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(Wildlife Division)

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**Date:** 9th July, 2025.

**To,**

**All Members  
Standing Committee of NBWL**

**Sub:** Minutes of 84<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life-reg.

Sir/Madam,

Kindly find enclosed a copy of the Minutes of 84<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on **26<sup>th</sup> June, 2025** under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

Yours faithfully,

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## **MINUTES OF THE 84<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR WILD LIFE HELD ON 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2025**

The 84<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life was held on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change. The list of participants is placed at **Annexure-1**. At the outset the Member secretary, SCNBWL, extended a warm welcome to all present on the occasion of the 84th meeting of the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife.

### **AGENDA ITEM No. 1**

#### **84.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the 83<sup>d</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2025.**

The Standing Committee was informed that the 83<sup>d</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life was held 22nd April, 2025. The minutes of the meeting were circulated vide letter F. No. WL-6/10/2025 WL dated 9th May, 2025 amongst all the Members. No comments were received from the members on the minutes of the 83rd meeting.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to confirm the minutes of the meeting.

### **AGENDA ITEM No. 2**

#### **84.2 ACTION TAKEN REPORT**

**84.2.1** Proposal for use of 133.56 ha of land which includes 44.43 ha forest land and 10.93 ha of non-forest land from Eco-sensitive Zone (ESZ) of Sri Venkateswara Wildlife Sanctuary, 33.22 ha forest land and 26.70 ha non-forest land from ESZ of Sri Penusila Lakshmi Narasimha Wildlife Sanctuary (114.58 ha in the ESZ also falls in the tiger corridor connecting Nagarjuna Sagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve-Sri Venkateswara National Park) and 18.28 ha forest land from tiger corridor connecting Nagarjuna Sagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve-Sri Venkateswara National Park for construction of four lane national highway from Kadapa to Renigunta section of NH-716 from km 0 to km 121.935, Andhra Pradesh in favour of National Highways Authority of India.

#### **WL/AP/ROAD/496488/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 133.56 ha of land which includes 44.43 ha forest land and 10.93 ha of

non-forest land from Eco-sensitive Zone (ESZ) of Sri Venkateswara Wildlife Sanctuary, 33.22 ha forest land and 26.70 ha non-forest land from ESZ of Sri Penusila Lakshmi Narasimha Wildlife Sanctuary (114.58 ha in the ESZ also falls in the tiger corridor connecting Nagarjuna Sagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve - Sri Venkateswara National Park) and 18.28 ha forest land from tiger corridor connecting Nagarjuna Sagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve - Sri Venkateswara National Park for construction of four lane national highway from Kadapa to Renigunta section of NH-716 from km 0 to km 121.935, Andhra Pradesh in favour of National Highways Authority of India.

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

The proposal was first discussed in the 81st meeting of the Standing Committee held on 21.12.2024 wherein the Standing Committee decided that a site inspection committee comprising of representatives of the Ministry, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Wildlife Institute of India, Andhra Pradesh Forest Department and the User Agency may be constituted for evaluation of the project proposal, examination of animal passage plan and suggest modifications in the animal passage plan if any and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

Accordingly, a committee was constituted which carried out inspection and submitted its report. The proposal along with the report of the committee was discussed in the 82nd meeting held on 12.03.2025 wherein the Standing Committee decided that a comprehensive review may be conducted in a meeting between, Secretary, EF & CC, Secretary, MoRTH, DGF & SS, PCCF and CWLW, Andhra Pradesh regarding the animal passage structures proposed by the User Agency and those proposed by the four members of the site inspection committee and the outcomes may be placed in the next meeting. The Standing Committee therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

In pursuance of the decision of the Standing Committee, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, EF & CC on 07.05.2025 wherein it was decided that the NHAI shall submit a letter along with the relevant layout plan, cross-sectional views, and proposed elevation drawings pertaining to the aforesaid construction. These drawings would be examined by the Chief Wild Life Warden (CWLW), and only upon his approval of the proposed 5.5 km aggregate span and height agreed to in principle—may the proposal be recommended to the Standing Committee for its consideration.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Andhra Pradesh vide his letter dated 13.06.2025 informed that based on the decision as above the NHAI submitted the revised proposal for animal passage structures along with with 3D digital walk-through animation/model of the proposed design.

A meeting was held on dt.11.06.2025 by PCCF(WL) & CWLW, A.P with the NHAI authorities and after detailed examination of the 3D digital walk-through animation/model of the proposed design, the Chief Wild Life Warden recommended the project with certain underpasses. The Chief Wild Life Warden additionally in his letter dated 19.06.2025 has mentioned that the following condition shall be taken into consideration:

Underpasses totaling 5.5 km (5500 m) shall be provided from chainage 2+750/2+900 to 773+200/772+700, with a minimum height of 7–8 meters in the elephant movement area, i.e., between chainage 96.00 and 774.00. In the tiger corridor areas, underpasses shall be provided with a minimum height of 5 meters , at the cost of the User Agency.

Dr. R. Sukumar, Member NBWL enquired regarding the adequacy and necessity of the proposed 11 underpasses in the project area or there could be fewer longer passage structures. He informed about elephant movement patterns, particularly highlighting the northward migration of elephants towards the Venkateshwara Sanctuary, and the potential for future colonization of Nagarjuna Srisaillam in the Eastern Ghats. He requested confirmation on whether adequate provisions had been made for animal movement and whether the number of underpasses could be reconsidered or optimized. He enquired if the animal passage structures now proposed are to the satisfaction of the Chief Wild Life Warden.

The Chairman suggested that the passage should be long enough so that herds of elephants should be able to cross them.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Andhra Pradesh clarified that detailed provisions have been made for elephant movement, including underpasses with a height of 7–8 meters, ensuring safe passage for the animals over the next 20–30 years. The Chief Wild Life Warden also informed that elephant corridors have been designed with appropriate spacing and span ranging from 100m upto 2000m in line with directions given in earlier meetings.

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

1. User Agency should carry out the work only in day time i.e., 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.
2. The User Agency shall leave any waste excess material inside the forest.
3. No blasting shall be done in proposed area without the approval of the concerned authority.
4. Clearance of bush growth etc., shall be kept to bare minimum.
5. User Agency shall not set up labour camps inside the protected area.
6. The felled material (trees, fuel, timber and pulp, if any) is the property of Forest Department and the User Agency shall bear the felling, transportation charges, etc.

7. User Agency shall not commit any action, which is detrimental to the wildlife and habitat and shall obey other conditions stipulated by the Forest Department.
8. Animal Passage Plan will be implemented as indicated in Wildlife Mitigation Plan by the User Agency at their cost. Any modification in the Animal Passage plan or any other suggestion for mitigation, by the State Govt., / SBWL / SC-NBWL, at a later stage shall be implemented by the User Agency. It is also requested to consider deposition of Wildlife Mitigation Plan - financial outlay of Rs.3157.00 lakh in Bio-SAP account for immediate and effective implementation.
9. The User Agency shall construct underpasses at following chainages and dimensions:

Division	Underpass	Start Chainage	End chainage	Span/Length of Underpass
<b>Kadapa</b>	AUP-01	2+900	3+600	700 m
	AUP-02	6+550	6+650	100 m
	AUP-03	7+000	7+150	200 m
	AUP-04	18+700	19+200	500 m
	AUP-05	25+200	25+400	200 m
	AUP-06	29+600	29+900	300 m
	AUP-07	30+100	30+200	100 m
<b>Annamayya</b>	AUP-08	32+100	32+200	100 m
<b>Tirupati</b>	AUP-09	103+400	104+400	1000. m
	AUP-10	105+800	106+100	300 m
	AUP-11	110+700	112+700	2000 m
			<b>Total length</b>	<b>5500 m</b>

10. Underpasses totaling 5.5 km (5500 m) shall be provided from chainage 2+750/2+900 to 773+200/772+700, with a minimum height of 7–8 meters
11. in the elephant movement area, i.e., between chainage 96.00 and 774.00. In the tiger corridor areas, underpasses shall be provided with a minimum height of 5 meters , at the cost of the User Agency.
12. Caution signboards (fluorescent/radium) at every 500 meters about animal crossing, restriction on feeding animals, garbage dumping, honking etc. as per the advice of the Forest Department should be provided by NHAI all along the forest patches. These should be placed where wildlife crossings are maximum and should be determined in consultation with Forest Department.
13. The CWLW, Andhra Pradesh should have appropriate mechanism in place for compliance of the conditions laid in this report during various phases of project implementation.
14. The underpasses should be concrete (RCC) structures so as to enhance their longevity and minimize disturbances caused during annual repair / maintenance of otherwise bitumen structures. The bottom of structures should, as far as possible, have similar

substrates to that which would occur naturally in the absence of the structure. The approach to an animal crossing is a crucial factor in determining its use. Appropriate use of vegetation (trees, shrubs and grasses) can play a significant role in enhancing the naturalness of an engineered structure.

15. NHAI should ensure that the underpasses are fortified with integrated options of light and sound barriers (2 m high), camouflaging, and landscaping including restoration of habitat beneath underpasses after construction.
16. The User Agency should ensure that the animal passages are not inundated with water during rains. Regular removal of debris and silts at the passage structures should be done by the User Agency.
17. Cattle guards (2 m wide) are to be installed at both ends of the underpasses (including the fenced portions) and other fenced sections of the Highway to prevent wild and domestic animals from getting trapped within the fences/crossing structures.
18. Additional features on crossing structures such as walkways or planks/ledges/shelves (50 cm wide) to be installed by NHAI on the interior walls of underpasses/crossing and/or drainage structures, to encourage mammals to use culverts built on natural drainage sites. These structures help animals use the structures in seasons when the culverts may be inundated with water. Ledges/shelves along the inner walls of all crossing and drainage structures are to be constructed for use by small mammals. These structures should extend up to the exit of the structures and brought to ground level.
19. Disturbance during construction in the wildlife sensitive areas is to be kept minimum by the following mechanisms:
  - Use of pre-fabricated materials for construction
  - Use of water from sources other than the river
  - Prohibition on procurement of construction materials from forest
  - Disposal of construction-related debris away from the sensitive sites
  - Prohibition on camping of construction personnel near these sites
  - Keeping construction period restricted during daytime.
20. 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.

**84.2.2** Proposal for use of 310 ha of forest land from core zone of Namdapha Tiger Reserve [for Intermediate Laning (248.790 Ha) and disposal of muck (61.210 Ha)] for construction of Arunachal Frontier Highway (NH 913) From NH-215 (Near Kharsang) To Miao-Gandhigram-Vijaynagar Road of NH-913 in favour of Public Works Department in Changlang district, Arunachal Pradesh.

**WL/AR/ROAD/469050/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use 310 ha of forest land from core zone of Namdapha Tiger Reserve [for Intermediate Lanning (248.790 Ha) and disposal of muck (61.210 Ha)] for construction of Arunachal Frontier Highway (NH 913) From NH-215 (Near Kharsang) To Miao-Gandhigram-Vijaynagar Road of NH-913 in favour of Public Works Department in Changlang district, Arunachal Pradesh.

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

The Member Secretary mentioned that a detailed meeting was held in the Ministry along with Dr. H.S. Singh and Dr. Sukumar Raman along with the Chief Wild Life Warden of Arunachal Pradesh. On examination, it was observed that the mitigation measures proposed, including underpasses, are quite rudimentary when compared to earlier proposals. Certain proposed underpasses have been designed with a height of up to 10 meters, which is not required. Furthermore, most of the proposed mitigation structures appear to follow standard PWD culvert or causeway designs rather than designs tailored for effective wildlife movement. It was further noted that geo-coordinates were provided for only five locations, and the animal passage plan as submitted lacks detailed site-specific research. There was consensus that a comprehensive, research-based animal passage plan is necessary—one that clearly specifies the appropriate design, location, height, and length of underpasses and overpasses based on actual animal movement patterns. The current documentation is inadequate for this purpose.

Dr. R. Sukumar told that given the strategic importance of the road connecting the plains to the Myanmar border and already approved as an all-weather road two years ago there was agreement that the road needs to remain functional. However, the present proposal seeks an expansion, and two major concerns arise: first, the plan would result in the felling of approximately 1,55,000 trees, and the justification for such extensive widening is unclear; second, the animal passage plan must be aligned with actual ground realities regarding wildlife presence and crossing points, and the current plan is weak in this respect.

Dr. H. S. Singh suggested that the animal passage plan may be re-examined and thereafter the proposal may be approved.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Arunachal Pradesh mentioned that proposed widening of the road is not extensive. It is proposed for widening from 3.5 m width to intermediate lanning. This being a border road and strategically important road, it may be approved. The State Government will ensure that the animal passage plan that may be prepared shall be implemented by the User Agency. He further informed that number of trees includes poles and undergrowth as well and in tropical forest area the undergrowth is very high.



Director, WII ensured that the WII would prepare animal passage plan for this project within 3 months.

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

1. The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) shall undertake a comprehensive and site-specific study of the project area on the expenses of the User Agency and complete the work at the earliest. Based on this study, WII shall propose scientifically robust and practical mitigation measures aimed at minimizing adverse impacts on wildlife and their habitats. The User Agency shall implement the mitigation measures proposed by the WII.
2. 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.

**84.2.3** Proposal for use of 38.6 ha non-forest land from buffer zone of Orang Tiger Reserve for construction of 2 lane with paved shoulder from Basnaghat (Morigaon) to Bhuragaon to Burigaon (Kharupetia) including new 2 lane major bridge over river Brahmaputra from Design Km 19.680 to design Km. 59.030 section of NH-715A in favour of PWD, Nagaon NH Division in Darrang District, Assam.

#### **WL/AS/ROAD/520117/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use 38.6 ha non-forest land from buffer zone of Orang Tiger Reserve for construction of 2 lane with paved shoulder from Basnaghat (Morigaon) to Bhuragaon to Burigaon (Kharupetia) including new 2 lane major bridge over river Brahmaputra from Design Km 19.680 to design Km. 59.030 section of NH-715A in favour of PWD, Nagaon NH Division in Darrang District, Assam.

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

Various activities are planned in the region by the State Government. The construction of this road would provide connectivity across Brahmaputra River. A Semiconductor Unit and an Engineering College are going to be established. It would also help in promotion of ecotourism.

The proposal was discussed in the 83rd meeting of the Standing Committee held on 22.04.2025 wherein, the Standing Committee decided that a site inspection committee comprising of the representatives of the Ministry, WII, NTCA, CWLW and the User Agency may be constituted for comprehensive appraisal of the project proposal and therefore, decided to defer the proposal.

Accordingly, a committee was constituted by the Ministry vide OM dated 23.05.2025. The committee carried out site inspection and submitted the report. The committee has recommended the proposal for approval by the Standing Committee subject to certain conditions.

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

1. No adverse impact shall be caused to the wild animals and their habitat.
2. No activities shall be carried out between sunset and sunrise.
3. The User Agency shall submit list of employees/labourers with detailed home address (both present and permanent) with a copy of proof of address to the DFO.
4. The employees and labourer shall cooperate with the Forest Officers/Staff to prevent commission of offence against the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, in the National Park & Tiger Reserve adjoining the project site.
5. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency shall be deposited by the User Agency to the Corpus Fund account of CWLW, Assam for preparation and implementation of a Scientific Human-Animal Conflict Mitigation and Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
6. The Human Animal Conflict Mitigation and Wildlife Conservation & Management Plan shall be prepared and approved within three months from the date of receipt of the above mentioned Corpus Fund.
7. The User Agency shall implement the animal passage plan submitted along with the proposal.
8. The User Agency will ensure minimal light spillage by using downward-facing, shielded lighting to avoid disorienting nocturnal species like tigers and civets, etc. The U/A will install sound barriers along road approaches to reduce traffic noise.
9. The User Agency shall submit list of employees/labourers with detailed home address (both present and permanent) with a copy of proof of address to the DFO.
10. The employees and labourer shall cooperate with the Forest Officers/Staff to prevent commission of offence against the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, in the NP & TR adjoining the project site.
11. The User Agency shall ensure protection of adjacent wetlands in the buffer zone, critical for migratory birds and aquatic species, and also ensure that bridge piers and road construction do not alter drainage patterns or water flow, which could degrade these habitats.
12. Enforce speed limits (e.g., 40 km/h) on the road and bridge approaches, with speed bumps.
13. No construction work should be permitted within buffer zone at night

(sunset to sunrise). Labor camps should be established at least 1 km away from buffer zone. Local Forest Range Officer should monitor that no labourer gets involved in extraction of any forest products.

14. The materials for the proposed road work should be procured from outside the buffer zone. The User Agency should not use any fire hazardous materials, polluting agents, polythene bags etc. during the road work.
15. The Chief Wild Life Warden, Assam will constitute a committee with the Assam Forest Department, NTCA, Guwahati, WII, and NGOs to ensure compliance with mitigation measures and any other conditions laid down by National Board for Wild Life.
16. The User Agency to install sign boards on both sides of the bridge depicting the ecological significance of the area.
17. The User Agency must ensure that no garbage or construction material is dumped into the river or within the buffer zone. Nevertheless, it must routinely clean the river bank and river water around the building site. The use of buffer zone for storing and transporting construction materials is prohibited.
18. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area for implementing Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan approved by the Chief Wild Life Warden, Govt of Assam in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
19. The User Agency shall abide by all the sections of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
20. 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.

