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Date: 7th Feb, 2024

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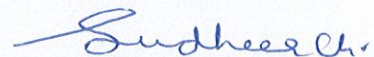
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Sub: Minutes of 77th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life-reg.

Sir/Madam,

Kindly find enclosed copy of the Minutes of 77th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 30th January, 2024 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. Sudheer Chintalapati)
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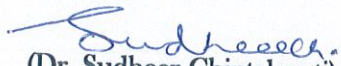
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The Chief Wild Warden mentioned that both the notifications would be issued simultaneously.

Decision taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal submitted by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for denotification of 304.350 ha from the Sailana Sanctuary and addition of 490.39 ha to the sanctuary subject to the condition that the State Government shall publish the notification for addition of areas to sanctuary prior to or simultaneously with the notification for exclusion of the areas from the sanctuary. The State Government shall accordingly submit proposal for declaration of Eco-sensitive Zone around the sanctuary.

77.5.46 Proposal for use of 35.5644 ha forest land (25.2239) ha from Sanjay Gandhi National Park and 10.3405 ha from its Eco-sensitive Zone) for construction of underground Twin Tube Tunnel 2 Lanes Each from Tikuji Ni Wadi in Thane District to Borivali in Mumbai Suburban District in the State of Maharashtra.

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The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal for use of 35.5644 ha forest land (25.2239) ha from Sanjay Gandhi National Park and 10.3405 ha from its Eco-sensitive Zone) for construction of underground Twin Tube Tunnel 2 Lanes Each from Tikuji Ni Wadi in Thane District to Borivali in Mumbai Suburban District in the State of Maharashtra.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to the following conditions:

1. The user agency shall take the necessary permission for diversion of forest land under the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.
2. 2% amount of project cost be made available for wildlife conservation activities in the Sanjay Gandhi National Park.
3. A cumulative study on the effect of construction of underground tunnel the ecological, geological, hydrological and seismological aspects of the Sanjay Gandhi National Park from WII needs to be undertaken by the user agency before commencement of the project. Accordingly, the

necessary precautions and safety measures as suggested by above studies shall be incorporated in the project. Also, a copy of the study report shall be submitted to the Sanjay Gandhi National Park Authorities.

4. The user agency shall construct the cement concrete wall of adequate size as directed by the Sanjay Gandhi National Park authorities, along the project where wildlife is liable to cross over the project area and to prevent straying of wildlife out of the Sanjay Gandhi National Park.
5. The user agency shall install two big billboards/hoardings at the entry and exit of the project as per the specifications provided by the SGNP Authorities. After complete installation of billboards/hoardings, it has to be handed over to SGNP authorities for displaying wildlife related education contents/alert messages.
6. The user agency shall ensure that wild animals are protected from the accidents both during the execution and operational phases. This project be made safe to avoid wildlife accidents in future.
7. The project personnel engaged in the project work shall observe the provisions of the existing legal provisions, especially the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, the Indian Forest Act, 1927 and other applicable laws.
8. The user agency shall take all necessary measures for conservation and protection of flora and fauna in the vicinity of the project.
9. There shall be no blasting during execution of the project. In addition, during excavation phase, all necessary precautions shall be followed by the user agency to protect the flora and fauna of the SGNP. Provision of proper barricading of the work site shall be done by the user agency during execution phase to avoid any human and wildlife mishaps.
10. Norms of noise, air and water pollution be strictly followed. The adoption of measures for reducing noise, air and water pollution need to be undertaken by the user agency.
11. Necessary precautions in the form of structural engineering designing shall be incorporated in the project to stop any future landslides in the project area as well as in the surrounding areas of the Sanjay Gandhi National Park.
12. There shall be dumping of any type of debris on the forest area by the user agency.
13. The user agency shall ensure that no damage or disturbance is caused to the wildlife and its habitat in SGNP during execution and operational phases.

14. No works shall be carried out from sunset to sunrise to avoid disturbances to wildlife.
15. All other necessary permissions from the different statutory authorities shall be obtained by the user agency prior to commencement of the project.
16. As the project passes through the Sanjay Gandhi National Park and is an important access route for the field and administrative staff of Maharashtra Forest department for patrolling round the year, free access to all forest personnel shall be provided through this proposed tunnel by the user agency.
17. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government of India.

77.5.47 Proposal for use of 3.46 ha of land (0.28 ha of forest land and 3.18 ha of non-forest land) from buffer & ESZ of Melghat Tiger Reserve for laying of drinking pipeline on Telhara 69 villages Regional Rural Water Supply Scheme Under JJM, Akola district.

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The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal for use of 3.46 ha of land (0.28 ha of forest land and 3.18 ha of non-forest land) from buffer & ESZ of Melghat Tiger Reserve for laying of drinking pipeline on Telhara 69 villages Regional Rural Water Supply Scheme Under JJM, Akola district.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has also recommended the project proposal.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to approve the proposal subject to the following conditions:

1. Project proponent authority shall deposit 2% of the project cost falling in Buffer/ ESZ of Melghat Tiger Reserve area with Chief Conservator of Forest & Field Director, Melghat Tiger Reserve, Amaravati for conservation and protection of wildlife sanctuary.
2. Modern technology should be used while construction activity to reduce sound pollution and to minimize disturbance to the wildlife habitat inside the buffer zone of MTR.