1.9 Proposal for Brutanga Irrigation Project in Nayagarh district, Odisha. The proposed site is 1.5 km away from Baisipalli WLS.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and mentioned that the proposal was deferred as the proposal indicates tiger corridor, the Standing Committee requested

NTCA to expedite the examination of the case according to the section 38(1) (O) (g) of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and provide the advice.

Director, Wildlife Institute of India informed that the observations of WII were sent recently to NTCA for further action. He added that no such tiger corridor is indicated in the vicinity of the proposed project as mentioned in the proposal. The proposed project is located in the elephant corridor. A mitigation plan has been submitted by the state and the required funds for implementation have been allocated by the Water Resource Department Govt. of Odisha. The representative of NTCA agreed with the recommendations of WII.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions prescribed by Chief Wildlife Warden and in the Wildlife Management Plan.

38.2.1.10 Proposal for Establishment of 3 MTPA cement plant & 2 MTPA clinker production unit in village Ghanger, Tehsil Kasrog, Distt.Mandi, Himachal Pradesh of M/s Lafarge India Pvt. Ltd. The proposed site is falling within the 10 kms of Majathal Wildlife Sanctuary.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal was deferred as the representative of the state was not present. IGF (WL) informed that similar cases in the vicinity of Majathal WLS were recommended by the Standing Committee in the 31st meeting with the 2% project cost for implementation of Wildlife Management Plan. The Hon'ble Chairman opined that the proposal can be recommended with the same conditions as prescribed for similar cases earlier.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden and with 2% of the project cost for implementation of Wildlife Management Plan.

38.2.1.11 Residential & commercial project under slum rehabilitation authority, Mulund, near Veenanagar opposite LBS Marg, Mulund (West) Ta. Kurla by Aristo Developers.

The Member secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal. He mentioned that the commercial and residential project is located adjoining Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP).

The Secretary, EFCC mentioned that final notification of ESZ of aforesaid Protected Area is in advanced stage of processing in the Ministry and would be published soon. He further added that the proposal may be considered after the final notification is out.

The Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal pending final notification of ESZ of SGNP.

38.2.1.12 Proposal for construction project of M/s Vihang Enterprises at Bhaidarpada survey no.220/1, 220/2, 220/3, 220/4, 220/5B, 221/1, 221/11, 217/29, 217/30/1, 217/30/4, 217/33, 217/34/195/1, 195/1, 219/1, 219/2 & 219/3 at village Bhayandarpada, Tal. Thane, Dist. Thane, Maharashtra.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal that the proposal was deferred owing to non-receipt of information from State.

The Secretary, EFCC mentioned that final notification of ESZ of aforesaid Protected Area is in advanced stage of processing in the Ministry and would be published soon. He further added that the proposal may be considered after the final notification is out.

The Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal pending final notification of ESZ of SGNP.

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

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

38.2.1.15. 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 Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposals. He mentioned that the proposals were deferred due to non-submission of ESZ proposals of Uttarakhand by State. He added that ESZ proposals have been received from the state.

The Chair opined that comments of Ministry of Water Resources & Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWRGJ) on the project should be obtained to see if the project is in conformity with the policy of that Ministry. Consequently, the proposal was deferred pending receipt of comments from MoWRGJ.

38.2.1.16. Diversion of 1.610 ha Forest (Civil Land) for construction of Hapla-Guram-Nail motor road (5 km), Uttarakhand. The proposed site falls within 10 km aerial distance from the Kedarnath Musk Deer Wildlife Sanctuary.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal. He mentioned that the proposal was deferred due to non-submission of ESZ proposals by state. The state has now submitted ESZ proposals. The proposal involves construction of 5 km length of motorable road within 10km default ESZ of Kedarnath Musk Deer Wildlife Sanctuary, and is for rural connectivity, which is a critical requirement of the people living in remote areas of the hill state.

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

38.2.1.17. 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 (Mukundra Tiger Reserve).

38.2.1.18. 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.

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

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposals and mentioned that these mining proposals were examined by NTCA. However, there are differences of opinion about the

identification of Eco-sensitive zone for the tiger reserve area, between the state and NTCA. As such, the proposals were deferred due to non-finalization of ESZ proposal of Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve by State.

The Chief Wildlife Warden informed that the revised proposal of Mukundra Hills NP is pending with the State Govt. and will be submitted to Ministry soon.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposals pending receipt of revised proposal of Mukundra Hills NP.

38.2.1.20. Proposal for Jakhol Sankri Hydroelectric project (51 MW), Uttarakhand by M/s Satluj Jal Vidhut Nigam Ltd. Within 10km of Govind Wildlife Sanctuary /National Park.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal was deferred due to non-submission of ESZ proposals of Uttarakhand by State. The ESZ proposals have been submitted by the state.

The Chair enquired if comments of the Ministry of Water Resources & Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWRGJ) on the project need be obtained to see if the project is in conformity with the Ganga rejuvenation plan. DGF & SS sought clarification from the state if the project was part of Ganga basin. Chief Wildlife Warden clarified that the project is on Tons river, which is a tributary of Yamuna and not Ganga. He clarified that the project has no linkage with Ganga related action plan of MoWRGJ.

After discussion, the Committee decided to recommend the project with conditions imposed by the State Government.