#### **84.2.4 Proposal for alteration of boundaries to demerge Tirthan Wildlife Sanctuary from intended Great Himalayan National Park, Himachal Pradesh.**

##### **WL/HP/Others/490933/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for alteration of boundaries to demerge Tirthan Wildlife Sanctuary from intended Great Himalayan National Park, Himachal Pradesh.

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

As per section 35(3) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, where any area is intended to be declared as a National Park, the provisions of sections 19 to 26A (both inclusive except cause (c) of sub-section (2) of section 24) shall, as far as may, be, apply to the investigation and determination of claims, and

extinguishment of rights, in relation to any land in such area as they apply to the said matters in relation to any land in a sanctuary.

As per section 26A(3) of the Act, no alteration of the boundaries of a sanctuary shall be made by the State Government except on a recommendation of the National Board.

The above proposal was discussed in the 82nd meeting of the Standing Committee held on 12.03.2025 wherein the Standing Committee decided that a comprehensive review meeting may be held at the level of Secretary, EF&CC; DGF&SS and State Forest Department and therefore decided to defer the matter for the next meeting.

Accordingly, the meeting was held on 07.05.2025 wherein it was decided to recommend the proposal for consideration by the Standing Committee, recognizing both the legal requirement and the ecological and administrative rationale behind the demerger.

Dr. R. Sukumar expressed support for proposals to de-merge areas already under human occupation, noting that settlements exist where rights have not been settled. He mentioned that the restrictions on local people in the National Parks are greater than in sanctuaries. He suggested for taking a larger biosphere approach so that approach of co-existence with people could be achieved.

The Chairman inquired about the outcomes of the biosphere reserve studies assigned to various institutions a year ago, including studies on Nanda Devi, Valley of Flowers (Uttarakhand), Silent Valley (Kerala), and Satkosia (Odisha), and emphasized the need to take action based on these completed studies. He also suggested convening a meeting to discuss their outcomes.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal for alteration of boundaries to demerge Tirthan Wildlife Sanctuary from intended Great Himalayan National Park, Himachal Pradesh.

**84.2.5** Proposal for alteration of boundaries to demerge Sainj Sanctuary from intended Great Himalayan National Park, Himachal Pradesh.

**WL/HP/Others/490806/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for alteration of boundaries to demerge Sainj Sanctuary from intended Great Himalayan National Park, Himachal Pradesh.

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

The proposal was discussed in the 82nd meeting of the Standing Committee held on 12.03.2025 wherein the Standing Committee decided that a comprehensive review meeting may be held at the level of Secretary, EF&CC; DGF&SS and State Forest Department and therefore decided to defer the matter for the next meeting.

Accordingly, the meeting was held on 07.05.2025 wherein it was decided to recommend the proposal for consideration by the Standing Committee, recognizing both the legal requirement and the ecological and administrative rationale behind the demerger.

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As per section 26A(3) of the Act, no alteration of the boundaries of a sanctuary shall be made by the State Government except on a recommendation of the National Board.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal for alteration of boundaries to demerge Sainj Sanctuary from intended Great Himalayan National Park, Himachal Pradesh.

- 84.2.6** Proposal for Residential cum Commercial Building construction Project over an area of 1.2809 ha by Kerala State Housing Board at Survey. Nos. 1176/1-2, 1176/2-2 & 2498, Marine Drive, Ernakulam Village, Kochi Municipal Corporation, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District at an aerial distance of 0.22 km in default ESZ of Mangalavanam Bird Sanctuary.

#### **WL/KL/INFRA/491140/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for Residential cum Commercial Building construction Project over an area of 1.2809 ha by Kerala State Housing Board at Survey. Nos. 1176/1-2, 1176/2-2 & 2498, Marine Drive, Ernakulam Village, Kochi Municipal Corporation, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District at an aerial distance of 0.22 km in default ESZ of Mangalavanam Bird Sanctuary.

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

The proposal was first considered by the Standing Committee in its 81st

meeting held on 21.12.2024 wherein the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting for examination of proposal in light of the decisions taken with regard to the infrastructure development projects around Keoladeo National Park and Sultanpur National Park by the Standing Committee.

The proposal was thereafter discussed in the 82nd meeting of the Standing Committee held on 12.03.2025 wherein the Standing Committee decided that a comprehensive review meeting may be held at the level of Secretary, EF&CC; DGF&SS and State Forest Department and therefore decided to defer the matter for the next meeting.

Accordingly, the meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Secretary EF&C on 7th May, 2025 and during the meeting it was noted that the Environmental Clearance (EC) for the proposed development was obtained in March 2025. Further, the Draft Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of the Mangalavanam Bird Sanctuary has been notified in May 2025. As per the latest demarcation, this proposed project site is located outside the boundaries of the draft ESZ. Considering these facts, the proposal is recommended for consideration by the Standing Committee.

The Chairman highlighted that the guidelines for infrastructural development should to be formulated around the National Parks and sanctuaries which are wetlands as a prerequisite before any further decisions could be taken on related matters. The wetlands constitute 4.7 % of the land area of the country. More than 2/3 wetlands are outside forest areas. The encroachment of wetlands would result in disturbance to ecosystem in various parts of the country, such as Chennai, Guwahati, Udaipur (behind Fateh Sagar Lake), and Ajmer (around Ana Sagar Lake). It was stressed that unregulated construction and encroachment in these ecologically sensitive areas have already caused serious problems, including urban flooding, and have severely impacted the local ecosystems. If wetlands are further destroyed, it would lead to irreversible ecological damage and aggravate urban flood risks, as seen in several major cities.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that the Ministry shall develop guidelines regarding infrastructure development around wetlands and submit the Standing Committee for further decision in the matter.

- 84.2.7** Proposal for use of 1.6034 ha forest land and 1.3414 ha non-forest land in National Gaviyal Sanctuary and 7.9577 ha forest land in Dholpur Wildlife Sanctuary (total 10.9025 ha) (also core zone of Dholpur Karauli Tiger Reserve) for construction of approach channel, 3 pump houses, approach road, laying of pipeline and 33kV transmission cable under Kaliteer Lift Scheme to provide drinking water to 483 villages of 4 tehsils of Dholpur District, (Basedi, Sarmathura, Badi and Saipau), Dholpur Town, Rajasthan.

**WL/RJ/DRKWATER/471990/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.6034 ha forest land and 1.3414 ha non-forest land in National Gaviyal Sanctuary and 7.9577 ha forest land in Dholpur Wildlife Sanctuary (total 10.9025 ha) (also core zone of Dholpur Karauli Tiger Reserve) for construction of approach channel, 3 pump houses, approach road, laying of pipeline and 33kV transmission cable under Kaliteer Lift Scheme to provide drinking water to 483 villages of 4 tehsils of Dholpur District, (Basedi, Sarmathura, Badi and Saipau), Dholpur Town, Rajasthan.

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

The proposal was discussed in the 82nd meeting of the Standing Committee held on 12.03.2025 wherein the Standing Committee decided that a committee shall be constituted comprising of representatives of the Ministry, NTCA, WII, Rajasthan Forest Department and the User Agency for site appraisal and therefore decided to defer the proposal.

Accordingly, a committee was constituted by the Ministry which carried out inspection and submitted its report. The committee has prescribed certain mitigation measures.

Dr. H. S. Singh recalled a decision taken by the Standing Committee to not consider any proposal for withdrawal of water from river Chambal till a report is submitted by the WII prescribing maintenance of minimum e-flow in river Chambal. The report is awaited from the WII.

The Chairman mentioned that the irrigation project in Madhya Pradesh was conditionally recommended by the Standing Committee. He mentioned that illegal mining is happening in the river Chambal.

Dr. H. S. Singh further mentioned that three mining sites were identified in the river Chambal in Madhya Pradesh at the time of consideration of proposal of alteration of boundaries of National Chambal Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Madhya Pradesh mentioned that the work on the irrigation project is going on. The identified sand mining sites were falling within 1 km from the boundaries of the National Chambal Sanctuary. Therefore, the notification regarding alteration of boundaries of National Chambal sanctuary has been withdrawn.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee keeping in view of Drinking water proposal decided to recommend the proposal subject to the following conditions:

1. All the recommendations to be outlined in the WII's report concerning the e-flow of the Chambal River must be strictly adhered to in both letter and spirit.
2. The conditions specified in the site visit report must also be fully complied with in both letter and spirit.
3. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
4. No material of any kind should be extracted from the Protected Area. There will be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area.
5. The waste material generated should be disposed outside the Protected Area.
6. There will be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
7. The trench dug for laying the pipeline should be filled and levelled after completion of the work.
8. No blasting will be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
9. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
10. The user agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
11. Maintenance activity of any nature should be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
12. The user agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of Standard SOP/Guidelines issued by WII, Dehradun for linear projects.
13. Any permission / clearance required under FCA-1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
14. User agency will provide water facilities to wild animals & forest staff through a dedicated pipeline.
15. In the proposed project, there should be no obstruction in the minimum flow of Chambal River, etc.
16. User agency will not execute any work related to the project in protected area during rainy season.
17. User agency will seek permission/comply with the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court in IA 1648 in writ petition (civil) 202/95 and other relevant Cases.
18. 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.

**84.2.8** Proposal for use of 0.9434 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve for laying of pipe line (Pedestal - 0.5923 ha and underground - 0.3511 ha) for Gararda Water Supply Project to provide functional household tap connection including 10 Years O&M under Jal Jeevan Mission District-Bundi in favour of Public Health Engineering



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**WL/RJ/Pipeline/508927/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.9434 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve for laying of pipe line (Pedestal - 0.5923 ha and underground - 0.3511 ha) for Gararda Water Supply Project to provide functional household tap connection including 10 Years O&M under Jal Jeevan Mission District-Bundi in favour of Public Health Engineering Department.

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

The proposal was considered in the 83rd meeting of the Standing Committee held on 22.04.2025. After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that the Chief Wild Life Warden, Rajasthan shall provide clarification regarding the construction of water storage tank and therefore deferred the proposal for the next meeting.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Rajasthan clarified that one overhead water storage reservoir (OHSR) was proposed to be constructed in the buffer zone of the tiger reserve. The User Agency has given an undertaking that the OHSR would be now be constructed outside the buffer zone. This will result in reduction in area of 0.09 ha required inside the Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve for the project proposal.

Dr. H. S. Singh desired to know the source of water for the project.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Rajasthan informed that the proposal is for drinking water supply to villages and the source of water would be Chambal river only.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee keeping in view of Drinking water proposal decided to recommend the proposal subject to the following conditions:

1. All the recommendations to be outlined in the WII's report concerning the e-flow of the Chambal River must be strictly adhered to in both letter and spirit.
2. The conditions specified in the site visit report must also be fully complied with in both letter and spirit.
3. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the

measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Government in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.

4. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
5. No material of any kind should be extracted from the Protected Area.
6. There will be no felling of trees except mentioned in the proposal and no burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area.
7. The waste material generated should be disposed outside the Protected Area.
8. There will be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
9. No blasting will be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
10. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
11. The user agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972
12. Maintenance activity of any nature should be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
13. The user agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of Standard SOP/Guidelines issued by WII, Dehradun for linear projects.
14. Any permission / clearance required under FCA-1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
15. Pipeline shall be laid underground.
16. The length of trench dug at a time does not exceed 500 m. filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500 m.
17. User agency will provide water supply to nearest Forest Naka/Chowkies and essential water holes in the protected area for wildlife habitat improvement
18. It will be ensured that there is no damage to the forest and wild animals during the work
19. User agency will seek necessary/mandatory permission from the other concerned departments as applicable and will not violate court orders if any.
20. No civil structures will be built with the underground laying of drinking water pipeline.
21. No trees should be felled during the construction of this pipeline. Existing drainage culverts should be retrofitted to facilitate wildlife crossings by animals,
22. Construction work should be permitted during daytime. No

labour camps should be established inside the tiger reserve.

23. Construction materials should be procured from outside the Tiger Reserve. Construction debris should be disposed away from the Tiger Reserve by the User Agency,
24. The alignment of the pipeline and construction activities should not disrupt any natural water channel
25. Excavation pits and trenches should not be left open for long durations to prevent wildlife entrapment.
26. Post-construction, the user agency to ensure proper backfilling, compaction, and native vegetation restoration along the pipeline route.
27. Suitable safety provisions to be kept by the user agency to avoid accidents of animals should be kept during construction, execution as well as operational phase of the project.
28. Use low-noise machinery and avoid bright artificial lighting at night to minimize disturbance to wildlife.
29. CWLW, Rajasthan should monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
30. 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.

**84.2.9** Proposal for use of 1.2598 ha forest land & 0.4168 ha of non-forest land from Bhensrodgarh Wildlife Sanctuary for underground pipeline and 1.3952 ha of forest land & 5.3564 ha non-forest land for underground pipeline (forest and non-forest), intake (non-forest), 66kV line (non-forest) and overhead service reservoir (non-forest) from Jawahar Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary (Total - 8.4282 ha) (part of core and buffer zones of Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve) for water supply project of 648 Villages in Block Begun Bhainsorgarh, Gangarar, Chittorgarh, Bhadesar & Nimbahera District-Chittorgarh from Chambal River under Jal-Jeevan Mission (Package-1) in favour of Public Health Engineering Department.

#### **WL/RJ/Pipeline/493319/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.2598 ha forest land & 0.4168 ha of non-forest land from Bhensrodgarh Wildlife Sanctuary for underground pipeline and 1.3952 ha of forest land & 5.3564 ha non-forest land for underground pipeline (forest and non-forest), intake (non-forest), 66kV line (non-forest) and overhead service reservoir (non-forest) from Jawahar Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary (Total - 8.4282 ha) (part of core and buffer zones of Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve) for water supply project of 648 Villages in Block Begun Bhainsorgarh, Gangarar,

Chittorgarh, Bhadesar & Nimbahera District-Chittorgarh from Chambal River under Jal-Jeevan Mission (Package-1) in favour of Public Health Engineering Department.

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

The proposal was considered in the 83rd meeting of the Standing Committee held on 22.04.2025. After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that the Chief Wild Life Warden, Rajasthan shall provide clarification regarding the construction of water storage tank. The Standing Committee also decided that a site inspection committee comprising of the representatives of the Ministry, WII, NTCA, CWLW and the User Agency may be constituted for comprehensive appraisal of the project proposal and therefore, decided to defer the proposal.

Accordingly, a committee was constituted by the Ministry which carried out site inspection and submitted its report. The committee recommended the project proposal with certain conditions.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Rajasthan has also clarified that the water storage tank is proposed near populated area and within revenue land which does not have movement of wild animals. It will not impact wildlife.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that the report of WII regarding maintenance of minimum e-flow in river Chambal should be expedited.

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

1. All the recommendations to be outlined in the WII's report concerning the e-flow of the Chambal River must be strictly adhered to in both letter and spirit.
2. The conditions specified in the site visit report must also be fully complied with in both letter and spirit.
3. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Government in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
4. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
5. No material of any kind should be extracted from the Protected Area.
6. There will be no burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area.
7. The waste material generated should be disposed outside the Protected Area.

8. There will be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
9. The trench dug for laying the pipeline should be filled and leveled after completion of the work.
10. No blasting will be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
11. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
12. The user agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
13. Maintenance activity of any nature should be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
14. The user agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of Standard SOP/Guidelines issued by WII, Dehradun for linear projects.
15. Any permission / clearance required under FCA-1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
16. Pipeline shall be laid underground.
17. The length of trench dug at a time does not exceed 500 m. filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500 m.
18. The transmission line under the scheme shall be laid underground.
19. User agency will provide water Connection for drinking water free of cost at least 10 water point for wild animals in the alignment.
20. It will be ensured that there is no damage to the forest and wild animals during the work.
21. User agency will seek necessary/mandatory permission from the other concerned departments as applicable and will not violate court orders if any.
22. Violation has been observed in this case for which penal provision of 5% proportional project cost may be charged from the user agency.
23. 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.

**84.2.10** Proposal for use of 4.5465 ha of land from Rajaji Tiger Reserve for development of ropeway at Rishikesh from Triveni Ghat to Neelkanth Mahadev Mandir on PPP Model under Design Built Finance Operate and Transfer (DBFOT Basis) in favour of Uttarakhand Metro Rail Urban Infra and Building Construction Corporation Limited.  
**WL/UK/Others/479373/2024.**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 4.5465 ha of land from Rajaji Tiger Reserve for development of ropeway at Rishikesh from Triveni Ghat to Neelkanth Mahadev Mandir on PPP Model under Design Built Finance Operate and Transfer (DBFOT Basis) in favour of Uttarakhand Metro Rail Urban Infra and Building Construction Corporation Limited.

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

The proposal was first discussed in the 81st meeting of Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 21st December, 2024 wherein the Standing Committee decided that the NTCA shall re-examine the proposal and therefore, decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

The Ministry requested the NTCA to re-examine the proposal vide letter dated 24th February, 2025. The NTCA vide OM.No.7-95/2024-NTCA dated 7th March, 2025 has recommended that a team comprising of representative from MoEF&CC, NTCA, WII, User Agency and State Forest Department is to be constituted by the SC-NBWL to conduct a comprehensive site appraisal.

