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**Sub: Agenda item no.2{2[3.1]}: Wildlife Conservation Issues-(a) Framing ecologically sound policy for dealing with linear intrusions.**

The issues of 'Framing ecologically sound policy for dealing with linear intrusion' was discussed during the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister wherein it was resolved that the Ministry would formulate necessary guidelines. The matter was thereafter taken up for discussion by the Standing Committee of NBWL in its 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting, and it was decided that draft guidelines with respect to laying of transmission lines and construction of roads impacting the Protected Areas be framed in the first instance. The Committee had assigned the task of preparation of draft guidelines to Dr Shankar Raman, NCF, Mysore and Member, NBWL.

2. The background paper as well as the draft guidelines prepared by Dr Shankar Raman were placed for consideration of the Standing Committee in its 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2012, wherein the Committee had agreed that the background note as well as the draft guidance document be uploaded on the MoEF website for **two months** for comments of all stakeholders to be sent at: <[linearintrusions@gmail.com](mailto:linearintrusions@gmail.com)>.

3. In pursuance to the above decision, the documents have been uploaded on the Ministry's website, and are available (as PDF files) for comments. Comments and suggestions are invited on the draft guidelines which will be taken into consideration for improving the document. The comments on the guidelines may kindly be sent to <[linearintrusions@gmail.com](mailto:linearintrusions@gmail.com)> **no later than 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012.**

  
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Encl: As above