38.2.1.21. Proposal for diversion of 0.655 ha of forest land from Periyar Tiger Reserve for increasing the height of Kunnar Dam for providing water supply to Sabarimala, Kerala.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal was deferred by the Standing Committee in its 31st meeting as the Committee desired that State

Government may submit other alternative option(s) and all relevant information on the area of the tiger reserve involved/ affected by the dam.

The State Government of Kerala has submitted that there is no alternative other than to raise the height of Kunnar dam by 2.5 m. Further, High Court of Kerala, in a *suo moto* case, has advised the NBWL to take a decision. Representative of NTCA opined that the storage capacity can be enhanced outside the Tiger Reserve area instead of raising dam height.

After discussions, keeping in view that the dam already exists and the water augmentation is needed early for the coming pilgrimage season, and the augmented water storage would be utilized for a limited period of the year by the pilgrims. The Standing Committee agreed to recommend the proposal subject to receipt of comments from NTCA. It was clarified that all the extant regulations related to environment, forest laws including Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, and decisions of any court, as applicable, would be followed.

Agenda Item 3:

39.3.1 Bringing Objectivity and Efficiency in Wildlife Management: Proposed Action

The proposal was deferred. The Chair suggested that a group of officers and members of SC NBWL may examine the proposal and place their recommendations after due examination in the Ministry in the next meeting. It was agreed to by all members.

Agenda Item 4:

39.4.1. Proposals within the Protected Areas

- 39.4.1.1. Proposal for use of 10mx10m (0.01 ha) of forest land for augmentation of surveillance/security measures by installing surveillance camera mounted on towers in the five Protected Areas, Andaman & Nicobar Islands.**
- 39.4.1.2. Proposal for 0.01 ha of PA land in Reef Island Wildlife Sanctuary of North& Middle Andaman District for the purpose of installing surveillance camera mounted Andaman & Nicobar.**
- 39.4.1.3. Proposal for 0.01 ha of PA land in Saddle Peak National Park of North & Middle Andaman district for the purpose of installing surveillance camera mounted on Andaman & Nicobar.**
- 39.4.1.4. Proposal for 0.01 ha of PA land in Paget Island Wildlife Sanctuary of North& Middle Andaman District for the purpose of installing surveillance camera mounted Andaman & Nicobar.**
- 39.4.1.5. Proposal for 0.01 ha of PA land in Kwantung Island Wildlife Sanctuary (Machua tikri) of North & Middle Andaman & District for the purpose of installing surveillance camera mounted Andaman & Nicobar.**

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the above 5 proposals and mentioned that proposals involve essential works related to the national security and are only installation, not involving any significant human disturbance causing adverse impact.

After discussions, considering the strategic importance of the projects, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the five proposals along with conditions prescribed by the UT Chief Wildlife Warden.

- 39.4.1.6. Diversion of 11.044 ha of forest land for improvement/up-gradation of NH-52 A from Police headquarter to Chimpu Nallah (2.75 Km) under Prime Minister's package.**

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and mentioned that proposal involves improvement/upgradation of 2.75 km of NH-52A from Police HQ to Chimpu Nala falling under Itanagar Wildlife Sanctuary under PMGSY. It was informed that the sanctuary has the

Itanagar town within its notified area and the stretch proposed for upgradation is part of a plan to develop road connectivity with Assam southwards.

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. All the requirements of other existing laws and court orders will be followed.

39.4.1.7. Diversion of 1.116 ha of forest land from Veerangna Durgawati Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of OFC cable in ROW of Damoh-Jabalpur NH-37 road, Madhya Pradesh by Defence Ministry of India.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and informed that the proposal involves laying of Optical Fiber Cable in existing ROW of NH-37 passing through the Sanctuary by Defence Ministry of India for communication purpose.

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

39.4.1.8. Diversion of 0.2088 ha forestland from Singhori Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of Intake well, underground pipeline and electric line for water supply scheme of Badi Township, Madhya Pradesh.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal. He mentioned that proposal involves construction of intake well, underground pipeline and electric line to provide water supply to Badi Township. An area of 0.21 ha would need to be diverted for the purpose.

State Chief wildlife warden, Madhya Pradesh stated that 5.2 MLD of water would be drawn from the intake well and this would not impact the requirement of water for the wildlife/habitats. He informed that Barna Dam is already existing and being used for irrigation and public. The project is for improvement of the existing drinking water distribution network from Barna dam. Proposed Intake well, water tank, underground Pipeline and electric line fall in the area of Singhori 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.

39.4.1.9. Diversion of 1.99 ha of reserved forest land for construction of 33 KV Patpara electric line at Gaughat across Son River in Son Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary, Madhya Pradesh.

39.4.1.10. Diversion of 1.93 ha of reserved forest land for construction of Ghungata-Gujred 33 KV electric line near Jogdaya bridge across Son River in Son Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary, Madhya Pradesh.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposals and mentioned that proposals involve construction of electric power transmission lines across Son River at two different locations to provide electricity to rural areas.