The Ministry requested vide letter F.No. WL 6/9/2025-WL dated 07.04.2025 requested the NTCA to constitute a team. Accordingly, a site inspection team was constituted by the NTCA vide OM dated 09.04.2025 comprising of following members:

- i. DIG, NTCA, Hqrs, New Delhi - Member Convener
- ii. Representative of Director, WII -Member
- iii. Representative of Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttarakhand – Member
- iv. Field Director, Rajaji Tiger Reserve - Member
- v. Representative of User Agency - Member.

The NTCA submitted its report vide dated 28.04.2025 recommended the proposal for approval with certain observations and recommendations.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttarakhand stated that there is 27 km road leading to the Neelkanth Mahadev Mandir through core zone of Rajaji Tiger Reserve. The report of NTCA recommended severe restrictions on the road and advised for use by local villagers for bonafide purposes only. However, the road is used by Kawariyas and it may not be possible to impose restrictions during that time. This ropeway is an eco-friendly way of transportation. If the proposal is considered, it would be beneficial for the people of Rishkesh and Uttarakhand.

Dr. R. Sukumar mentioned that under the project several construction works would be carried out inside core zone. He desired to know if the project is proposed near the boundary of the Tiger Reserve. He mentioned that in the past NTCA has not recommended projects of approval inside core zone of tiger reserve barring under exceptional circumstances such as in Namdapha Tiger Reserve. He suggested that if the project is proposed near the boundary of the tiger reserve, this area may be taken out from the boundary of tiger reserve by altering its boundaries.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttarakhand stated that Government of India

had issued an office memorandum mentioning ropeways as eco-friendly ways of transportation. He informed that the proposed project area falls in the core zone of tiger reserve near the boundary of Rajaji National Park.

The Standing Committee further inquired about the justification of proposal falling in core area and desired the Chief Wildlife Warden should present the justification of the proposal in the next meeting with facts and insights.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting for further examination.

**84.2.11** Proposal for use of 1.59 ha of forest land from Shikari Devi Wildlife Sanctuary for up-gradation/widening of existing jeepable road from Janjehli-Raigarh-Shikari Mata temple (Portion KM 10/400to16/1400 & 17/330 to 18/100)-**FP/HP/ROAD/5742/ 2021**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.59 ha of forest land from Shikari Devi Wildlife Sanctuary for up-gradation/widening of existing jeepable road from Janjehli-Raigarh-Shikari Mata temple (Portion KM 10/400to16/1400 & 17/330 to 18/100).

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

During 73rd meeting of the Standing Committee, it was decided to return the proposal for resubmission as there was huge variation in actual requirement and the area as per the proposal.

The State Government was also requested for action against the violation and submission of an action taken report with regard to the reported violations before the next meeting. Accordingly, the proposal was returned to the State Government with request for submission of action taken report regarding violations.

The matter regarding action taken for violation has been considered by the Standing committee. In the 80th meeting, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal with a direction the State Government to take effective action against the violations and submit action taken report.

The Standing Committee in its 81st meeting directed that a fact-finding committee shall be constituted. The committee shall enquire the role of senior officers of the Forest Department in the matter.

Accordingly, the Ministry constituted a fact finding committee vide letter No. 6-81/2022 WL dated 21.01.2025 comprising of following members:

1. Deputy Director General of Forests (C), Regional Office, MoEFCC, Chandigarh: Chairman
2. Representative from the Forest Survey of India, Regional Office

Shimla: Member

3. Representative from the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun: Member

The fact-finding committee carried out site inspection and submitted its report vide dated 15.05.2025. The committee noted that an inquiry report regarding violation in upgradation/widening of existing jeepable road from Janjehli-Raigarh Shikari Mata Temple (Portion Km 10/400 to 16/1400 and 17/330 to 18/100) submitted by Sh. H. V. Kathuria, APCCF (M&E), Himachal Pradesh Forest Department was also referred wherein, it has been concluded that no incidence of road widening of the existing road in the Shikari Devi Wildlife Sanctuary area by HP PWD was ever reported by the concerned Range Officer, Deputy Ranger and Forest Guard to higher ups of the Forest Department. Neither, any action was taken to stop them from illegal construction of the road. The matter was highlighted only after the team of Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun visited the Sanctuary in 2023. The inquiry report by Sh. H. V. Kathuria recommended to submit proposal as per the factual position on ground for ex-post facto approval from the competent authority in order to regularise the case.

The road existed as jeepable road at least since 1994-95 and HP PWD was involved previously also through Forest Department in maintenance of the road. The present situation of the road has evolved through various phases of upgradation departmentally and not one-time violation in view of execution of the work by HP PWD pursuant to the Ministry of Rural Development, Rural Connectivity Division approval vide letter no P-17024/9/2018-RC (FMS-363986) dtd 13.12.2019 for Rs 1556.59 lakhs for upgradation of Janjehli-Raigarh-Shikari Mata temple road. The HP PWD should have sought prior approval of the Standing Committee of the National Board of Wildlife as well as approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 before execution of work sanctioned by the Govt of India in view of the approval of the State Board of Wildlife in its meeting held on 29.6.2020.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned the violations came to light only when the proposal was considered by the Standing Committee. This means that even higher officials were involved in the matter.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Himachal Pradesh informed that already enquiry has been conducted at two levels in the matter. Actions have been taken against Range Officers, Foresters and Forest Guards and also PWD staff.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to take note of the action of taken by the State Government and recommended that action against the staff involved in the matter should be completed with in three months and senior and supervisory officers should be issued warning. The Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to the following conditions:



1. The animal passage plan submitted along with the proposal shall be implemented.
2. The State Government shall warn the officials and the staff involved in the violation of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 in construction of the project works without the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
3. The State Government shall issue an advisory to all the departments regarding the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 so that such violations do not happen in future.
4. The State Forest Department shall strictly enforce the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 regarding development works in sanctuaries and National Parks. Any violations of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 or Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
5. 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.

### **AGENDA ITEM No. 3**

#### **84.3 POLICY MATTERS AND COURT ORDERS**

##### **1 Recovery Program for Critically Endangered Species under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) - Development of Wildlife Habitat (DWH).**

The Standing Committee was informed that during the deliberations in the meeting of the National Board for Wild Life (NBWL) chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister two categories of directions emerged from the discussions. The first category relates to the need for systematic collection of research and data across various stages to inform and implement appropriate policies. The second category focuses on certain species that require urgent and focused conservation efforts. The key species identified for such focused conservation include **Asiatic lions, dolphins, gharials, and Sloth bears**.

The Member Secretary, NBWL, informed that the Director, Wild Life Preservation, with the approval of the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life, can include Sloth bears and Gharials under the Species Recovery Programme of the CSS-DWH to enable focused conservation action.

The Ministry has prepared conservation inputs for the sloth bears and gharials with the help of Wildlife Institute of India.

Director General of Forests and Special Secretary mentioned that a rescue

centre for sloth bear was started in Uttar Pradesh with the assistance of Wildlife SOS NGO.

Dr. R. Sukumar mentioned that Sloth bear is present in abundance in certain parts of the country and there are instances of human-sloth bear conflicts. Accordingly, the recovery plan must incorporate a comprehensive human-sloth bear conflict mitigation strategy as an integral component.

Director, Wildlife Institute of India supported that the project includes mitigation of human-sloth bear conflicts as one of the component.

The Member Secretary, NBWL mentioned that while the species is not categorized as critically endangered by the IUCN at the national level due to its overall abundance, there are localized populations that are critically endangered. In certain regions, sloth bears are a source of significant human-wildlife conflict. The Ministry proposes targeted support for those areas where sloth bear populations are threatened or where conflict is acute.

He further added that the Gharial, an endemic species confined to the Indian river systems (including the Chambal, Yamuna, Ganga tributaries, Sharda, Girwa, Gandak, Ramganga, Mahanadi, and Brahmaputra), remains critically endangered despite conservation efforts since 1975. The Ministry also noted that although Mugger and Saltwater crocodiles are not as threatened, saltwater crocodiles have become locally extinct in parts of the mainland and need attention in specific contexts (e.g., Andaman & Nicobar Islands). Similarly the Muggers are entering into negative interface. The conservation impetus of Gharial shall also bring Mugger and Salt Water Crocodile in focus of studies, monitoring and knowledge sharing. On top of it, the conservation of Gharial specially the efforts of ex-situ conservation and release of hatchlings will get a revival.

The Ministry has proposed:

- Financial support for scientific research and monitoring through CAMPA funds.
- Habitat restoration and management through the CSS-DWH.

This dovetailing of resources will ensure a focused and integrated recovery approach.

Dr. H. S. Singh desired to know if the species caracal which was recommended earlier by the Standing Committee for inclusion in the Species Recovery Programme has been incorporated. He further suggested for establishment of conservation breeding centres for caracal in Rajasthan and Gujarat.

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Wildlife) clarified that the species has been included in the programme.

Further, Director (WII) informed that the Ministry has already assigned the Wildlife Institute of India to conduct a survey on caracal.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu informed that salt water crocodile has gone locally extinct in Tamil Nadu.

The Member Secretary informed that there are reports of human-salt water crocodile conflicts in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. He further informed that Carcal is one of the focus species in Small Cat Project being run by the Ministry under GEF-7 project with UNDP and GTF.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Odisha informed that three species of crocodiles, gharials, mugger and salt water crocodiles are found in Odisha. The number of salt water crocodiles has gone upto 2000.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend inclusion of the species, namely, Gharials (*Gavialis gangeticus*) and Sloth bear (*Melursus ursinus*) in the Species Recovery Programme of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Development of Wildlife Habitats.

## 2 Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) Guidelines – Review and Way Forward

The Standing Committee was informed that the agenda has been proposed by Dr. H. S. Singh. The guidelines for preparing proposals for declaration of Eco-sensitive Zone and preparation of Zonal Master Plan mention three types of activities - (Prohibited activities, regulated activities and promoted activities. The state forest departments consider the guidelines as rules for sending the proposal for ESZ, but guidelines are guidelines, not rules. Some of the activities mentioned in the guidelines may be irrelevant for a particular Protected Area whereas some of the activities not mentioned in the guidelines may not be relevant for a particular protected area. It was highlighted that:

- The classification of activities (e.g., renewable energy projects, tourism, housing) should not be uniform but must vary depending on local ecological sensitivity.
- Activities that are beneficial in one region may pose ecological risks in another.

The Member Secretary suggested that the ESZ guidelines may be revisited to provide better ecological safeguards. This should involve:

- Stakeholder consultations including inputs from state governments, relevant ministries, environmental experts, and the ESZ Division.
- A formal inter-ministerial consultation process to solicit views from all concerned departments before finalizing any changes to the guidelines.

The Standing Committee was informed that the major stakeholders which are affected due to guidelines on Eco-sensitive zones around National Parks and sanctuaries are Mining, Highways, Railways, Housing, Tourism etc.

The Chairman suggested that a note may be prepared on the revision of

guidelines and it may be circulated to various ministries and also with the States inviting suggestions. Thereafter, the agenda may be placed before the Standing Committee.

Dr. H. S. Singh cited another example that during preparation of Zonal Master Plan of ESZ in Gujarat, he had suggested for prohibition of sand mining activities around National Park upto three km and thereafter, it could be regulated. However, the notification mentioned complete prohibition of mining activities within notified ESZ. The guidelines for preparation of proposals for declaration of ESZ around National Parks and sanctuaries therefore require amendments.

CWLW, Himachal Pradesh said that ESZs have been notified around several sanctuaries in Himachal Pradesh. Several activities have been prohibited and regulated as per the notifications. The State Government of Himachal Pradesh has prepared Zonal Master Plans for two protected areas and seven are under finalisation. It has been observed that due to inclusion of certain activities in the prohibited and regulated list, a significant number of local communities are being adversely affected by the notification of Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZs), and this is leading to growing objections against the preparation of Zonal Master Plans (ZMPs). Unlike the declaration of Protected Areas (PAs), where settlement of rights is carried out and relief is provided, no compensation or relief has been provided in the case of ESZs. The restrictions imposed—including prohibition of industries, mining, and other commercial activities—are resulting in hardships to the affected population. As we move forward with the preparation of ZMPs, these issues are expected to become more pronounced. There is, therefore, a need for a rational and balanced approach, including a review of ESZ boundaries in certain cases to exclude specific activities that are adversely affected.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Karnataka mentioned that from the next day of declaration of National Parks and sanctuaries, the conditions of default ESZ upto 10 km is imposed. However, as suggested earlier, a two-year transitional period be granted from the date of their declarations. During this period, existing activities may continue, and operators of prohibited activities should be given an opportunity to either phase out or shift such activities outside the default ESZ. Final ESZ notification should be issued within this two-year period after due consultations with stakeholders. This approach will help mitigate the immediate socio-economic impact and facilitate smoother implementation.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu mentioned that the current default ESZ provisions are proving to be a dissuasion for notification of new areas with high conservation value as National Parks and sanctuaries. Many proposed such notifications are being deferred or scaled down due to anticipated issues arising from ESZ restrictions. A more flexible and site-specific ESZ framework is essential to encourage conservation without creating unintended hardships.

The Chairman said that strict protection must be ensured for core areas, especially those that are the origin points of tributaries and critical water resources. These areas are vital for maintaining ecological balance, and the loss of water resources would undermine the very purpose of conserving the core area. However, extending a blanket 10-kilometre ESZ to all Protected Areas,

irrespective of local ecological and geographical conditions, would not serve the intended purpose. For instance, in the case of Asola and Hastinapur sanctuaries, the imposition of a 10-kilometre ESZ. Similarly, in highly urbanized landscapes such as Sanjay Gandhi National Park in Mumbai, enforcing such an ESZ creates significant challenges. Similar is the case with Sukhna Sanctuary. In states like Himachal Pradesh, where approximately 65% of the area is already under forest or protected status, further rigid imposition of ESZ norms could hinder local development without proportional ecological gains. Therefore, ESZ rules should not be uniform across the country; instead, they must be adapted to reflect the specific ecological and socio-economic realities of each region.

Dr. R. Sukumar mentioned 10 km ESZ around small bird sanctuary of about 1 sq. km. is meaningless.

Director (WII) suggested that another important issue that requires attention in the context of Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) guidelines is the applicability of these guidelines to different types of sanctuaries, particularly marine sanctuaries. The current guidelines have primarily been framed keeping in view of the sanctuaries located on land, and as a result, certain provisions are not suited to marine or aquatic ecosystems. For instance, there may be requirement of inclusion of activities such establishment of saw mills in ESZ around marine protected areas. Therefore, the ESZ guidelines may be indicative rather than rigid prescriptions. Further, there may be specific regulatory principles tailored to the unique ecological characteristics and conservation needs of marine ecosystems.

Chief Wild Life Warden, Kerala, informed that there was a proposal to declare approximately 150 square kilometers of land as a sanctuary around the Silent Valley National Park in order to strengthen the protection of this ecologically sensitive region. The proposal was duly placed before the State Board for Wild Life for its consideration. However, the Board decided not to recommend the proposal, citing concerns similar to those that have emerged in other cases particularly the apprehension that the declaration of such areas would automatically trigger the imposition of a default Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) with restrictive regulations.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that the Ministry shall prepare a note on the issue and carry out both an internal consultation with IA, ESZ, FC, Wetland and other relevant divisions of this Ministry. Thereafter, a consultation meeting by the ESZ and WL Divisions may be convened. The outcome of the exercise thereafter may be submitted to Committee for further deliberation.

### **3 Monitoring the implementation of terms and conditions for the major project proposals already approved by the Standing Committees of NBWL during the previous meeting.**

The Standing Committee was informed that the agenda has been proposed by the Dr. H. S. Singh. This is concerning the monitoring of terms and conditions for major project proposals approved by the Standing Committee. It has been discussed repeatedly over the past five to six years. However, members remain

unaware of how many such proposals have actually been monitored. There is a pressing need to ensure systematic monitoring of major projects such as mining, industrial, and linear infrastructure to uphold the objectives of wildlife conservation. As an initial step, it is proposed that Chief Wild Life Wardens, being the statutory authorities under the Act, submit compliance certificates for all major projects. Dr. H. S. Singh has also proposed a certificate for submission of the compliance certificate.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that the proposals of those states which do not submit compliance certificates should not be considered.

The Chairman mentioned that in the past also this agenda was discussed. The report regarding compliance of conditions imposed by the Standing Committee should be placed before it.

The Standing Committee was informed that the regional offices of the Ministry have also been requested to monitor the compliances of these conditions.

The Member Secretary stated that there may be 1000 proposals recommended by the Standing Committee in the past two years. He suggested that the compliance certificate in the format proposed by Dr. H. S. Singh may be sought from the States for two years.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that the compliance certificate may be obtained in cases of major project proposals such as mining, linear infrastructure projects such as highways, railways, transmission lines etc. for last five years. There may not be more than 10 such major project proposals in each state which have been recommended by the Standing Committee. If the Chief Wild Life Warden is unable to submit compliance certificate case for such small number of projects, the proposals from those states should not be considered in future. The Standing Committee should not be liberal in such cases.

Dr. R. Sukumar also mentioned that the Standing Committee had taken a decision to seek compliance certificates in most important cases.

Director General of Forests and Special Secretary suggested that the monitoring protocol may be developed on the PARIVESH portal.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that the Ministry shall circulate the proforma suggested by Dr. H. S. Singh and seek compliance reports from the Chief Wild Life Wardens in cases of major infrastructure projects of highways, railways, transmission lines, mining etc. and place the same before the Standing Committee in the next meeting.

#### **4 Declaration of wildlife articles/ Trophies proposed by Chief Wild Life Warden, Karnataka**

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Karnataka mentioned that due to rationalisation of schedules under Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 at the time of its amendment in

2022, several wild animals which were earlier in other Schedules for example Sambhar have been included in Schedule I of the Act. As a result, individuals who lawfully possessed these articles earlier are now facing difficulties. Due to inclusion in Schedule I, they are required to declare them under the provisions of the revised law. He also pointed out that even in cases involving foreign-origin items, such as African tusks, which now fall within the ambit of the amended Act, a mechanism for lawful declaration is necessary to regularize such possessions.

The Chairman opined that many individuals, including members of the armed forces and ordinary families, who hold such wildlife articles are facing difficulties. Further, the absence of this opportunity risks encouraging illegal trade or unintentional violations of the Act.

The Director General of Forests and Special Secretary informed that the proposal for amendment in the rules was sent to the Ministry of Law and Justice which did not approve the proposal.

The Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Wildlife) informed that not many States/Union Territories had requested amendment in the Rules.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Odisha mentioned that the animals listed in appendices of CITES were required to be declared on PARIVESH portal. Since, the time limit is over, there are issues being faced in this aspect also.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Karnataka suggested that special cells may be created at regional levels to address this issue.

The Member Secretary suggested that such cells may be formed in the regional offices of the Wild Life Crime Control Bureau who can assist the States under their jurisdictions.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that the proposal regarding amendment in the rules regarding declaration of wildlife articles and trophies may be examine by the Ministry and submitted before the Comittee for future deliberation.

## **AGENDA ITEM No. 5**

### **84.5 FRESH PROPOSALS**

#### **CANAL (OTHERS THAN MINOR IRRIGATION CANAL)**

**84.5.1** Proposal for use of 0.00803 ha of forest land from Bassi Wildlife Sanctuary for rehabilitation and modernization of Bassi canal system, Rajasthan.

**WL/RJ/Canal/447993/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.00803 ha of forest land from Bassi Wildlife Sanctuary for rehabilitation and modernization of Bassi canal system, Rajasthan.

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

The Chairman pointed out that the area required for the project proposal is very less. It can be recommended.

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
2. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
3. No material of any kind should be extracted from the Protected Area.
4. There will be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area.
5. The waste material generated should be disposed outside the Protected Area.
6. There will be no labour camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
7. The trench dug for laying the pipeline should be filled and levelled after completion of the work.
8. No blasting will be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
9. To restrict movement of wild animals towards the road/railway track in the Protected Area, adequate mitigative measures such as wall/chain link fencing will be constructed by the User Agency to stop accidents.
10. There shall be no high mast/beam/search Lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
11. The User Agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
12. Maintenance activity of any nature should be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of Tiger Reserve/PA.
13. The User Agency shall and project personnel will comply with the provisions of Standard SOP/Guidelines issued by WII, Dehradun for linear projects.
14. Any permission/clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
15. Ramp/board staircase (4-5 feet) is required at least 3 places so that



the animals can move out from there.

16. In addition 6 ft wall must be constructed on both sides of canal to prevent wildlife from falling into the pucca canal.
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.

## **COMMUNICATION POST**

**84.5.2** Proposal for use of 0.08 ha of forest land from Barnawapara Wildlife Sanctuary for installation of mobile towers for SOF 4G Saturation Project in Balodabazar WL Forest Range 0.02 ha each in Villages Name (i) Hardi (ii) Kothari (iii) Loridkhar & (iv) Pandadah, District - Baloda Bazar, Chhattisgarh in favour of BSNL.

### **WL/CG/CommPost/458806/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.08 ha of forest land from Barnawapara Wildlife Sanctuary for installation of mobile towers for SOF 4G Saturation Project in Balodabazar WL Forest Range 0.02 ha each in Villages Name (i) Hardi (ii) Kothari (iii) Loridkhar & (iv) Pandadah, District-Baloda Bazar, Chhattisgarh in favour of BSNL.

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 with the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
  - a. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
  - b. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
  - c. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
  - d. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area as per the procedure.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location

wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.

5. The User Agency shall compulsorily follow the provisions under Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
6. 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.

**84.5.3** Proposal for use of 0.06 ha of Reserve Forest land from Jambughoda Wildlife Sanctuary for erection of mobile towers one each in uncovered villages, Gondhra, Pipiya and Keva in District Panchmahal in favour of BSNL.

#### **WL/GJ/CommPost/522949/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.06 ha of Reserve Forest land from Jambughoda Wildlife Sanctuary for erection of mobile towers one each in uncovered villages, Gondhra, Pipiya and Keva in District Panchmahal in favour of BSNL.

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 with the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
  - a. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
  - b. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
  - c. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
  - d. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area as per procedure.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location

wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.

5. The User Agency shall not violate any provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
6. The User Agency shall not harm or destroy wildlife habitat including fauna and flora of the Sanctuary.
7. The User Agency agrees to make good the land after use/maintenance.
8. The User Agency shall seek permission from the State Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance.
9. The User Agency shall completing of work in 2 years from the approval of on the Pas after taking into account all the factors/issues involves in the work.
10. Approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, if required, shall be obtained separately for use of forest land.
11. The User Agency shall deposit NPV for the use of land of Protected Area as per the existing rates before initiating any work on the land.
12. The User Agency shall restore the land in its original form after completion of the work.
13. The User Agency shall not use the area for any other work other than the work permitted.
14. The User Agency shall not establish any temporary or permanent labour camp in the Sanctuary.
15. The User Agency or his contractor shall not create any fire places inside the Sanctuary.
16. All the material required for the work shall be prepared outside the sanctuary.
17. The work in the Sanctuary will be allowed only in the day time from 8 AM to 6 PM.
18. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Government in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
19. 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.

**84.5.4** Proposal for use of 0.0324 ha of forest land from core zone of Kanha Tiger Reserve for installation of 4G mobile tower in Patwa forest village, District Balaghat for anti naxal operation in favour of Madhya Pradesh Police.

**WL/MP/Police/528088/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0324 ha of forest land from core zone of Kanha Tiger Reserve for

installation of 4G mobile tower in Patwa forest village, District Balaghat for anti naxal operation in favour of Madhya Pradesh Police.

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 proposal subject to certain conditions.

A proposal from the State Police Department for installation of 4G mobile tower in Patwa forest village was earlier not recommended by the Standing Committee.

The installation of mobile tower shall assist in anti-naxal operations.

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

1. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
2. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
3. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
4. All the construction material will be brought from outside of the national park and forest area.
5. No labour camp will be established inside national park area.
6. Construction work will not be carried out in the night.
7. The mobile tower infrastructure must be decommissioned and removed once the Left-Wing Extremism threat is neutralized and the area is declared free from insurgent activity by competent authorities.
8. VSAT-based communication systems should be used instead of Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) to avoid soil trenching, vegetation clearance, and habitat fragmentation typically caused by cable laying.
9. Limit construction activities to daytime hours only and strictly prohibit the establishment of labour camps within the tiger reserve or its corridors. Workers should commute from outside the reserve, and no overnight stays should be permitted
10. Ensure that all construction materials are procured from outside the tiger reserve. Construction debris must be transported and disposed of away from the reserve boundaries to minimize disturbance to wildlife habitats.
11. Construction activities must not disrupt or divert natural water channels, such as rivers or streams, which are vital for wildlife. Special care should be taken to prevent contamination or obstruction of these water sources during tower installation.
12. Strictly monitor construction sites to prevent labour trespassing

beyond designated areas. Erect barriers or install signage to clearly demarcate construction zones and deter unauthorized entry by workers, thus reducing disturbance to wildlife.

13. Implement measures to minimize electromagnetic radiation (EMR) emissions from mobile towers. This may include using lower-powered antennas, directional antennas, or shielding to mitigate potential impacts on wildlife health.
14. CWLW Madhya Pradesh should develop appropriate mechanism to monitor compliance of the conditions stipulated herein at various phases of project implementation.
15. 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.

**84.5.5** Proposal for use of 0.0334 ha of forest land from core zone of Kanha Tiger Reserve for construction of 4G mobile tower in Supkhar forest village, district - Balaghat for anti naxal operation in favour of Madhya Pradesh Police.

#### **WL/MP/Police/501362/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0334 ha of forest land from core zone of Kanha Tiger Reserve for construction of 4G mobile tower in Supkhar forest village, district - Balaghat for anti naxal operation in favour of Madhya Pradesh Police.

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 proposal subject to certain conditions.

A proposal from the State Police Department for installation of 4G mobile tower in Supkhar forest village was earlier not recommended by the Standing Committee.

The installation of mobile tower shall assist in anti-naxal operations.

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

1. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
2. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
3. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and

bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.

4. All the construction material will be brought from outside of the Kanha Tiger Reserve.
5. No labour camp will be established inside tiger reserve area.
6. Construction work will not be done in the night and fencing the tower site for protection of wildlife.
7. The mobile tower infrastructure must be decommissioned and removed once the Naxal threat is neutralized and the area is declared free from insurgent activity by the competent authorities.
8. VSAT-based communication systems should be used instead of Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) to avoid soil trenching, vegetation clearance, and habitat fragmentation typically caused by cable laying.
9. Limit construction activities to daytime hours only and strictly prohibit the establishment of labour camps within the tiger reserve or its corridors. Workers should commute from outside the reserve, and no overnight stays should be permitted.
10. Ensure that all construction materials are procured from outside the tiger reserve. Construction debris must be transported and disposed of away from the reserve boundaries to minimize disturbance to wildlife habitats.
11. Construction activities must not disrupt or divert natural water channels, such as rivers or streams, which are vital for wildlife. Special care should be taken to prevent contamination or obstruction of these water sources during tower installation.
12. Strictly monitor construction sites to prevent labour trespassing beyond designated areas. Erect barriers or install signage to clearly demarcate construction zones and deter unauthorized entry by workers, thus reducing disturbance to wildlife.
13. Implement measures to minimize electromagnetic radiation (EMR) emissions from mobile towers. This may include using lower-powered antennas, directional antennas, or shielding to mitigate potential impacts on wildlife health.
14. CWWLW Madhya Pradesh should develop appropriate mechanism to monitor compliance of the conditions stipulated herein at various phases of project implementation.
15. 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.

**84.5.6** Proposal for use of 0.28 ha of non-forest land from buffer zone of Satkosia Tiger Reserve for Installation of 4G Tower in Bedadi, Endagadu, Kumuri, Senaperi, Osamaska, Seranda and Sakatapalli villages and 0.12 ha of non-forest land from core zone of Satkosia Tiger Reserve for Installation of 4G Tower in Katuri, Salapaganda and Malasapadar village Gania block of Nayagarh district in favour of BSNL.

**WL/OR/CommPost/491448/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.28 ha of non-forest land from buffer zone of Satkosia Tiger Reserve for Installation of 4G Tower in Bedadi, Endagadu, Kumuri, Senaperi, Osamaska, Seranda and Sakatapalli villages and 0.12 ha of non-forest land from core zone of Satkosia Tiger Reserve for Installation of 4G Tower in Katuri, Salapaganda and Malasapadar village Gania block of Nayagarh district in favour of BSNL.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life Recommended except for installation of 4G mobile towers in Kuturi and Salapaganda villages lying in core zone of Satkosia Tiger Reserve and Seranda village proposed for relocation.

The NTCA has recommended the proposal except for installation of 4G mobile tower in Salapaganda, Seranda and Malasapadar located in core zone of Satkosia Tiger Habitat subject to certain conditions.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the Installation of 4G Tower in Bedadi, Endagadu, Kumuri, Senaperi, Osamaska and Sakatapalli villages subject to the following conditions:

1. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
2. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
3. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
4. No work will be allowed between 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM (just before dusk to just after dawn).
5. For commencement of works the User Agency shall take prior permission from local forest officials having jurisdiction.
6. Ban on night traffic (Dusk to Dawn) is essential to save animals from disturbance from the constant flow of traffic and thus allow them passage.
7. Speed reduction (speed limit up to 20 Km/ hr.) is a must to avoid wild animal mortality and no littering, no use of horns within the PA.
8. Vehicles will not be allowed to stop within Protected Areas except the specific site and the details of the vehicles and accompanying persons to be intimated prior to Range Officers concerned.
9. No camping sites to be made on forest land inside the PA and work must be carried on in a speedy manner with minimal disturbance to

wildlife.

10. No vegetation / tree should be cut or damaged and no fire wood cutting and fuel collection allowed from / within the Protected Area.
11. No taking of any material like sand, gravel etc. from the protected areas. All materials for construction should be brought from outside.
12. The User Agency shall be responsible for any loss to the flora & fauna in the surroundings and therefore shall take all possible measures to conserve the same.
13. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal. Any change in the land use without prior permission of the authority shall amount to violation of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and Forest Conservation Act, 1980.
14. The recommendation is subject to additional conditions imposed time to time by the Wildlife Warden and his functionaries.
15. User Agency has to submit an undertaking to comply with any other conditions, if imposed by MoEF&CC, Government of India, State Government, PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, PCCF (Wildlife) & CWLW, Odisha, Field Director, Satkosia TR-cum- RCCF, Angul, DFO, Mahanadi (WL) Division, Nayagarh for better management of forest and wildlife.
16. Limit construction activities to daytime hours only and strictly prohibit the establishment of labour camps within the tiger reserve or its corridors. Workers should commute from outside the reserve, and no overnight stays should be permitted.
17. Ensure that all construction materials are procured from outside the tiger reserve. Construction debris must be transported and disposed of away from the reserve boundaries to minimize disturbance to wildlife habitats.
18. Construction activities must not disrupt or divert natural water channels, such as rivers or streams, which are vital for wildlife. Special care should be taken to prevent contamination or obstruction of these water sources during tower installation.
19. The range of the mobile signal must be strictly controlled to prevent network penetration into the core area of Tiger Reserve.
20. Strictly monitor construction sites to prevent labour trespassing beyond designated areas. Erect barriers or install signage to clearly demarcate construction zones and deter unauthorized entry by workers, thus reducing disturbance to wildlife.
21. Opt for tower designs and configurations that have minimal visual impact on the surrounding landscape. Consider camouflage or stealth designs that blend with the natural environment to reduce disruption to wildlife habitats and migration corridors.
22. Implement measures to minimize electromagnetic radiation (EMR) emissions from mobile towers. This may include using lower-powered antennas, directional antennas, or shielding to mitigate potential impacts on wildlife health.
23. Any future maintenance of the mobile tower would be subject to prior approval of the competent authority of Odisha Forest Department.
24. CWLW, Odisha should develop appropriate mechanism to monitor



compliance of the conditions stipulated herein at various phases of project implementation.

25. 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.

**84.5.7** Proposal for use of 0.15 ha of forest land from tiger corridor connecting corridor between Satkosia Tiger Reserve and Simlipal Tiger Reserve for laying of Optical Fibre Cable from Revana Kha to Talapada for installation of Mobile Tower at Talapada Village under Harichandanpur Tehsil of Kendujhar District under USOF in favour of BSNL.

#### **WL/OR/CommPost/469913/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.15 ha of forest land from tiger corridor connecting corridor between Satkosia Tiger Reserve and Simlipal Tiger Reserve for laying of Optical Fibre Cable from Revana Kha to Talapada for installation of Mobile Tower at Talapada Village under Harichandanpur Tehsil of Kendujhar District under USOF in favour of BSNL.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended the proposal for approval subject to certain conditions.

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

1. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
2. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
3. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
4. No works will be undertaken after sunset by the User Agency.
5. For commencement of works the User Agency should take prior permission from local forest officials.
6. In case of any specific wildlife issue warranting suspension of work, the User Agency will comply with the instruction of Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Wildlife Division, Anandapur.
7. User Agency has to submit an undertaking to comply with any other conditions, if imposed by the MoEF & CC, Government of India, State Government, PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, PCCF(WL) & CWLW, Odisha, Field Director, STR-Cum-RCCF, Baripada & Divisional Forest Officer,

Keonjhar Wildlife Division, Anandapur for the better management of forest and Wildlife.

8. Construction and repair activities should be limited to daylight hours to minimize disturbance to nocturnal wildlife.
9. All construction activities should be undertaken outside the monsoon and breeding season to avoid disturbance to wildlife, especially aquatic species and nesting birds.
10. No trees should be felled. Shrubs and undergrowth should be cleared only as required, and natural regeneration should be encouraged post-installation.
11. No construction debris, or other waste materials should be dumped in the adjacent areas.
12. Replant native species and restore disturbed areas post-construction to maintain the ecological balance.
13. Creation of new access roads through forest areas should be avoided. Existing village paths or roads should be used for movement of manpower and materials.
14. No construction materials should be sourced from within the forest and protected area.
15. CWLW, Odisha should monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
16. 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.

**84.5.8** Proposal for use of 0.04 ha of forest land from Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary for installation of mobile tower at villages 1) Gadgada (421863) and 2) Koked (421862) (0.02 ha each) under 4G saturation project in District - Nuapada, Odisha in favour of BSNL.

#### **WL/OR/CommPost/524477/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.04 ha of forest land from Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary for installation of mobile tower at villages 1) Gadgada (421863) and 2) Koked (421862) (0.02 ha each) under 4G saturation project in District - Nuapada, Odisha in favour of BSNL.

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. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new tower should not be installed within a radius of one kilometer of the existing tower. If

new tower are requested to be built, these should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not to increase the combined radiation from all towers in the area.

2. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR, should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phones towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and around Protected Areas.
3. 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.

### **CONSTRUCTION / WIDENING OF ROAD INCLUDING APPROACH ROAD TO ROADSIDE ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDING BRIDGES**

**84.5.9** Proposal for use of 13.77 ha forest land in tiger corridor connecting Kaziranga Tiger Reserve and Itanagar Wildlife Sanctuary in Golagath District and 61.5028 ha non-forest land in default ESZ of Kaziranga Tiger Reserve in Sonitpur District for construction of 4-lane Tunnel Connectivity across River Brahmaputra between Gohpur (on NH-15) North Bank and Numaligarh (on NH715) South Bank in Assam by M/S National Highways & Infrastructure Development Co-corporation LTD. (NHIDCL).

#### **WL/AS/ROAD/523952/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 13.77 ha forest land in tiger corridor connecting Kaziranga Tiger Reserve and Itanagar Wildlife Sanctuary in Golagath District and 61.5028 ha non-forest land in default ESZ of Kaziranga Tiger Reserve in Sonitpur District for construction of 4-lane Tunnel Connectivity across River Brahmaputra between Gohpur (on NH-15) North Bank and Numaligarh (on NH715) South Bank in Assam by M/S National Highways & Infrastructure Development Co-corporation LTD. (NHIDCL).

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended the proposal for approval subject to certain conditions.

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

1. No adverse impact shall be caused to wild animals and their habitat in the potential areas adjoining the project sites.
2. User Agency shall resort to minimal tree felling.
3. User Agency shall ensure adequate protection measures against adverse environmental impacts on wild animals and their habitat.
4. User Agency shall abide by the restrictions imposed by the Field

Director, KNP & TR, Golaghat Division, Golaghat and Sonitpur East Division, Biswanath as and when required in the interest of protection and conservation of wild animals and their habitat.

5. User Agency shall deposit to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project as corpus fund in the account of CWLW, Assam for preparation and implementation of Scientific Human Animal Conflict Mitigation and Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan.
6. The Scientific Human Animal Conflict Mitigation and Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan shall be prepared within three months after deposition as corpus fund in the account of CWLW.
7. A scientific analysis to be conducted of potential tunnel impact on soil stability, groundwater flow, sediment dynamics, and seismic vulnerability.
8. All tunnel excavation debris and effluents to be strictly managed and treated; zero discharge into wetlands or Brahmaputra River.
9. All disturbed areas to be restores with native vegetation and ensure that spoil dumps, construction camps, and access tracks are completely rehabilitated.
10. Install acoustic barriers and dust suppression systems at surface work sites.
11. Use low-intensity, downward-shielded lighting to minimize light spill into surrounding habitats.
12. Ensure careful control regarding the use of explosives and machines to reduce noise and shaking. Digging should be done during times when animals are less active.
13. Ensure no construction camps, stockpiling, or vehicle access in close proximity of the Kaziranga TR boundary and wildlife corridor. No material should be sourced from protected area or corridor.
14. Route all access and service roads away from wildlife-sensitive areas.
15. Build safe passages or keep some paths open so animals can cross safely.
16. 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.

**84.5.10** Proposal for use of 8.386 ha of forest land from Kangerghati National Park for strengthening and widening from existing 3 m to 14 m of Jagdalpur-Sukma-Konta Road, NH-30 from KM 25.530 to 31.540=6.010 km road, district Bastar in favour of PWD NH Division Sukma.

#### **WL/CG/ROAD/503322/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 8.386 ha of forest land from Kangerghati National Park for strengthening and widening from existing 3 m to 14 m of Jagdalpur-Sukma-Konta Road,

NH-30 from KM 25.530 to 31.540=6.010 km road, district Bastar in favour of PWD NH Division Sukma.

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 implement the animal passage plan submitted along with the proposal.
2. 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.

**84.5.11** Proposal for use of 38.315 ha of forestland from Wild Asses Sanctuary for upgradation to Six Lane of existing four lane Samakhiyali to Santalpur Section from Km.339+200 to Km.430+100 on National Highway No.27 in favour of NHAI, PIU Gandhidham in District-Kachch, Gujarat.

#### **WL/GJ/ROAD/502539/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 38.315 ha of forestland from Wild Asses Sanctuary for upgradation to Six Lane of existing four lane Samakhiyali to Santalpur Section from Km.339+200 to Km.430+100 on National Highway No.27 in favour of NHAI, PIU Gandhidham in District - Kachch, Gujarat.

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 implement the animal passage plan submitted along with the proposal.
2. The User Agency shall construct at least three animal underpasses each with a span of 30 m in the portion of the road passing through the sanctuary.
3. The User Agency shall not violate any provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
4. The User Agency shall not harm or destroy wildlife habitat including fauna and flora of the Sanctuary.
5. The User Agency shall not use the area for any other work other than the work permitted.
6. The User Agency shall not establish any temporary or permanent labour camp in the Sanctuary.

7. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project worth shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Government in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023. After that the final approval or stage-2 will be given and local operations can be started.
8. The User Agency or his contractor shall not create any fire places inside the Sanctuary.
9. All the material required for the work shall be prepared outside the sanctuary.
10. The work in the Sanctuary will be allowed only in the day time from 8 AM to 6 PM.
11. Approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, if required, shall be obtained separately for use of forest land.
12. The User Agency shall deposit NPV for the use of land of Protected Area as per the existing rates before initiating any work on the land.
13. The User Agency will create adequate facilities for safe transit of wildlife across the road.
14. 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.

**84.5.12** Proposal for use of 0.8061 ha (Bridge 0.2582 ha and Approach Road 0.5479 ha) forest land from Sharavathi Valley Wild Life Sanctuary for construction of Kalkatte Bridge connecting Heggar Magod- Nagarbastikeri (at km 32.00) in Honnavar taluk, Uttara Kannada District, Karnataka in favour of PWD Division, Karwar.

#### **WL/KA/ROAD/505684/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.8061 ha (Bridge 0.2582 ha and Approach Road 0.5479 ha) forest land from Sharavathi Valley Wild Life Sanctuary for construction of Kalkatte Bridge connecting Heggar Magod- Nagarbastikeri (at km 32.00) in Honnavar taluk, Uttara Kannada District, Karnataka in favour of PWD Division, Karwar.

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. Signage Boards regarding wildlife shall be installed at the cost of User Agency.
2. The construction work shall be restricted to day time hours i.e.

between 6 AM to 6 PM.

3. The implementing agency shall abide by the conditions laid down by the forest officials in charge of the project area in the interest of protecting and minimizing disturbance to wildlife during construction phase and after completion of the project.
4. The User Agency shall not be collecting the raw materials, forest produce including firewood from the forest.
5. All the staff and workers involved in the project implementation should be informed, created awareness about wildlife, so that they would not harm/ kill/ hunt / poach or abet in any such crimes in any way, failing which, legal course of action under the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, will be taken.
6. Care should be taken not to disturb the wildlife species and their habitat during construction activities.
7. The User Agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act & Rules, Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
8. The muck generated during the project implementation shall be taken out of the corridor without endangering the flora and fauna.
9. The work shall be taken up only under the close supervision of the jurisdictional officers & staff, to avoid any damage to the flora & fauna. ‘
10. No tents or any other stay arrangement shall be permitted inside the protected area.
11. 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.

**84.5.13** Proposal for use of 0.260 ha of forest land from tiger corridor connecting Satpuda Tiger Reserve and Melghat Tiger Reserve for rectification cutting of hilly portion & extra widening of inner side of curve of accident area in legdhaghat in Km.41/4-6 (NHAI Ch.36+900) on NIH-347-B Betul (Khedi) to Ashapur road, West Betul Division, District Betul in favour of Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.

#### **WL/MP/ROAD/498754/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.260 ha of forest land from tiger corridor connecting Satpuda Tiger Reserve and Melghat Tiger Reserve for rectification cutting of hilly portion & extra widening of inner side of curve of accident area in legdhaghat in Km.41/4-6 (NHAI Ch.36+900) on NIH-347-B Betul (Khedi) to Ashapur road, West Betul Division, District Betul in favour of Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.

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

recommended the proposal for approval with certain conditions.

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

1. No damage to forest, Wildlife and its habitats.
2. No work will be done in the night.
3. Construction material if required shall be brought from the outside the forest area and providing amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area by the User Agency inside wildlife corridor area.
4. User Agency, in consultation with the Forest Department, should construct speed breakers / rumble strips and install warning signboards at areas sensitive for wildlife crossings.
5. No trees should be felled but ground vegetation should be cleared to improve visibility along the road to avoid accident with wild animals.
6. Existing drainage culverts should be retrofitted to facilitate wildlife crossings by animals.
7. Construction work should be permitted during daytime. No labour camps should be established inside the tiger reserve.
8. Construction materials should be procured from outside the forest area. Construction debris should be disposed away from the forest area by the User Agency.
9. The alignment of the road and construction activities should not disrupt any natural water channel.
10. Wildlife crossing signs should be strategically placed in wildlife crossing zones, especially near areas of known animal movement.
11. CWLW Madhya Pradesh should monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
12. 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.

**84.5.14** Proposal for use of 0.252 ha forest land from core zone of Kanha Tiger Reserve for construction of High Level Bridge and approach road (total 300m) on Supkhar-Patwa Chatarpur Road at Ch.10400. m in favour of MPRRDA PIU ONE Balaghat.

#### **WL/MP/ROAD/497130/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.252 ha forest land from core zone of Kanha Tiger Reserve for construction of High Level Bridge and approach road (total 300m) on Supkhar-Patwa Chatarpur Road at Ch.10400. m in favour of MPRRDA PIU ONE Balaghat.



The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended the proposal for approval subject to certain conditions.

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

1. User Agency should ensure no damage to forest, Wildlife and its habitats.
2. No work will be done at night.
3. Construction materials required shall be brought from the outside of the Protected Area.
4. Build low-impact, eco-friendly safety walls along the bridge approaches to prevent wildlife from wandering onto the road, reducing the risk of accidents and ensuring their safety.
5. No trees should be felled during the construction of this bridge. If any rare endangered plants are removed from the site, they should be transplanted temporarily or permanently.
6. Ensure periodic maintenance of the bridge and any associated wildlife mitigation structures to prevent future ecological damage.
7. Existing drainage culverts should be retrofitted to facilitate wildlife crossings by animals.
8. Construction work should be permitted during the daytime and avoid sensitive periods like breeding seasons of key species. No labour camps should be established inside the tiger reserve.
9. Use noise-dampening equipment and avoid bright construction lights at night to minimize disturbance to wildlife.
10. Construction materials should be procured from outside the Tiger Reserve. Construction debris should be disposed away from the Tiger Reserve and any waterbodies by the User Agency.
11. The alignment of the bridge and construction activities should not disrupt any natural water channel.
12. Use of heavy machinery should be controlled in a way to maintain acceptable soil, water and vegetation quality.
13. 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.

**84.5.15** Proposal for use of 0.60 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve for upgradation existing kachcha road (100 m length and 6 m wide) to bituminous road at electric sub-station Khitoli to Nayagaon-Mendra by MP Public Work Department B&R Division

**WL/MP/ROAD/520725/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.60 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve for

upgradation existing kachcha road (100 m length and 6 m wide) to bituminous road at electric sub-station Khitoli to Nayagaon-Mendra by MP Public Work Department B&R Division

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended the proposal for approval subject to certain conditions.

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

1. User Agency should ensure no damage to forest, Wildlife and its habitats
2. No work will be done at night
3. Construction materials required shall be brought from the outside of the Buffer area or Forest area of the Tiger Reserve.
4. User Agency, in consultation with the Forest Department, should construct speed breakers/ rumble strips and install warning signboards at areas sensitive for wildlife crossings.
5. The width of the road should not exceed the width of a typical forest road.
6. Vegetation should be cleared to improve visibility along the road to avoid accident with wild animals.
7. Existing drainage culverts should be retrofitted to facilitate wildlife crossings by animals.
8. Construction work should be permitted during daytime. No labour camps should be established inside the tiger reserve.
9. Construction materials should be procured from outside the Tiger Reserve. Construction debris should be disposed away from the Tiger Reserve by the User Agency.
10. The alignment of the road and construction activities should not disrupt any natural water channel.
11. Wildlife crossing signs should be strategically placed in wildlife crossing zones, especially near areas of known animal movement.
12. Speed limit signs should be installed to enforce reduced speeds.
13. CWLW Madhya Pradesh should monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
14. 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.

**84.5.16** Proposal for use of 3.854 ha (1.76 forest land+2.094 Revenue land) from buffer zone of Veerangna Durgawati Tiger Reserve for widening and upgradation to bituminous road of existing kaccha road from Harral to Richkudi in 4.20 Km length by PWD (B&R), District - Damoh.

**WL/MP/ROAD/488794/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 3.854 ha (1.76 forest land + 2.094 Revenue land) from buffer zone of Veerangna Durgawati Tiger Reserve for widening and upgradation to bituminous road of existing kaccha road from Harral to Richkudi in 4.20 Km length by PWD (B&R), District - Damoh.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended the proposal for approval subject to certain conditions.

The Chairman desired to know the numbers of tigers in the Veerangana Durgawati Tiger Reserve.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Madhya Pradesh informed that the State Forest Department had released a pair of tigers in 2018 in the protected area. One more tiger moved there naturally thereafter. At present, there are 20 tigers in the tiger reserve.

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

1. The User Agency shall implement the animal passage plan submitted along with the proposal.
2. No labourer will be allowed to stay inside the Buffer zone area.
3. Construction work will not be permitted after sun set and before sunrise
4. Construction materials should be carried out from the forest area.
5. User Agency, in consultation with the Forest Department, should construct speed breakers/ rumble strips and install warning signboards at areas sensitive for wildlife crossings,
6. The width of the road should not exceed the width of a typical forest road.
7. No trees should be felled only ground vegetation should be cleared to improve visibility along the road to avoid accident with wild animals.
8. Existing drainage culverts should be retrofitted to facilitate wildlife crossings by animals.
9. Construction work should be permitted during daytime. No labour camps should be established inside the tiger reserve.
10. Construction materials should be procured from outside the Tiger Reserve. Construction debris should be disposed away from the Tiger Reserve by the User Agency.
11. The alignment of the road and construction activities should not disrupt any natural water channel.
12. Wildlife crossing signs should be strategically placed in wildlife crossing zones, especially near areas of known animal movement.
13. Speed limit signs should be installed to enforce reduced speeds.
14. CWLW Madhya Pradesh should monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project

implementation.

15. 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.

**84.5.17** Proposal for use of 0.62 ha of forestland from Karanja Sohal Wildlife Sanctuary for up gradation of existing State Highway-282 (Dadgaon to Pimpalgaon (Khu) Road) to black top in Ta. Karanja, Dist. Washim, Maharashtra in favour of PMGSY, MRRDA Washim.

#### **WL/MH/ROAD/493799/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.62 ha of forestland from Karanja Sohal Wildlife Sanctuary for up gradation of existing State Highway-282 (Dadgaon to Pimpalgaon (Khu) Road) to black top in Ta. Karanja, Dist. Washim, Maharashtra in favour of PMGSY, MRRDA Washim.

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. Speed Breakers in forest area at every 200-300 meter & at every sharp turn.
2. Speed limit in Sanctuary area should be 20 km./hr. The state of the art speedometer, should be erected erect along the road like those are in Kaziranga Tiger Reserve.
3. Erect signages of do's & don'ts along the road in consultation with Forest Department.
4. Permanent ban for heavy vehicles during night & outsider vehicle from dusk to dawn. Only vehicles of local villagers may be allowed during night.
5. Canopy ladder for arboreal mammals like Giant Squirrel, Hanuman Langoor, bonnet macaque etc. to cross the road should be laid whenever possible.
6. Necessary mitigation measures for Herepeto fauna for safe crossing of road should be implemented.
7. During construction period, technology should used which cause minimum disturbance to wildlife.
8. Proper mechanism for disposal of waste materials should be under taken.
9. Labour camp shall not be established inside tiger reserve.
10. No work shall be allowed after sunset.
11. User Agency should deposit an amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area with Tiger Conservation Foundation, Melghat Tiger Reserve for development of wildlife

conservation and management of wildlife in the state.

12. 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.

**84.5.18** Proposal for use of 13.3038 ha of forest land from Pocharam Wildlife Sanctuary for widening to two lane carriageway to two-lane with paved shoulders with curve improvements curves from Km 73/000 to Km 79/700 and Km 90/200 to Km 91/700 of Medak-Yellareddy section of NH-765D, District - Medak in favour of MoRT&H.

#### **WL/TG/ROAD/465366/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 13.3038 ha of forest land from Pocharam Wildlife Sanctuary for widening to two lane carriageway to two-lane with paved shoulders with curve improvements curves from Km 73/000 to Km 79/700 and Km 90/200 to Km 91/700 of Medak-Yellareddy section of NH-765D, District - Medak in favour of MoRT&H.

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 has to compensate for the impact of the proposed project on the wildlife and wildlife habitat in Pocharam Wildlife Sanctuary by providing funds to a tune of Rs.266.00 lakh for the activities mentioned below to control, manage and maintain the sanctuary.