After discussions, considering the public utility of the project, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the standard mitigation measures (associated with transmission lines) including reflectors and bird deflectors in consultation with the Wild Life Department, and conditions prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

39.4.1.11. Proposal for diversion of 3.81 ha of forest land from Koka Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of Karajkheda Lift Irrigation Project in Bhandara District, Maharashtra.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal. He mentioned that proposal involves construction of a lift irrigation project to irrigate a command area of 8050 ha land of 22 villages of Bhandara Tahsil. This irrigation project is located within the Navegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve. NTCA has recommended the project with recommendations for appropriate mitigation measures for strict compliance.

After discussions, considering the irrigation benefits from the project, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with conditions as prescribed by NTCA and State Chief wildlife Warden.

39.4.1.12. Proposal for diversion of 0.65 ha of land for the construction of Rising Main (Underground Pipeline) in comp.No.164 of Koka Wildlife Sanctuary, Maharashtra.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal. He mentioned that proposal involves construction of 650 m of underground pipeline falling within Koka WLS, which is a part of Nawegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve. An area of 0.65 ha would be needed to be utilized within the Sanctuary for the purpose. The proposed lift irrigation project would benefit the socio-economic development of the local people. NTCA has also recommended the proposal along with the conditions in consultation with WII.

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

39.4.1.13. Diversion of 7.69 ha of forest land from Jaikwadi Bird sanctuary for construction of 765 KV D/C Aurangabad-Padghe transmission line crossing the Godavari River between Kaigaon and Washim Kaigaon village of Aurangabad distt. and Ahmednagar distt., Maharashtra by Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal. He mentioned proposal involves construction of 1.1148 km length of 765 KV electric power transmission line passing through the sanctuary.

After discussions, considering the public utility of the project, the Standing Committee agreed to recommend the proposal along with the standard mitigation measures (associated with transmission lines) including appropriate reflectors/ bird deflectors in consultation with the Wildlife department of the state and conditions prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

39.4.1.14. Diversion of 1.00 ha of forest land from Jaikwadi Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of Jackwell, Pump House & RCC approach Bridge at Nathsagar Dam, Paithan Distt. Aurangabad, Maharashtra.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and mentioned that proposal involves construction of Jackwell, Pumphouse and RCC approach Bridge to draw water to meet

industrial water requirement at Shendra and Jalna industrial areas. An area of 1 ha would need to be diverted from the Sanctuary for the purpose. The water from the present source in these industrial areas is contaminated. It was informed that the requirement of water has increased and the contaminated water available to the industries in the industrial area is proposed to be replaced by the water from Nathsagar dam. Industrial areas are far away towards north east of the dam.

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.

39.4.1.15. Diversion of 17.1 ha of forest land from Kailam Wildlife Sanctuary for erection & stringing of 132 KV transmission line from Khengjang to Thanlon, Manipur.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal. He mentioned that the proposal involves construction of 132 KV electric power transmission line, from Khengjang to Thanlon, to provide electricity to interior areas of Churachandpur district. An area of 17.1 ha would need to be diverted from the Sanctuary for the said purpose.

After discussions, considering the public utility of the project, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the standard mitigation measures (associated with transmission lines) including installation by insulated wires inside sanctuary area, reflectors in consultation with the wild life warden and other conditions prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

39.4.1.16. Diversion of 24.32916 ha of forest land from Yangoupokpi Lokchao Wildlife Sanctuary for erection & stringing of 132KV transmission line from Kakching to Moreh, Manipur.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal. He mentioned that the proposal involves construction of 132 KV electric power transmission line, from Kakching to Moreh, to provide electricity to interior areas of Chandel district. An area of 24.33 ha would need to be diverted from the Sanctuary for the said purpose.

After discussions, considering the public utility of the project, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the standard mitigation measures (associated with transmission lines) including installation by insulated wires inside sanctuary area, reflectors in consultation with the wild life warden and conditions prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

39.4.1.17. Diversion of 48.4692 ha of land in Wild Ass Sanctuary for laying 400 KV Double Electric Line at Mundra–Kansari (Jerda) Gujarat.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal. He stated that the proposal involves construction of 400KV electric power transmission line from Mundra-Kansari and would require an area of 48.47ha of Wild Ass Sanctuary for diversion.

After discussions, considering the public utility of the project, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the standard mitigation measures (associated with transmission lines) including installation by insulated wires inside sanctuary area, reflectors in consultation with the wild life warden and the conditions prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

39.4.1.18. Proposal for investigation and survey for diversion of 0.2883 ha of Reserved Forest Land from Gangotri National Park for construction of Sumla Check post 12th BN ITBP, Uttarakhand.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal. The Chief Wildlife Warden of Uttarakhand appraised that the proposal involves investigation, survey and construction of Sumla Check Post by ITBP on an area of 0.29 ha in a strategic location identified within the National Park.

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

39.4.1.19. Proposal for Hot Mix Plant inside Gangotri National Park for surfacing work for ITBP roads Sonam-PDA, PDA-Mendi & PDA-Sumla, Uttarakhand.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal. He mentioned that proposal involves establishment of Hot Mix Plant on a temporary basis for resurfacing work of ITBP roads.

It was confirmed by the Chief Wild Life Warden that the plant will be dismantled after completion of the work.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the condition that the location of the plant after dismantling it will be restored adequately by the user agency, and other conditions prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

39.4.1.20. Proposal for development of facilities for running of 18 coaches train between Haridwar to Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that proposal involves extension of Motichur railway station to accommodate 18 Coach Trains within the land owned by Railways. Chief Wildlife Warden confirmed that the activity is to be undertaken within the land already available with the railways and no extra forest land is needed by railways for this purpose.