S.No.	Activity	Qty	Rate (Rs.in Lakh)	Unit	Fin. (Rs.in Lakhs)
1	<b>Infrastructure for protection &amp; regulations in sanctuary</b>				
i.	Dismantling of existing chain link fence all along the road on both sides and erection of new chain link fence excluding the width falling in the diversion area.	300 km	40.00	Per km	120.00
ii	Dismantling of the existing gates along the proposed highway within sanctuary limits	4 Nos	2.50	Each	10.00
iii.	Erection of new gates at entry and exit points to the sanctuary to replace the	2Nos	20.00	Each	40.00

iv	existing gates Construction of check post cum security room with barrier	1 No.	30.00	Each	30.00
v.	Construction of Fire watch tower with base camp room	1 No	30.00	Each	30.00
vi.	Road side public convenience at Pocharam EEC	1 No	30.00	Each	30.00
vii	Sign board/hoarding	4 Nos	1.50	Each	6.00
<b>Total for infrastructure and protection</b>					<b>266.00</b>

2. That the User Agency shall provide Rs.205.00 Lakh to implement the Wildlife Habitat improvement which are part of Wildlife mitigation measures.

S.No.	Activity	Qty	Rate (Rs.in Lakh)	Unit	Fin. (rs.in Lakhs)
<b>II</b>	<b>Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Water Resource Management</b>				
1.	Development of Grass Land	20 ha	0.25	Per Ha	5.00
2.	Installation of solar bore wells for wild animals	4 Nos	5.00	Each	20.00
3.	Formation of large percolation tanks connected to solar bore wells	4 Nos	1.50	Each	6.00
<b>III</b>	<b>Forest Fire Management</b>				
4.	Creation of view lines of 10 Mts width on each side of the road	20 Km	0.25	Per Km	5.00
5.	Maintenance of existing fire lines of 6 mt width	20 Km	0.10	Per Km	2.00
6.	Firefighting Equipment	Nos	3	Each	1.980
<b>IV</b>	<b>Forest &amp; Wildlife Protection</b>				
7.	Integrated monitoring and camping site in (02) locations including fire watch tower	2 locations	30.00	Each	60.00
8.	Maintenance of Rescue van including Driver wages and running charges etc.	1 No (12 months)	0.50	Per month	6.00
9.	Up-gradation of existing EEC Building and maintenance	1 No.	Actual	LS	10.000
<b>V</b>	<b>Publicity, awareness &amp; Education</b>				
10.	Installation of large hoardings on the highway	4 Nos	2.00	Each	8.00
11.	Installation of information sign boards at EEC	6 Nos	1.00	Each	6.00

12.	Conduct nature camps for students and villages youth	50 camps	0.20	Per camp	10.00
<b>v</b>	<b>Mitigating human wildlife conflict</b>				
13.	Payment of compensation to victims of human wildlife conflict	5 years	4.00	Per year	20.00
<b>VI</b>	<b>Monitoring and estimation of wildlife population</b>				
14	Purchase of camera traps	10 Nos	0.30	Each	3.00
15	Procurement of Panther/Sloth Bear trap cage	2 Nos	2.00	Each	4.00
<b>VII</b>	<b>Community based Eco-Tourism</b>				
16	Procurement of safari vehicle for visitors	1 No	25.00	Each	25.00
<b>VIII</b>	<b>Admin cost, Misc &amp; unforeseen</b>				
17	Office support	LS	Actual	LS	5.00
18	Engaging DEO/booking clerk	1 No.3 years	3.00	Per Year	8.02
	<b>Total for Habitat Improvement</b>				<b>205.00</b>
	<b>Grand Total for Infrastructure and Habitat Improvement</b>				<b>471.00</b>

- The Wildlife Mitigation Plan amount of Rs.471.00 lakh (Rs.266.00L+Rs.205.00L) shall be deposited in the Telangana State CAMPA account being maintained in Lodhi branch, New Delhi on the PARIVESH portal.
- The User Agency shall construct underpasses and fencing at designated locations as per the prescriptions of WII, Dehradun at their own cost.
- The proposed works shall be carried out manually engaging local work force without disturbing or damaging Flora, Fauna or habitat of wildlife.
- The road work shall be carried out only from 9.00 AM to 5.00 PM.
- The felling of trees may be restricted to the extent possible wherever necessary.
- No damage shall be done to the flora beyond the area diverted for the purpose.
- A proper surveillance/ patrolling system in coordination with Forest Department shall be put in place for monitoring of the Wildlife movement/tree felling during development of the road.
- Installation of speed control devices in all wild animal crossing zones by User Agency in consultation with DFO, Medak to avoid accidents/ road kills.
- The material for carrying out the proposed works shall be kept outside the protected area of Pocharam Wildlife Sanctuary. As and when required they should be carried to the site during execution

only.

12. No labour camp should be established inside the Wildlife Sanctuary during the execution of the work.
13. The debris formed due to the execution of the works shall be taken away from the Wildlife Sanctuary on day-to-day basis.
14. No fire shall be caused or any explosive materials used inside the Wildlife Sanctuary.
15. No civil structure shall be constructed while laying the road.
16. The User Agency shall comply provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and Telangana (Forest) Act, 2014.
17. Any other condition imposed by DFO, Medak shall be followed by the User Agency.
18. 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.

## DEFENCE

**84.5.19** Proposal for use of 111.2860 ha of forestland from Dibang Wildlife Sanctuary and 9.7320 ha forest land from ESZ for construction of Malinye-Balua-Kapuda road from km 00+000 to km 56+000 with net length 56.000 km in Dibang Valley district in favour of Border Roads Organisation.

### WL/AR/DEF/526111/2025

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 111.2860 ha of forestland from Dibang Wildlife Sanctuary and 9.7320 ha forest land from ESZ for construction of Malinye-Balua-Kapuda road from km 00+000 to km 56+000 with net length 56.000 km in Dibang Valley district in favour of Border Roads Organisation.

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

Dr. R. Sukumar mentioned that the Standing Committee in the past had recommended a proposal for road wherein in based on the site inspection, the animal passage plan was modified. The animal passage plan for the present proposal should address the wildlife movement for the animals found in the sanctuary.

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

1. The User Agency shall implement the animal passage plan and the mitigation plan submitted along with the proposal.
2. The User Agency shall implement the recommendations made in the biodiversity impact assessment report.



3. The User Agency shall ensure that the animal passage structures are adequate for the movement of wildlife including terrestrial and arboreal mammals, reptiles across the road.
4. 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.

**84.5.20** Proposal for use of 44.129 ha (37.5840 ha for road construction, 6.5 ha for dumping site and 0.045 ha for way side amenities) of forestland from Dibang Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of Kapuda-Phuphu Road from Km 00+000 To Km 20+880 with net Length 20.880 Km in Dibang Valley District in favour of Border Roads Organisation.

**WL/AR/DEF/523340/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 44.129 ha (37.5840 ha for road construction, 6.5 ha for dumping site and 0.045 ha for way side amenities) of forestland from Dibang Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of Kapuda-Phuphu Road from Km 00+000 To Km 20+880 with net Length 20.880 Km in Dibang Valley District in favour of Border Roads Organisation.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief WildLife 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 implement the animal passage plan and the mitigation plan submitted along with the proposal.
2. The User Agency shall ensure that the animal passage structures are adequate for the movement of wildlife including terrestrial and arboreal mammals, reptiles across the road.
3. 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.

**84.5.21** Proposal for use of 5.5860 ha of non-forest land from Narayan Sarovar Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of BOP link road in villages Sheh, Guhar Moti, Lakki Rodasar, Pipar, Khisara (Gunau) in District Kutch in favour of CPWD-Bhuj, Gujarat.

**WL/GJ/DEF/472672/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 5.5860 ha of non-forest land from Narayan Sarovar Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of BOP link road in villages Sheh, Guhar Moti, Lakki Rodasar,

Pipar, Khisara (Gunau) in District Kutch in favour of CPWD-Bhuj, Gujarat.

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 not violate any provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
2. The User Agency shall not harm or destroy wildlife habitat including fauna and flora of the Sanctuary.
3. The User Agency shall not use the area for any other work other than the work permitted.
4. The User Agency shall not establish any temporary or permanent labour camp in the Sanctuary.
5. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Government in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023. After that the final approval or stage-2 will be given and local operations can be started.
6. The User Agency or his contractor shall not create any fire places inside the Sanctuary.
7. All the material required for the work shall be prepared outside the sanctuary.
8. The work in the Sanctuary will be allowed only in the day time from 8 AM to 6 PM.
9. Approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, if required, shall be obtained separately for use of forest land.
10. The User Agency shall deposit NPV for the use of land of Protected Area as per the existing rates before initiating any work on the land.
11. The User Agency will create adequate facilities for safe transit of wildlife across the road.
12. 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.

**84.5.22** Proposal for use of 19.8298 ha of non-forest land from Narayan Sarovar Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of Helipad, living area, offices, Storage area, Equipment area & training area at Village: RodasarLakki, a.Lakhapat, Dist. Kutch in favour of Ministry of Defence.

**WL/GJ/DEF/529283/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 19.8298 ha of non-forest land from Narayan Sarovar Wildlife Sanctuary for

construction of Helipad, living area, offices, Storage area, Equipment area & training area at Village: RodasarLakki, a.Lakhapat, Dist. Kutch in favour of Ministry of Defence.

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 with the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall not violate any provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
2. The User Agency shall not harm or destroy wildlife habitat including fauna and flora of the Sanctuary.
3. The User Agency shall not use the area for any other work other than the work permitted.
4. The User Agency shall not establish any temporary or permanent labour camp in the Sanctuary.
5. The User Agency or his contractor shall not create any fire places inside the Sanctuary.
6. All the material required for the work shall be prepared outside the sanctuary.
7. The work in the Sanctuary will be allowed only in the day time from 8 AM to 6 PM.
8. Approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, if required, shall be obtained separately for use of forest land.
9. The User Agency shall deposit NPV for the use of land of Protected Area as per the existing rates before initiating any work on the land.
10. The User Agency shall restore the land in its original form after completion of the work.
11. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Government in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023. After that the final approval or stage-2 will be given and local operations can be started.
12. The User Agency will create adequate facilities for safe transit of wildlife across the road.

13. 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.

**84.5.23** Proposal for use of 0.79 ha of non-forest land from Changthang Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of road and temporary Hume Pipe Bridge on Indus River at Nyoma, District - Leh, in favour of Ministry of Defence.

**WL/LA/DEF/517501/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.79 ha of non-forest land from Changthang Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of road and temporary Hume Pipe Bridge on Indus River at Nyoma, District - Leh, in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

The Chairman directed that a meeting may be organised with the Ministry of Defence for working together regarding conservation of snow leopards, Chiru, Great Indian Bustard and to curb illegal wildlife trade.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that about 50% population of Great Indian Bustard are found in the Pokharan Field Firing Range in Jaisalmer. During the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the National Board for Wild Life, a discussion was held with the Chief of Army Staff for conservation of Great Indian Bustard in the Pokharan Field Firing Range.

The Secretary, EFF & CC suggested that along with Wildlife Institute of India, an MoU may be signed with Ministry of Defence. Further, the army officials in the Ladakh may be appointed as Honorary Wild Life Wardens.

The Member Secretary informed that a reminder has been sent to the Ministry of Defence for appointment of officials of armed forces to the State Boards for Wild Life.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a meeting may be organised with the Ministry of Defence for working together regarding conservation of snow leopards, Chiru, Great Indian Bustard and to curb illegal wildlife trade. The Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal with the following conditions:

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
2. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
3. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change guidelines.
4. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.
5. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.

6. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
7. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes.
8. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
9. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area and the raw material for the proposed project must be procured from the legal sources. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
10. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
11. The User Agency ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted areas and shall install suitable capacity/ technology STP as warranted under rules.
12. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
14. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
15. 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.

**84.5.24** Proposal for use of 1.72 ha of land from Karakorum (Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for housing troops, and storing ammunition, clothing and equipments of OMP at Khalsar, District Leh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

**WL/LA/DEF/526979/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.72 ha of land from Karakorum (Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for housing

troops, and storing ammunition, clothing and equipments of OMP at Khalsar, District Leh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
2. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
3. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change guidelines.
4. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.
5. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
6. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
7. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes.
8. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
9. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area and the raw material for the proposed project must be procured from the legal sources. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
10. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
11. The User Agency ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted areas and shall install suitable capacity/ technology STP as warranted under rules.
12. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife

staff.

13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
14. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
15. 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.

**84.5.25** Proposal for use of 2.1 ha of non-forest land from Karakorum (Nubra Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for mess and residence of officers of OMP Khalsar, District - Leh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

#### **WL/LA/DEF/526955/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 2.1 ha of non-forest land from Karakorum (Nubra Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for mess and residence of officers of OMP Khalsar, District - Leh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
2. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
3. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change guidelines.
4. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.
5. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User

Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.

6. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
7. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes.
8. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
9. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area and the raw material for the proposed project must be procured from the legal sources. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
10. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
11. The User Agency ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted areas and shall install suitable capacity/ technology STP as warranted under rules.
12. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
14. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
15. 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.

**84.5.26** Proposal for use of 3.57 ha of non-forest land from Karakorum (Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for housing of troops and shelters for animals of 16 Mobile Field Veterinary Hospital for Army animals at Shamuk, District - Leh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

**WL/LA/DEF/526027/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 3.57 ha of non-forest land from Karakorum (Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary



for housing of troops and shelters for animals of 16 Mobile Field Veterinary Hospital for Army animals at Shamuk, District - Leh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
2. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
3. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change guidelines.
4. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.
5. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
6. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
7. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes.
8. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
9. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area and the raw material for the proposed project must be procured from the legal sources. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
10. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
11. The User Agency ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted areas and shall install suitable capacity/ technology STP as warranted under rules.
12. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the

project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.

13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
14. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
15. 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.

**84.5.27** Proposal for use of 0.65 ha of non-forest land from Karakoram (Nubra Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for housing troops of an Infantry Battalion at Thang B in favour of Ministry of Defence, District - Leh, Ladakh.

#### **WL/LA/DEF/499893/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.65 ha of non-forest land from Karakoram (Nubra Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for housing troops of an Infantry Battalion at Thang B in favour of Ministry of Defence, District - Leh, Ladakh.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
2. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
3. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change guidelines.
4. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.
5. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the

- stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
6. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
  7. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes.
  8. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
  9. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area and the raw material for the proposed project must be procured from the legal sources. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
  10. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
  11. The User Agency ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted areas and shall install suitable capacity/ technology STP as warranted under rules.
  12. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
  13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
  14. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
  15. 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.

**84.5.28** Proposal for use of 33.4 ha of land from Karakoram (Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for Artillery Regiment Rockfall and field hospital at Bogdang in favour of Ministry of Defence, District - Leh, Ladakh.

**WL/LA/DEF/499886/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 33.4 ha of land from Karakoram (Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for Artillery

Regiment Rockfall and field hospital at Bogdang in favour of Ministry of Defence, District - Leh, Ladakh.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
2. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
3. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change guidelines.
4. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.
5. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
6. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
7. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes.
8. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
9. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area and the raw material for the proposed project must be procured from the legal sources. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
10. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
11. The User Agency ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted areas and shall install suitable capacity/ technology STP as warranted under rules.
12. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife

staff.

13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
14. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
15. 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.

**84.5.29** Proposal for use of 15.3 ha of non-forest land from Karakoram (Nubra Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for housing personnel of DIHAR campus at Skampuk in favour of Ministry of Defence, District - Leh, Ladakh.

#### **WL/LA/DEF/499998/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 15.3 ha of non-forest land from Karakoram (Nubra Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for housing personnel of DIHAR campus at Skampuk in favour of Ministry of Defence, District - Leh, Ladakh.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
2. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
3. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change guidelines.
4. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.
5. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the

stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.

6. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
7. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes.
8. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
9. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area and the raw material for the proposed project must be procured from the legal sources. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
10. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
11. The User Agency ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted areas and shall install suitable capacity/ technology STP as warranted under rules.
12. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
14. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
15. 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.

**84.5.30** Proposal for use of 8 ha of non-forest land from Karakoram (Nubra Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for reconnaissance and observation flight and holding of helicopters at Partapur in favour of Ministry of Defence, District-Leh, Ladakh.

**WL/LA/DEF/499546/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 8 ha

of non-forest land from Karakoram (Nubra Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for reconnaissance and observation flight and holding of helicopters at Partapur in favour of Ministry of Defence, District- Leh, Ladakh.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
2. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
3. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change guidelines.
4. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.
5. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
6. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
7. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes.
8. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
9. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area and the raw material for the proposed project must be procured from the legal sources. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
10. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
11. The User Agency ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted areas and shall install suitable capacity/ technology STP as warranted under rules.
12. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the

project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.

13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
14. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
15. 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.

**84.5.31** Proposal for use of 21.2 ha of non-forest land from Karakoram (Nubra Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for Artillery Regiment at Skampuk in favour of Ministry of Defence, District-Leh, Ladakh.

#### **WL/LA/DEF/499789/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for 21.2 ha of non-forest land from Karakoram (Nubra Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for Artillery Regiment at Skampuk in favour of Ministry of Defence, District-Leh, Ladakh.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
2. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
3. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change guidelines.
4. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.
5. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the



stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.

6. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
7. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes.
8. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
9. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area and the raw material for the proposed project must be procured from the legal sources. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
10. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
11. The User Agency ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted areas and shall install suitable capacity/ technology STP as warranted under rules.
12. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
14. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
15. 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.

**84.5.32** Proposal for use of 4.35 ha of non-forest land from Karakoram (Nubra Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for upgradation from existing width of 5.95 m to 10.00 m formation width of Leh Chalunka road from CL-9 to NHDL specifications from Km 150.00 to Km 160.00 in favour of Border Roads Organisation, District - Leh, Ladakh.

**WL/LA/DEF/496930/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 4.35 ha of non-forest land from Karakoram (Nubra Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for upgradation from existing width of 5.95 m to 10.00 m formation width of Leh Chalunka road from CL-9 to NHDL specifications from Km 150.00 to Km 160.00 in favour of Border Roads Organisation, District - Leh, Ladakh.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
2. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
3. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change guidelines.
4. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.
5. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
6. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
7. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes.
8. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
9. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area and the raw material for the proposed project must be procured from the legal sources. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
10. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
11. The User Agency ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted areas and shall install suitable capacity/ technology STP as warranted under rules.

12. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
14. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
15. 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.

**84.5.33** Proposal for use of 14.4 ha of land from Karakorum (Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for housing of troops, living shelters, offices and store shelters of supply company at Khalsar, District- Leh, Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

#### **WL/LA/DEF/526952/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 14.4 ha of land from Karakorum (Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for housing of troops, living shelters, offices and store shelters of supply company at Khalsar, District- Leh, Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
2. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
3. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change guidelines.
4. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan

Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.

5. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
6. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
7. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes.
8. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
9. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area and the raw material for the proposed project must be procured from the legal sources. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
10. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
11. The User Agency ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted areas and shall install suitable capacity/ technology STP as warranted under rules.
12. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
14. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
15. 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.

**84.5.34** Proposal for use of 47.6 ha of land from Karakorum (Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of aviation infrastructure as part of forward aviation base at Shyok, District Leh, Ladakh, in favour of Ministry of Defence.

**WL/LA/DEF/519430/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 47.6 ha of land from Karakorum (Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of aviation infrastructure as part of forward aviation base at Shyok, District Leh, Ladakh, in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
2. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
3. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change guidelines.
4. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.
5. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
6. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
7. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes.
8. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
9. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area and the raw material for the proposed project must be procured from the legal sources. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
10. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
11. The User Agency ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted areas and shall install suitable capacity/ technology STP as

warranted under rules.

12. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
14. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
15. 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.

**84.5.35** Proposal for use of 4.6 ha of land from Karakorum (Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for establishment of Engineer Regiment at Skampuk, District - Leh, Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

#### **WL/LA/DEF/499792/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 4.6 ha of land from Karakorum (Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for establishment of Engineer Regiment at Skampuk, District - Leh, Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
2. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
3. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change guidelines.
4. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite

clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.

5. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
6. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
7. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes.
8. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
9. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area and the raw material for the proposed project must be procured from the legal sources. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
10. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
11. The User Agency ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted areas and shall install suitable capacity/ technology STP as warranted under rules.
12. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
14. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
15. 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.

**84.5.36** Proposal for use of 24.624 ha of land from Karakorum (Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for construction/upgradation of DBO TO BPM HUT road (Net length 10.260 kms) to NHSL specification in District - Leh, Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

**WL/LA/DEF/483146/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 24.624 ha of land from Karakorum (Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for construction/upgradation of DBO TO BPM HUT road (Net length 10.260 kms) to NHSL specification in District - Leh, Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
2. The animal passage plan submitted along with the proposal shall be implemented by the User Agency.
3. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
4. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change guidelines.
5. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.
6. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
7. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
8. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes.
9. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
10. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area and the raw material for the proposed project must be procured from the legal sources. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.



11. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
12. The User Agency ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted areas and shall install suitable capacity/ technology STP as warranted under rules.
13. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
14. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
15. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
16. 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.

**84.5.37** Proposal for use of 40.468 ha of land from Changthang Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for establishment of Army Regiment at Nidder, District Leh, Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

#### **WL/LA/DEF/492910/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 40.468 ha of land from Changthang Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for establishment of Army Regiment at Nidder, District Leh, Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
2. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.

3. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change guidelines.
4. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.
5. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
6. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
7. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes.
8. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
9. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area and the raw material for the proposed project must be procured from the legal sources. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
10. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
11. The User Agency ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted areas and shall install suitable capacity/ technology STP as warranted under rules.
12. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
14. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
15. 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.

**84.5.38** Proposal for use of 25.1 ha of land from Karakorum (Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for creation of technical infrastructure to locate and for housing troops and equipments of Short Range Surface to Air Missile, District Leh, Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

**WL/LA/DEF/518700/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 25.1 ha of land from Karakorum (Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for creation of technical infrastructure to locate and for housing troops and equipments of Short Range Surface to Air Missile, District Leh, Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
2. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
3. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change guidelines.
4. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.
5. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
6. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
7. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes.
8. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
9. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area and the raw material for the proposed project must be procured from the legal sources. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild

Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.

10. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
11. The User Agency ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted areas and shall install suitable capacity/ technology STP as warranted under rules.
12. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
14. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
15. 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.

**84.5.39** Proposal for use of 4.67 ha of land from Karakorum (Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for Upgradation of Leh-Chalunka road from CL-9 to NHDL specifications (double lane) from Km 160.00 to Km 171.00 in District - Leh, Ladakh in favour of Border Roads Organisation.

#### **WL/LA/DEF/497379/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 4.67 ha of land from Karakorum (Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for Upgradation of Leh-Chalunka road from CL-9 to NHDL specifications (double lane) from Km 160.00 to Km 171.00 in District - Leh, Ladakh in favour of Border Roads Organisation.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.

2. The animal passage plan submitted along with the proposal shall be implemented by the User Agency.
3. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
4. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change guidelines.
5. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.
6. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
7. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
8. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes.
9. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
10. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area and the raw material for the proposed project must be procured from the legal sources. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
11. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
12. The User Agency ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted areas and shall install suitable capacity/ technology STP as warranted under rules.
13. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
14. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
15. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.

16. 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.

**84.5.40** Proposal for use of 1.38 ha of land from Karakorum (Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for Mandir, Masjid and Gonpa for religious and spiritual requirements of troops at Partapur, District - Leh, Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

#### **WL/LA/DEF/526272/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.38 ha of land from Karakorum (Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for Mandir, Masjid and Gonpa for religious and spiritual requirements of troops at Partapur, District - Leh, Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
2. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
3. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change guidelines.
4. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.
5. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
6. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
7. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes.
8. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
9. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside

the Protected Area and the raw material for the proposed project must be procured from the legal sources. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.

10. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
11. The User Agency ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted areas and shall install suitable capacity/ technology STP as warranted under rules.
12. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
14. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
15. 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.

**84.5.41** Proposal for use of 0.1 ha of land from Karakorum (Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for housing troops of Corps of Military Police for managing the movement of military vehicles and personnel at Partapur, District - Leh, Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

#### **WL/LA/DEF/526657/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.1 ha of land from Karakorum (Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for housing troops of Corps of Military Police for managing the movement of military vehicles and personnel at Partapur, District - Leh, Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to

recommend the proposal with the following conditions:

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
2. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
3. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change guidelines.
4. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.
5. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
6. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
7. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes.
8. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
9. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area and the raw material for the proposed project must be procured from the legal sources. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
10. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
11. The User Agency ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted areas and shall install suitable capacity/ technology STP as warranted under rules.
12. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.



14. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
15. 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.

**84.5.42** Proposal for use of 0.59 ha of land from Karakorum (Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for mess and residence of Junior Commissioned Officers of Reconnaissance and Observation Flight, District Leh, Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

**WL/LA/DEF/526048/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.59 ha of land from Karakorum (Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for mess and residence of Junior Commissioned Officers of Reconnaissance and Observation Flight, District Leh, Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
2. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
3. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change guidelines.
4. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.
5. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
6. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
7. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes.
8. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for

any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.

9. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area and the raw material for the proposed project must be procured from the legal sources. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
10. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
11. The User Agency ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted areas and shall install suitable capacity/ technology STP as warranted under rules.
12. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
14. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
15. 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.

**84.5.43** Proposal for use of 3.0 ha of non-forest land from Karakorum (Nubra Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for training of troops, trial of equipment conduct of battle drills and honing of military skills at Partapur, District - Leh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

#### **WL/LA/DEF/526289/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 3.0 ha of non-forest land from Karakorum (Nubra Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for training of troops, trial of equipment conduct of battle drills and honing of military skills at Partapur, District - Leh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
2. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
3. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change guidelines.
4. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.
5. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
6. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
7. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes.
8. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
9. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area and the raw material for the proposed project must be procured from the legal sources. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
10. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
11. The User Agency ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted areas and shall install suitable capacity/ technology STP as warranted under rules.
12. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration,

issued from time to time.

14. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
15. 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.

**84.5.44** Proposal for use of 12.1 ha of non-forest land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for formation of ammunition storage facility (FASF) at Hanle, District Leh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

#### **WL/LA/DEF/517402/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 12.1 ha of non-forest land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for formation of ammunition storage facility (FASF) at Hanle, District Leh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
2. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
3. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change guidelines.
4. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.
5. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
6. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
7. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes.
8. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for

any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.

9. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area and the raw material for the proposed project must be procured from the legal sources. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
10. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
11. The User Agency ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted areas and shall install suitable capacity/ technology STP as warranted under rules.
12. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
14. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
15. 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.

**84.5.45** Proposal for use of 0.35 ha of non-forest land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for construction two underground caverns for Tank Hide by tunnelling for storage of materials/equipments of strategic nature, District Leh, Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence

#### **WL/LA/DEF/527758/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.35 ha of non-forest land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for construction two underground caverns for Tank Hide by tunnelling for storage of materials/equipments of strategic nature, District Leh, Ladakh in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the Union Territory of

Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
2. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
3. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change guidelines.
4. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.
5. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
6. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
7. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes.
8. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
9. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area and the raw material for the proposed project must be procured from the legal sources. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
10. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
11. The User Agency ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted areas and shall install suitable capacity/ technology STP as warranted under rules.
12. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of

Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.

14. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
15. 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.

**84.5.46** Proposal for use of 0.49 ha of non-forest land from Karakorum (Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for mess and residence of officers of Workshop at Skampuk, District Leh, Ladakha in favour of Ministry of Defence.

#### **WL/LA/DEF/526646/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.49 ha of non-forest land from Karakorum (Nubra-Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for mess and residence of officers of Workshop at Skampuk, District Leh, Ladakha in favour of Ministry of Defence.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
2. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
3. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change guidelines.
4. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.
5. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
6. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
7. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for

burning purposes.

8. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
9. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area and the raw material for the proposed project must be procured from the legal sources. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
10. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
11. The User Agency ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted areas and shall install suitable capacity/ technology STP as warranted under rules.
12. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
14. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
15. 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.

**84.5.47** Proposal for use of 31 ha of non-forest land from Karakoram (Nubra Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for formation ammunition storage facility at Gapshan in favour of Ministry of Defence, District - Leh, Ladakh.

#### **WL/LA/DEF/519306/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 31 ha of non-forest land from Karakoram (Nubra Shayok) Wildlife Sanctuary for formation ammunition storage facility at Gapshan in favour of Ministry of Defence, District - Leh, Ladakh.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the Union Territory of



Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
2. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
3. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change guidelines.
4. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.
5. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
6. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
7. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes.
8. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
9. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area and the raw material for the proposed project must be procured from the legal sources. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
10. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
11. The User Agency ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted areas and shall install suitable capacity/ technology STP as warranted under rules.
12. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of

Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.

14. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
15. 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.

**84.5.48** Proposal for use of 6.576 ha of forest land from Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary for construction /improvement of OP TR CHOR II-Saragrahi from its existing classification to NHSL specification (PS) between km 8.50 and 13.80 km including FC/WLC under 130 RCC/764 BRTF project Swastik in East District, Sikkim in favour of Ministry of Defence

#### **WL/SK/DEF/514100/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 6.576 ha of forest land from Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary for construction /improvement of OP TR CHOR II-Saragrahi from its existing classification to NHSL specification (PS) between km 8.50 and 13.80 km including FC/WLC under 130 RCC/764 BRTF project Swastik in East District, Sikkim in favour of Ministry of Defence

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 with the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall implement the animal passage plan submitted along with the proposal.
2. Minimum removal of tree/poles shall be done during construction phase.
3. No labour camps, stores of materials shall be allowed in the Sanctuary area.
4. No firewood shall be used by the labourers.
5. Any damages of Forest crop, wildlife of sanctuary in the non diverted land shall be punishable as per the provisions of Forest laws and Acts.
6. 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.

**84.5.49** Proposal for use of 20.422 ha of forest land from Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary for construction/ improvement of road Rishi-Rngli-Kupup between km.53.00 and km 70.00 from CL-9 to NHDL specification under 130 RCC/ 764 BRTF of project Swastik in East Sikkim District in favour of

Ministry of Defence

**WL/SK/DEF/514612/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 20.422 ha of forest land from Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary for construction/ improvement of road Rishi-Rngli-Kupup between km.53.00 and km 70.00 from CL-9 to NHDL specification under 130 RCC/ 764 BRTF of project Swastik in East Sikkim District in favour of Ministry of Defence

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 with the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall implement the animal passage plan submitted along with the proposal.
2. Minimum removal of tree/poles shall be done.
3. Wildlife conflict mitigation plan shall be prepared.
4. No labourer camps, stores of materials shall be allowed.
5. 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.

**84.5.50** Proposal for use of 0.29 ha of forest land from Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary for Operation of Departmental Hot Mix Plant 20/30 PH at Km 1.50 on TRI JN Bheem Base Dokala Road within reserve land of BRO under 130 RCC/764 BRTF project Swastik in favour of Ministry of Defence in District Gangtok.

**WL/SK/DEF/514287/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.29 ha of forest land from Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary for Operation of Departmental Hot Mix Plant 20/30 PH at Km 1.50 on TRI JN Bheem Base Dokala Road within reserve land of BRO under 130 RCC/764 BRTF project Swastik in favour of Ministry of Defence in District Gangtok.

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 with the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall ensure that there is no violation of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
2. The User Agency shall ensure that all the activities should be restricted to the area that has been approved for clearance under the Van Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan, Adhiniyam, 1980.
3. The material used for construction of the road should not be

extracted inside the sanctuary area.

4. Labourer camps (temporary or permanent) should not be constructed in the Wildlife Sanctuary area.
5. Any activities which are not permissible in Wildlife Sanctuary should not be undertaken without prior approval of the Forests and Environment Department.
6. The User Agency and other paramilitary organizations must work closely with the Forest Department and leave no scope for conflict. The User agency personnel must not hinder the working of the Forest Department personnel inside the Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary.
7. There should be no defacing of rocks and other natural formations.
8. The local names of the places should not be distorted.
9. The reason for which the diversion was affected must be the only activity undertaken in the field and there should be no other diversion.
10. The User Agency officials should carry out geo-hydrological studies to understand the rock structures and the springs available in the area. The User Agency should take every precautionary measures not to disturb the geological structures as these are the major sources of water for downstream rivers. Environmental Impact Assessment should also be carried out before taking up the construction work.
11. The User Agency shall obtain clearance under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
12. No religious structures should be erected inside the wildlife sanctuary.
13. 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.

**84.5.51** Proposal for use of 0.99 ha of forest land from Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary for establishment of Border Out Post at Pangola in district - Pakyong, Sikkim in favour of 69th BN SSB Rhenock.

#### **WL/SK/DEF/540512/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.99 ha of forest land from Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary for establishment of Border Out Post at Pangola in district - Pakyong, Sikkim in favour of 69th BN SSB Rhenock.

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 with the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall ensure that there is no violation of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
2. The material used for construction of the road should not be extracted inside the sanctuary area.
3. Labourer camps (temporary or permanent) should not be constructed in the Wildlife Sanctuary area.
4. Any activities which are not permissible in Wildlife Sanctuary should not be undertaken without prior approval of the Forests and Environment Department.
5. The User Agency must work closely with the Forest Department and leave no scope for conflict. The User Agency personnel must not hinder the working of the Forest Department personnel inside the Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary.
6. There should be no defacing of rocks and other natural formations.
7. The local names of the places should not be distorted.
8. The reason for which the diversion was affected must be the only activity undertaken in the field and there should be no other diversion.
9. The User Agency officials should carry out geo-hydrological studies to understand the rock structures and the springs available in the area. The User Agency should take every precautionary measures not to disturb the geological structures as these are the major sources of water for downstream rivers. Environmental Impact Assessment should also be carried out before taking up the construction work.
10. The impact on bio-diversity of the area both above and below the road should be taken into account and managed judiciously.
11. The User Agency shall obtain clearance under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
12. No religious structures should be erected inside the wildlife sanctuary.
13. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden.
14. The Chief Wild Life Warden shall impose such penalties as provided under the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 in case of any violations.
15. No felling of trees or destruction of wildlife habitat, exploitation or removal of any wildlife including forest produce from the sanctuary should take place.
16. Labour camps will not be set up inside the sanctuary.
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.

## **DRINKING WATER**

**84.5.52** Proposal for use of 2.2868 ha of forest land from Purna Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of 13/712/610/273/219/150/100/80 mm DI/MS Steel for laying

underground drinking water pipeline to supply water to various en-route villages in Taluka Subir and Waghai of District Dang in favour of Gujarat Water Supply and Sewage Board.

**WL/GJ/DRKWATER/464266/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 2.2868 ha of forest land from Purna Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of 13/712/610/273/219/150/100/80 mm DI/MS Steel for laying underground drinking water pipeline to supply water to various en-route villages in Taluka Subir and Waghai of District Dang in favour of Gujarat Water Supply and Sewage Board.