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

39.4.1.21. Diversion of 0.25 ha of forest land from Gangotri National Park for installation of Wind Mast study of wind data at Nelong (near forward post of I.T.B.P.), Uttarakhand.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and mentioned that proposal involves installation of weather data facilities, on an area of 0.25 ha, for studying the feasibility of wind power generation for ITBP check post located at a place where conventional power cannot be provided due to remoteness.

After discussions, considering the importance of the project for ITBP and no negative impact involved, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions prescribed by Chief Wildlife Warden.

39.4.1.22. Permission for installation of stone crusher at km 4.400 (Priority-I) on road Naga-Nilapani/km 2.100 (priority-II) on road Nelong-NAGA for completion of surfacing works under construction road Bhaironghati-Nelong, Nelong-Naga, Naga-Sonam, Naga-Nilapani and Naga-Jadung, Uttarakhand.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves installation of stone crusher at km 4.400 (Priority-I) on road Naga-Nilapani/km 2.100 (priority-II) on road Nelong-NAGA for carrying out the surfacing works of border roads. It was clarified that no new diversion of forest is involved. Permission for temporary installation of stone crusher is needed to use the stones from the road construction work in the surfacing work.

After discussions, considering the strategic importance of border roads and no need of additional diversion apart from the proposal for reuse of the stones generation from the road work itself, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with conditions prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

39.4.1.23. Proposal for re-alignment and height extension of 220 KV Jhajhra-Rishikesh (earlier 220 KV Khodri-Rishikesh Line) and 132 KV Majra-Rishikesh Line at various locations at Dehradun-Haridwar road (NH-72), Uttarakhand.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and mentioned that the proposal involves realignment and height extension of existing electric power transmission lines, 220 KV Jhajhra-Rishikesh and 132 KV Majra-Rishikesh Line at various locations on Dehradun-Haridwar road (NH-72). Chief Wildlife Warden informed that as a part of road development, the old existing transmission line is being replaced by new modern design masts with more height because of the flyover resulting in higher level of the road to facilitate connectivity of habitat underneath, and there is no additional land involved.

After discussions, considering the inevitability of the need, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with condition of provision of installation of reflectors and bird deflectors and looking into possibility of using insulated wires, and those prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

39.4.1.24. Diversion of 0.50 ha (PDA 0.25 ha and Tirpani 0.25 ha) of forest land from Gangotri National Park for construction of Army Static Communication Network (ASCON PH-IV), Uttarakhand.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves construction of strategic installation (ASCON PH-IV) in an area of 0.50 ha (PDA 0.25 ha and Tirpani 0.25 ha) inside Gangotri National Park.

After discussions, considering the strategic importance of the communication network, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions prescribed by Chief Wildlife Warden.

39.4.1.25. Diversion of 0.63 ha of forestland from Kedarnath Musk Deer Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of Mansoona-Gadbu Motor Road from Km.3.500 to 4.200 under P.M.G.S.Y in District Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and mentioned that the proposal involves construction of 700 m of Mansoona-Gadbu road under PMGSY and would need 0.63 ha of forest land from Kedarnath Musk Deer WLS for diversion. CWLW informed that the road connects remote village and is being aligned along the existing paths with appropriate levelling, to provide last mile connectivity of road, causing minimum disturbance to the sanctuary environment.

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.

39.4.1.26. Diversion of 1.60 ha of forest land from Gangotri National Park for construction of temporary operational track at Pt-4883 (PDA), Uttarakhand.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that proposal of ITBP involves construction of temporary operational track at point 4883 in PDA and an area of 1.60 ha would need to be utilized within the National Park.

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

39.4.1.27. Diversion of 0.1 ha of forest land from Sajjangarh Wildlife Sanctuary for establishment of Cafeteria in Sajjangarh Palace fort, Udaipur district, Rajasthan.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and mentioned that proposal involves establishment of Cafeteria inside Sajjangarh Palace Fort in an area of 0.1 ha to provide

basic amenities to tourists. CWLW informed that the proposed activity is located within the fort area, which when visited by tourists after a long trek, will be needed for refreshments etc as there is not such facility available at present.

After discussions, the Standing Committee considered the need of minimum facilities for the tourists and thus agreed to recommend the proposal along with the conditions prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

39.4.2. Proposals for taking up activities within 10 kms distance from the boundaries of Protected Areas

Member secretary clarified that this category of projects are needed to be placed before the Standing Committee as a requirement of EC clearance projects located within 10 km of National Parks and sanctuaries. Project wise cases were taken up thereafter.

39.4.2.1. Proposal for replacement of power project 1x100 MW Namrup in the District of Dibrugarh, Assam.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal. He mentioned that the proposal involves replacement of the thermal power plant machinery within the existing boundary wall of existing Namrup Thermal Power Station located 5.45 km from Dihing Patkai WLS and at a distance of 0.345 km from the boundary of Jaypur R.F. of Dihing Patkai Elephant Reserve.

The Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam stated that proposal would involve replacement of turbo-generator and allied parts and that too within the existing Power Station. After discussions, the Standing Committee considered the fact that no additional expansion of the installation was involved and agreed to recommend the proposal along with the conditions prescribed by the State Chief Wildlife Warden.

39.4.2.2. Modernization of Existing facility and additional new facilities entailing capacity at Visakhapatnam Port, Andhra Pradesh.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal. He stated that proposal involves modernization of existing and creation of additional facilities for augmenting the handling

capacity of the port. The three corners of the Project are located at distances of 5.503Kms, 6.698 Kms and 8.551 Kms respectively from the boundary of Kambala Konda WLS.

After discussions, considering the importance of expansion of the port capacity for development and the fact that the facilities are proposed at significance distance from the WL Sanctuary, the Standing Committee agreed to recommend the proposal along with the conditions prescribed by the State Chief Wildlife Warden and the State Board for Wild Life.

39.4.2.3. Krishna Godavari LNG Terminal Pvt. Ltd, for “Development of FSRU based LNG Terminal at Kakinada Deep Water Port at Kakinada, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh at a distance of 3.5 km from Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary”.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal. The proposal involves the development of Floating Storages and Re-gasification Unit (FSRU) for import of liquid LNG within the existing deep water port at Kakinada, East Godavari District by State Public Sector Undertaking at a distance of 3.5 km from the boundary of the Coringa WLS.

After discussions, considering the utility of the proposed FSRU facility and the fact that the project is to be undertaken within the premises of the existing deep water port, the Standing Committee agreed to recommend the proposal with the conditions prescribed under mitigation plan approved by the State Chief Wildlife Warden and other conditions.

39.4.2.4. Proposal for Development of Industrial area at Bagged (Rajasamand) in the Rajasamand district; Rajasthan, near Todgarh Raoli WLS.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal. He mentioned that the proposal involves development of Industrial area at Bagged (Rajasamand) in the Rajasamand district at a distance of 3.37 km away from the boundary of Todgarh Raoli WLS by State Undertaking, Rajasthan Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Ltd (RIICO Ltd).

State Chief Wildlife Warden, Rajasthan stated that proposed industrial area would house mineral/marble based industries for which the raw material is collected from Udaipur and nearby areas, and is of high importance for development of the region.

After discussions, considering the importance of the project in economic and industrial development of the region and the location in the proposed industrial area, the Standing Committee agreed to recommend the proposal along with the conditions prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

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 Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal stating that the proposal involves development of a Recreational Project at a place about 650 meters from the boundary of Nahargarh WLS.

The Chief Wildlife Warden, Rajasthan mentioned that the Environment Clearance for the project is under consideration of SEIAA, Rajasthan.

Considering the pending Environment Clearance for the project in the State, the Standing Committee decided not to consider the proposal.

39.4.2.6. Proposal for Stone mining project in area of 3.00 ha of Private Land of M/s Shri Vijay Jaiswal Venkateswar Stone Crusher Indore (MP), Madhya Pradesh.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves mining of stone on a private land of 3 ha located at a distance of 5.7km away from the boundary of Ralamandal WLS, and setting up of a crusher for supply of various grades of soling and metal stones. It was clarified that the stone collection is aimed to be a land based economic activity from the non forest land and the supply of processed stones is useful for availability of rubble and stone products in the locality.

After discussions, , the Standing Committee agreed to recommend the proposal from the angle of impact on the sanctuary along with the conditions stipulated by State Chief Wildlife Warden. However, environmental aspects like noise, dust, air and water Acts etc. are to be considered carefully in accordance with statutes and environmental standards.

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

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal. He mentioned that the proposal involves mining of stone on a private land of 4 ha located at a distance of 6.67km away from the boundary of Panna Tiger Reserve.

AIGF(NTCA) stated that NTCA has not received the proposal. He added that NTCA would like to verify the location and ascertain if it is located inside the areas proposed to be added to Panna Tiger Reserve in lieu of the loss of Critical Tiger Habitat due to upcoming Ken-Betwa River inter-linking Project.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal pending site verification report from NTCA.

39.4.2.8. Diversion of 2.15 ha of Reserved Forest Area for construction of Bahri-Amiliya 33 KV electric line near Jogdaha bridge across Son River in Son Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary, Madhya Pradesh.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal. He stated that proposal involves construction of 33 KV power transmission line across the Son River in Son Gharial WLS for ensuring the uninterrupted power supply to rural households and industrial units.

After discussions, considering the public utility of the project, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the condition related to transmission lines including installation of reflectors and bird deflectors, apart from those stipulated by State Chief Wildlife Warden and the State Board for Wild Life.

39.4.2.9. Proposal of residential and commercial development construction project of M/s Oberoi Construction Ltd at Mulund CTS 475,475/1 to 11&Nahur CTS No. 546,546/1 to 2 village Nahur, Mulund(W), Mumbai.

39.4.2.10. Proposal of residential and commercial development construction project of M/s Oberoi Construction Ltd at Mulund CTS 543, of village Nahur, Mulund(W), Mumbai.

- 39.4.2.11.** Proposed Residential and Commercial Project at S.No.7(hissa no1 to 14),8 (hissa no 1 to 37,39 to 42),9(hissa no 1to 17),10(hissa no 2 to 9,10A,10B,11 to 18),88(hissa no6),99 (hissa no.13,15),100(hissa no.3B,14 to 20, 24 to 30,31A,31B,32,33),101(hissa no 2,3),105(hissa no 1to20)of Village Bunkum, Thane (W), Dist. Thane, Maharashtra. By M/s Piramal Estate Pvt. Ltd.
- 39.4.2.12.** Proposal of commercial and residential construction project at CTS No.491A/5, 491A/6 of M/s Topzone Mercantile Company at village Nahur, Tal.Kurla,distt., Mumbai Suburban. Maharashtra.
- 39.4.2.13.** Proposal for commercial and residential project by Viva holdings is situated on plot bearing New Survey no.54, 62, 63, 78, to 83 & 192,193 at village more, Tal. Vasai, Dist .Palghar, Maharashtra.
- 39.4.2.14.** Proposed Residential and Commercial Project S.No.120/7,120/13/1,120/13/2,121/2,121/3,121/4, 121/5, 121/6, 121/7,121/8,121/9,122/4, 122/5,122/7,122/8,122/9&140/8 at village Kolshet, Tal. Thane, Dist. Thane, by M/s Akash Developers. Maharashtra.
- 39.4.2.15.** Proposed Residential and Commercial Project at S.No. 128,129/1, 129/2(a), 129/3, 129/4, 130, 131/1, 225 at village Kavesar, Tal. Thane, Dist. Thane, by M/s Sai Uma Corporation Builders and Developers. Maharashtra.
- 39.4.2.16.** Proposal of residential and commercial project is situated on plot bearing S.No.186, 364, at village Majiwade, Tal. Thane, Dist. Thane, Maharashtra by M/s Thane Municipal Corporation. Maharashtra.
- 39.4.2.17.** Proposal of residential and commercial development construction project of M/s Godrej Vikhroli Properties LLP at Village Vikhroli, Vokhroli (E), Mumbai. Maharashtra.
- 39.4.2.18.** Proposed Commercial Hospital Project at S.No.217(H.no1,2), S.No.219, S.No.220(H.No.1,3,5),S.No.222,S.No.225(H.No.1,2,3,4,5),S.No.226(H.No.1,2,3,4, 5),S. No227.S.No.228(H. No. 4) at village Majiwade,Tal Thane, Dist. Thane, Maharashtra.
- 39.4.2.19.** Proposed Residential and Commercial Project “Tropical Lagoon” at S. No 242/1(p) 244/16,240/1(p), 240(p), 239(p), 240/ (p), 180&H.No2, 176H. No.6,

176H.No.8, 178H.No.2, 240 at village Kavesar, Tal. Thane, Dist. Thane, Maharashtra by M/s Soham Real Estate Development Co. Pvt. Ltd.

39.4.2.20. Proposal of residential project of Mr. Jay want Chogale on Survey No. 195H, No.2, 196 H.No.2 & S.No.197 (pt) & C.T.S. No. 2302/1A, 1B, 1C of village Dahisar at Borivali (East), Mumbai.

39.4.2.21. Proposed residential and commercial project S.No.51/2 of village Vadavali and survey no.59/2, 59/3, 60, 61/3, 61/4A, 64/2, 64/3 (pt) at village Mogharpada, Thane (W), Distt. Thane, Maharashtra.

39.4.2.22. Proposal of residential and commercial S.No3(67)/2, 3(67)/1, (17pt)1/4, (17/pt.)/1/5, (17/pt.)/1/11, (17/pt.)/1/12, 42(55)/1A, 42(55)/1B, at village Mogharpada & S.No.55/1, 55/2, 53/5, 53/4, 54/2, 53/1, 53/2, 52/1, 54/3, 54/1, 1/9, 55/6A), at village Vadavali, Thane(W), Distt. Thane, Mumbai, Maharashtra.

The Member secretary briefed the Committee on the proposals. He mentioned that all these commercial and residential projects are located, at varying distances, inside the default 10 km area of Sanjay Gandhi National Park(SGNP), where EC is given subject to consideration of SC NBWL.

The Secretary, EFCC mentioned that final notification of ESZ of aforesaid Protected Area is in advanced stage of processing in the Ministry and would be published soon. He further added that as dealt earlier, these proposals may also be considered after the final notification is out.

The Standing Committee agreed to defer the all above 14 proposals pending final notification of ESZ of SGNP.

39.4.2.23. Proposal for the Wildlife Clearance of Phata-Byung Hydroelectric Project (76MW) coming within 10 Km from the boundary of Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary. Uttarakhand.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposal. He mentioned that proposal involves construction of 76MW Hydroelectric Project over Madhu Ganga River, which is a tributary of River Ganga. The proposed project site is located within default 10km area of Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to seek the comments of Ministry of Water Resources & Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWRGJ) on the project. Consequently, the proposal was deferred pending receipt of comments from MoWRGJ.

39.4.2.24. Proposal for extraction/collection of sand/gravel/boulder (Madhu Ganga River Bed Material) mining lease measuring 0.056 ha in Khasra No.2695 & 2696 village-Ukhimath, Tehsil-Ukhimath,district-Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand by Mr. Pramod Singh Negi S/o Shri Gaj Pal Singh Negi.

39.4.2.25. Proposal for extraction/collection of Sand/Gravel/boulder (Madhu Ganga River Bed Material) mining lease area 0.052 ha in Khasra No.2722, 2723, 2724, 2725 & 2726 village-Raulekh, Tehsil-Ukhimath, district-Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand by Mr. Pramod Singh Negi S/o Shri Gaj Pal Singh Negi.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee on the proposals. He mentioned that proposals involve collection / extraction of sand /gravel/ boulder from private lands, measuring 0.056ha and 0.052 ha respectively, from the river bed of Madhu Ganga outside the Musk Deer WLS. The State Chief Wildlife Warden mentioned that the collection/extraction/mining shall be by manual methods and during daytime only.

After discussions, considering the demand of the sand /gravel/ boulder material in the remote hilly areas for construction purpose and understanding of the fact that due to gradient, accumulation of rubble, gravel and sand etc in these areas is a common phenomenon, the Standing Committee agreed to recommend the above two proposals, along with the conditions prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden.

Agenda Item 5: Any other item with permission of Chair

Member Secretary requested Chair to consider a few additional items placed before the Committee by the state representatives.

39.5.1 Diversion of 0.42 ha of forest land from Mussoorie Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of 600 meters motor road of Masrana- Kimoi proposed motor road, Uttarakhand.

The Member Secretary briefed the Standing Committee on the proposal that only 600 meters of the proposed road is passing through Mussoorie Wildlife Sanctuary involving 0.42 ha of

land diversion and felling of trees. The total length 8.0 km (total 5.865 ha) of motor road involves 3.78 ha forest land, 1.10 ha civil land & 0.38 ha private land. The proposed road will provide connectivity to 5 villages in the remote hilly area. He added that State Wildlife Board has recommended the proposal. He clarified that the portion involving the area of Mussoorie Wildlife Sanctuary is adjacent to eastern fringe of the WL range, and is unavoidable because of the alignment reasons in the hilly area.

After discussions, considering that connectivity to the remote hilly villages is very important for provisioning of the basic amenities, limited traffic can hardly be a barrier in wildlife conservation in such remote areas and that in the region, villages are interspersed and are part of the forest landscape, the Standing Committee agreed to recommend the proposal along with the prescribed conditions of Chief Wildlife Warden.

- 1. The proponent will take all necessary steps to avoid unscientific hill cutting.*
- 2. The proposed work within the sanctuary area should be completed within a time frame mutually agreed with the Wild Life Warden.*
- 3. No explosives will be utilized for the construction work within and in immediate vicinity of the sanctuary.*
- 4. The proponent will deposit the construction cost of a double storey forest chauki at Masrana with the Wildlife Warden, at prevalent P.W.D. rates.*

39.5.2 Diversion of 19.62 ha of forest land from Boramdeo Wildlife Sanctuary for upgradation of Chilphi-Rengakhar-Salhewara road (60.811 KM) is M.D.R connecting village N.H at Chilphi to Salhewara, Chattisgarh.

The Chief Wildlife Warden, Chattisgarh requested the Standing Committee for the proposed upgradation and widening of Chilphi-Rengakhar-Salhewara road which was rejected by NTCA being a barrier across functional tiger corridors. He added that the report of WII and NTCA, deserve consideration as in similar case, widening of NH-7, was permitted along with mitigation measures by MoEF&CC in Kanha-Pench Corridor.

The member secretary elaborated the Standing Committee on the proposal that the proposed upgradation of the existing road, is passing through the Boramdeo Wildlife Sanctuary, at 6 places covering 14.01 KM length. The proposed 2-lane will benefit 22 villagers within and

outside sanctuary. The road in the sanctuary is adjoining Madhya Pradesh state and crosses functional Tiger Corridors. Hence the proposal was referred to NTCA under section 38 (O)(g) of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 for their comments. NTCA after consultation with WII and site visit along with the officials of the State, had taken the view and the decision for rejection of the proposal was recommended to Ministry.

The Chief Wildlife Warden, Chattisgarh mentioned that the road widening and upgradation is important in view of left wing extremism and other related issues.

Director, WII mentioned that the existing road, if widened for increasing traffic, will have adverse impacts on Tiger and Wildlife dispersal in the area. Besides NH 12A also runs almost parallel to the proposed road beyond the sanctuary area. For connectivity of villages, which is cited as the main objective of the road, repairing of the existing road with mitigation measures such as speed breakers at a distance of 300m, 10 under passes and 3 rumble strips are recommended. However, in case the road is of critical importance in internal security context, 10 locations and dimensions of underpasses and provision of speed breakers at 300 meters has been suggested.

Standing Committee opined that widening upgradation of the road is important in the light of need and sensitivity of the region. The matter of ensuring of connectivity of habitats is to be ensured by underpasses and appropriate structures, even if more seem advisable. Further, the Committee decided that the proposed speed breakers at a distance of 300 m, would not be useful in context of the Emergency Preparedness in critical situations. Chief Wild Life Warden assured to ensure adequate precautions in this context and informed that NH 12A was located far away on east of the sanctuary and does not facilitate connectivity to villages and quick movement through the sensitive area. He also underscored the importance of this road for quick response in case of wildlife protection related exigencies.

After discussions, the Standing Committee agreed to recommend the proposal for widening and upgradation with condition of more number of underpasses along the places at which the Wildlife passing across. The road will be primarily for use of local transport for the people, government vehicles, security agencies and emergency services while commercial transport can be ensured along the NH 12A only.

After discussions, considering the importance and usefulness of rural connectivity in all spheres of the rural life and sensitivities of the area, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions prescribed by State Chief Wildlife Warden and those proposed by WII/NTCA, other than speed breakers.

35.5.3 Diversion of 0.13 ha of forestland from Sultanpur National Park for construction of 4 lanning (widening) of Gurgaon-Chandu- Farrukhnagar Road, Haryana.

The representative of Haryana state has requested to consider the proposal for diversion of 0.13ha forest land from Sultanpur NP for widening of existing by Gurgaon-Farrukhnagar road. The proposed diversion is required from the small portion of land about 0.29 ha which is separated from the main Park by the existing road and this area was never used for any regular management purpose. Widening of the existing road will provide better connectivity, smooth flow of traffic and reduction in travel time. Ministry had sought a few clarifications, which were made available on the day of the meeting.

The Standing Committee opined that such proposals may be sent in complete application well in advance in future for scrutiny. Considering the urgency expressed by the representative of Haryana State and diversion proposed from separated area by NP the Standing Committee agreed to recommend the proposal with the condition that widening will be undertaken only on outer side meaning no area of the National Park inwards will be utilized. Other conditions as prescribed conditions of Chief Wildlife Warden shall also be followed.

- *The Project Authority will ensure the Tree Plantation along the road.*
- *Project Authority will construct speed breakers near National Park.*
- *No construction plant such as hot mix plant will be set up within the limit of the ESZ.*
- *No construction activity will be carried out in night after 6.00 PM within a distance upto 1 km from the boundary of the Park.*
- *Noise limit of all the construction equipment should be fixed as per defined standards.*

In the end, Chair instructed that additional agenda items should not be provided in the meetings at the last moment. For having a bird's eye view of the proposed activities, coordinates

Decision Support System visuals must be opened on screen at the time of opening of the agenda item. Chair further advised that the activities are to be seen in context of the need of coexistence where sensitivities of the communities are to be appreciated to win their cooperation in conservation efforts. Then only concerted efforts for wildlife/ biodiversity conservation could see success.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to Chair.

ANNEXURE-1

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS OF THE 39TH MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF NBWL HELD ON 23RD AUGUST 2016.

1.	Shri Anil Madhav Dave Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Environment & Forests	Chairman
2.	Shri Ajay Narayan Jha, Secretary, Environment, Forests and Climate Change	Invitee
3.	Dr. Sharad Singh Negi, Director General of Forests & Special Secretary	Member
4.	Shri B.S. Bonal, ADG(WL)Additional Charge & Member Secretary, NTCA	Member-Secretary
5.	Dr V.B. Mathur Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.	Member
6.	Shri R.D. Kamboj Director, GEER Foundation, Gujarat.	Member
7.	Shri S.B.L. Misra, PCCF & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.	Invitee
8.	Shri Amarjit Singh, Special Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation	Invitee
9.	Dr Vivek Saxena, Chief General Manager, Haryana Forest Development Corporation, Haryana	Invitee
10.	Shri Digvijay Singh Khati, Pr.Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttarakhand.	Invitee
11.	Shri B.Brahma, Pr. CCF(WL), Assam.	Invitee
12.	Shri K. Ravichandran, CF(WL), A&N Islands	Invitee
13.	Shri Limatoshi, CCF(Biodiversity Conservation), Tamil Nadu	Invitee
14.	Shri Amit Mallick, CCF(WL) & FD(PT), representing CWLW Kerala	Invitee
15.	Shri Rambir Singh, CF(WL), Gurgaon, Haryana	Invitee
16.	Shri R.M. Ramanyam, DCF, East Nasik, Maharashtra	Invitee
17.	Shri Arun R.S., DCF (Park & Sanctuary), Manipur	Invitee
18.	Shri Shambhv Singh, Addl.C.S.(F&G), Manipur	Invitee
19.	Dr.J.A. Khan, PCCF & CWLW, Gujarat	Invitee
20.	Shri G.V. Reddy, Addl.Pr.CCF & Chief Wildlife Warden, Rajasthan.	Invitee
21.	Shri Bhawan, Pr.CCF (WL)/CWLW, Maharashtra.	Invitee
22.	Shri Debidutta Biswal, Special Secretary (Forests), Government of Odisha.	Invitee
23.	Shri Siddhanta Das, Pr.Chief Conservator of Forests(WL), Odisha	Invitee

24.	Shri Satish Gupta, DFO(WL), Shimla, Himachal Pradesh	Invitee
25.	Shri Vaibhav Mathur, AIG, NTCA	Invitee
26.	Shri Anil Kumar, Addl. Director General of Forests (FC)	Invitee
27.	Dr S.K. Khanduri, Inspector General of Forests (WL).	Invitee
28.	Shri S.P. Vashishth, Deputy Inspector General of Forests(WL)	Invitee
29.	Shir Roy P. Thomas, Joint Director(WL)	Invitee
30.	Shri Rajasekhar Ratti, Deputy Director (WL).	Invitee