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 with the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall not violate any provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
2. The User Agency shall not harm or destroy wildlife habitat including fauna and flora of the Sanctuary.
3. The User Agency shall not use the area for any other work other than the work permitted.
4. The User Agency shall not establish any temporary or permanent labour camp in the Sanctuary.
5. The User Agency or his contractor shall not create any fire places inside the Sanctuary.
6. All the material required for the work shall be prepared outside the sanctuary.
7. The work in the Sanctuary will be allowed only in the day time from 8 AM to 6 PM.
8. Approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, if required, shall be obtained separately for use of forest land.
9. The User Agency shall deposit NPV for the use of land of Protected Area as per the existing rates before initiating any work on the land.
10. The User Agency shall restore the land in its original form after completion of the work.
11. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Government in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023. After that the final approval or stage-2 will be given and local operations can be started.
12. The said water pipeline shall be laid underground.
13. 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.

**84.5.53** Proposal for use of 24.1486 ha [14.2108 ha forest land (4.0684 ha from core zone and 10.1424 ha from buffer zone) + 9.9378 ha non-forest land from buffer zone) from Ratapani Tiger Reserve for construction of the Intake well, approach bridge, transmission line, MBR, approach road, WTP, IPS, Overhead tank and laying of the underground water pipeline in Barna Dam MVS in district Raisen in favour of Madhya Pradesh Jal Nigam Maryadit, Bhopal.

**WL/MP/DRKWATER/523966/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 24.1486 ha [14.2108 ha forest land (4.0684 ha from core zone and 10.1424 ha from buffer zone) + 9.9378 ha non-forest land from buffer zone) from Ratapani Tiger Reserve for construction of the Intake well, approach bridge, transmission line, MBR, approach road, WTP, IPS, Overhead tank and laying of the underground water pipeline in Barna Dam MVS in district Raisen in favour of Madhya Pradesh Jal Nigam Maryadit, Bhopal.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended constitution of a committee for comprehensive site appraisal.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a site inspection committee comprising of the representatives of the Ministry, WII, NTCA, CWLW and the User Agency may be constituted for comprehensive appraisal of the project proposal and therefore, decided to defer the proposal.

**84.5.54** Proposal for use of 2.053 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Kanha Tiger Reserve for laying of the underground drinking water pipeline in Sijhora in district Mandla in favour of Madhya Pradesh Jal Nigam Maryadit, Mandla.

**WL/MP/DRKWATER/488050/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 2.053 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Kanha Tiger Reserve for laying of the underground drinking water pipeline in Sijhora in district Mandla in favour of Madhya Pradesh Jal Nigam Maryadit, Mandla.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended the proposal for approval subject to certain conditions.

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

1. Construction and repair activities should be limited to daylight hours to minimize disturbance to nocturnal wildlife.
2. The User Agency shall replant native species and restore disturbed areas post-construction to maintain the ecological balance.
3. No construction materials should be sourced from within the protected area.
4. No labour camps should be established within the core or buffer zones of the tiger reserve.
5. The User Agency shall implement soil and water conservation measures to reduce erosion and maintain the hydrological balance of the area.
6. The User Agency shall install fencing or barriers around construction sites to prevent disturbance to wildlife.
7. The User Agency shall schedule construction activities to avoid sensitive periods, such as breeding seasons for local fauna.
8. To minimize disturbance to wildlife, particularly in areas adjacent to the core zone of Kanha Tiger Reserve, manual digging should be employed instead of noisy heavy machinery, especially in ecologically sensitive stretches. This approach will help reduce noise, vibration, and human-wildlife conflict. Furthermore, all excavated pits should be properly refilled and restored immediately after the completion of the pipeline laying work to prevent accidents involving wildlife and to ensure habitat integrity is maintained.
9. CWLW, Madhya Pradesh should monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
10. 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.

**84.5.55** Proposal for use of 36.837 ha (13.380 ha forest land + 23.457 ha revenue land) land from core zone (5.7984 ha forest land and 3.1169 ha revenue land) & buffer zone (7.5817 ha forest land and 20.3405 ha non-forest land) of Sanjay Dubri Tiger Reserve for laying of underground water pipeline and construction of pump house, water tank (40 nos.) and approach road in GulabSagar MVS by MP Jal Nigam Maryadit, District -Sidhi.

#### **WL/MP/DRKWATER/464994/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 36.837 ha (13.380 ha forest land + 23.457 ha revenue land) land from core zone (5.7984 ha forest land and 3.1169 ha revenue land) & buffer zone (7.5817 ha forest land and 20.3405 ha non-forest land) of Sanjay Dubri Tiger Reserve for laying of underground water pipeline and construction of pump house, water tank (40 nos.) and approach road in GulabSagar MVS by MP Jal Nigam Maryadit, District -Sidhi.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the



State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended for constitution of a committee for comprehensive site appraisal.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a site inspection committee comprising of the representatives of the Ministry, WII, NTCA, CWLW and the User Agency may be constituted for comprehensive appraisal of the project proposal and therefore, decided to defer the proposal.

**84.5.56** Proposal for use of 2.452 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Panna Tiger Reserve for laying of underground drinking water pipeline for Singhora-2 MVS project by MP Jal Nigam Maryadit, PIU, Panna.

#### **WL/MP/DRKWATER/489264/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 2.452 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Panna Tiger Reserve for laying of underground drinking water pipeline for Singhora-2 MVS project by MP Jal Nigam Maryadit, PIU, Panna.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended the proposal for approval subject to certain conditions.

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

1. No labourer will be allowed to stay inside the Buffer zone area.
2. Construction work will not be permitted after sun set and before sunrise.
3. All construction materials should be carried out from the forest area.
4. Construction and repair activities should be limited to daylight hours to minimize disturbance to nocturnal wildlife.
5. The User Agency shall replant native species and restore disturbed areas post-construction to maintain the ecological balance.
6. No construction materials should be sourced from within the protected area. No labour camps should be established within the core or buffer zones of the tiger reserve.
7. The User Agency shall implement soil and water conservation measures to reduce erosion and maintain the hydrological balance of the area.
8. The User Agency shall install fencing or barriers around construction sites to prevent disturbance to wildlife.
9. The User Agency shall schedule construction activities to avoid sensitive periods, such as breeding seasons for local fauna.
10. To minimize disturbance to wildlife, particularly in areas adjacent to the core zone of Panna Tiger Reserve, manual digging should be employed instead of noisy heavy machinery, especially in

ecologically sensitive stretches. This approach will help reduce noise, vibration, and human-wildlife conflict. Furthermore, all excavated pits should be properly refilled and restored immediately after the completion of the pipeline laying work to prevent accidents involving wildlife and to ensure habitat integrity is maintained.

11. CWLW, Madhya Pradesh should monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
12. 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.

**84.5.57** Proposal for use of 0.03066 ha of forest land from core zone of Veerangna Durgawati Tiger Reserve for laying of Jabera-Tendukheda underground drinking water pipeline by MP Jal Nigam Maryadit District -Damoh.

#### **WL/MP/DRKWATER/495177/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.03066 ha of forest land from core zone of Veerangna Durgawati Tiger Reserve for laying of Jabera-Tendukheda underground drinking water pipeline by MP Jal Nigam Maryadit District -Damoh.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended the proposal for approval subject to certain conditions.

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

1. No labourer will be allowed to stay inside the forest land of core and forest area of tiger reserve.
2. Construction work will not be permitted after sun set and before sunrise.
3. Construction materials should not be carried out from the forest area.
4. Construction and repair activities should be limited to daylight hours to minimize disturbance to nocturnal wildlife.
5. Replant native species and restore disturbed areas post-construction to maintain the ecological balance.
6. No construction materials should be sourced from within the protected area. No labour camps should be established within the core or buffer zones of the tiger reserve.
7. The User Agency shall implement soil and water conservation measures to reduce erosion and maintain the hydrological balance of the area.
8. The User Agency shall install fencing or barriers around construction sites to prevent disturbance to wildlife.
9. The User Agency shall schedule construction activities to avoid

sensitive periods, such as breeding seasons for local fauna.

10. To minimize disturbance to wildlife, manual digging should be employed instead of noisy heavy machinery, especially in ecologically sensitive stretches. This approach will help reduce noise, vibration, and human-wildlife conflict. Furthermore, all excavated pits should be properly refilled and restored immediately after the completion of the pipeline laying work to prevent accidents involving wildlife and to ensure habitat integrity is maintained.
11. CWLW, Madhya Pradesh should monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
12. 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.

**84.5.58** Proposal for use of 0.3881 ha (0.2278 forest land and 0.1602 ha revenue land) from Son Ghariyal Sanctuary and in the corridor connecting Sanjay-Dubri and Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserves for laying of underground drinking water pipeline in Sidhi Gulabsagar MVS by MP Jal Nigam Maryadit, District - Sidhi.

#### **WL/MP/DRKWATER/502141/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.3881 ha (0.2278 forest land and 0.1602 ha revenue land) from Son Ghariyal Sanctuary and in the corridor connecting Sanjay-Dubri and Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserves for laying of underground drinking water pipeline in Sidhi Gulabsagar MVS by MP Jal Nigam Maryadit, District - Sidhi.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended the proposal for approval subject to certain conditions.

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

1. There is no damage to wildlife and its habitat.
2. No labour camp will be allowed to stay inside the sanctuary area.
3. Construction work will not be permitted after sun set.
4. Construction and repair activities should be limited to daylight hours to minimize disturbance to nocturnal wildlife.
5. Replant native species and restore disturbed areas post-construction to maintain the ecological balance.
6. No construction materials should be sourced from within the protected area. No labour camps should be established within the forest areas.
7. The User Agency shall implement soil and water conservation

measures to reduce erosion and maintain the hydrological balance of the area.

8. The User Agency shall install fencing or barriers around construction sites to prevent disturbance to wildlife.
9. The User Agency shall schedule construction activities to avoid sensitive periods, such as breeding seasons for local fauna.
10. To minimize disturbance to wildlife, manual digging can be employed instead of noisy heavy machinery especially in ecologically sensitive stretches. This approach will help reduce noise, vibration, and human-wildlife conflict. Furthermore, all excavated pits should be properly refilled and restored immediately after the completion of the pipeline laying work to prevent accidents involving wildlife and to ensure habitat integrity is maintained.
11. CWLW Madhya Pradesh should monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
12. 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.

**84.5.59** Proposal for use of 0.7611 ha of revenue land from National Chambal Wildlife Sanctuary for intake well, Channel, Approach Bridge for Sheopur Multi Village Rural Water Supply Scheme by MP Jal Nigam Muryadit, District- Sheopur, Madhya Pradesh.

#### **WL/MP/DRKWATER/473203/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.7611 ha of revenue land from National Chambal Wildlife Sanctuary for intake well, Channel, Approach Bridge for Sheopur Multi Village Rural Water Supply Scheme by MP Jal Nigam Muryadit, District - Sheopur, Madhya Pradesh.

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

Dr. H. S. Singh suggested that the proposal may be deferred till the receipt of report from WII regarding maintenance of e-flow in river Chambal.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to defer the proposal till the receipt of report of WII regarding maintenance of minimum e-flow from the river Chambal. It was also directed to State of MP to provide requisite data for completion of the report.

**84.5.60** Proposal for use of 2.258 of forest land from buffer zone of Panna Tiger Reserve for laying of Amjiriya to Tara underground drinking water pipeline

in Singhora-2 MVS Scheme by MP Jal Nigam Maryadit, PIU, Panna.

**WL/MP/DRKWATER/479750/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 2.258 of forest land from buffer zone of Panna Tiger Reserve for laying of Amjiriya to Tara underground drinking water pipeline in Singhora-2 MVS Scheme by MP Jal Nigam Maryadit, PIU, Panna.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended the proposal for approval subject to certain conditions.

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

1. No labourer will be allowed to stay inside the forest land of Buffer area.
2. Construction work will not be permitted after sun set and before sunrise.
3. Construction and repair activities should be limited to daylight hours to minimize disturbance to nocturnal wildlife.
4. Replant native species and restore disturbed areas post-construction to maintain the ecological balance.
5. No construction materials should be sourced from within the protected area. No labour camps should be established within the core or buffer zones of the tiger reserve.
6. The User Agency shall implement soil and water conservation measures to reduce erosion and maintain the hydrological balance of the area.
7. The User Agency shall install fencing or barriers around construction sites to prevent disturbance to wildlife.
8. The User Agency shall schedule construction activities to avoid sensitive periods, such as breeding seasons for local fauna.
9. To minimize disturbance to wildlife, particularly in areas adjacent to the core zone of Panna Tiger Reserve, manual digging should be employed instead of noisy heavy machinery, especially in ecologically sensitive stretches. This approach will help reduce noise, vibration, and human-wildlife conflict. Furthermore, all excavated pits should be properly refilled and restored immediately after the completion of the pipeline laying work to prevent accidents involving wildlife and to ensure habitat integrity is maintained.
10. CWLW, Madhya Pradesh should monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
11. 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.

**84.5.61** Proposal for use of 7.2279 ha [1.7107 ha of forest land from core zone and 1.6638 ha forest land and 3.8535 ha revenue land from buffer zone) from Sanjay Dubri Tiger Reserve for laying of underground water pipeline in ROW of road in Kusmi Water Supply Project by MP Jal Nigam Maryadit, Sidhi.

#### **WL/MP/DRKWATER/458762/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 7.2279 ha [1.7107 ha of forest land from core zone and 1.6638 ha forest land and 3.8535 ha revenue land from buffer zone) from Sanjay Dubri Tiger Reserve for laying of underground water pipeline in ROW of road in Kusmi Water Supply Project by MP Jal Nigam Maryadit, Sidhi.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended the proposal for approval subject to certain conditions.

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

1. No labourer will be allowed to stay inside the Buffer zone area.
2. Construction work will not be permitted after sun set and before sunrise.
3. Construction and repair activities should be limited to daylight hours to minimize disturbance to nocturnal wildlife.
4. Replant native species and restore disturbed areas post-construction to maintain the ecological balance.
5. No construction materials should be sourced from within the protected area. No labour camps should be established within the core or buffer zones of the tiger reserve.
6. The User Agency shall implement soil and water conservation measures to reduce erosion and maintain the hydrological balance of the area.
7. The User Agency shall install fencing or barriers around construction sites to prevent disturbance to wildlife.
8. The User Agency shall schedule construction activities to avoid sensitive periods, such as breeding seasons for local fauna.
9. To minimize disturbance to wildlife, particularly in areas adjacent to the core zone of Sanjay-Dubri Tiger Reserve, manual digging should be employed instead of noisy heavy machinery, especially in ecologically sensitive stretches. This approach will help reduce noise, vibration, and human-wildlife conflict. Furthermore, all excavated pits should be properly refilled and restored immediately after the completion of the pipeline laying work to prevent accidents involving wildlife and to ensure habitat integrity is maintained.
10. CWWLW, Madhya Pradesh should monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
11. 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.

**84.5.62** Proposal for use of 1.1 ha of forest land & 1.0 ha Non-Forest land from buffer zone of Satkosia Tiger Reserve for underground laying of Clear Water Rising Main Ductile Iron (CWRM DI) Pipes along Kencuanali to Taranda road as part of rural water supply scheme in favor of RWS&S Division in District Angul, Odisha

**WL/OR/DRKWATER/515399/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.1 ha of forest land & 1.0 ha Non-Forest land from buffer zone of Satkosia Tiger Reserve for underground laying of Clear Water Rising Main Ductile Iron (CWRM DI) Pipes along Kencuanali to Taranda road as part of rural water supply scheme in favor of RWS&S Division in District Angul, Odisha.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended the proposal for approval subject to certain conditions.

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

1. The User Agency must abide by all provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, the Odisha Forest Act, 1972, and other relevant laws and Rules concerning the Forest & Wildlife management during the implementation of the project.\
2. Labour camp shall not be established on the forest land.
3. Work Shall not be carried out after sunset.
4. The User Agency shall ensure that no damage is caused to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area.
5. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the application.
6. The Range Officer, Dhandatopa shall be informed before the commencement of the work and upon its completion.
7. Construction and repair activities should be limited to daylight hours to minimize disturbance to nocturnal wildlife.
8. Replant native species and restore disturbed areas post-construction to maintain the ecological balance.
9. No construction materials should be sourced from within the protected area. No labour camps should be established within the core or buffer zones of the tiger reserve.
10. The User Agency shall implement soil and water conservation measures to reduce erosion and maintain the hydrological balance of the area.
11. The User Agency shall install fencing or barriers around construction

sites to prevent disturbance to wildlife.

12. The User Agency shall schedule construction activities to avoid sensitive periods, such as breeding seasons for local fauna.
13. To minimize disturbance to wildlife, particularly in areas adjacent to the core and buffer zone of Satkosia Tiger Reserve, manual digging should be employed instead of noisy heavy machinery especially in ecologically sensitive stretches. This approach will help reduce noise, vibration, and human-wildlife conflict. Furthermore, all excavated pits should be properly refilled and restored immediately after the completion of the pipeline laying work to prevent accidents involving wildlife and to ensure habitat integrity is maintained.
14. CWLW Odisha should monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
15. 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.

**84.5.63** Proposal for use of 18.4994 ha of forest land from Mount Abu Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of Salgaon Dam including Dam Line Area, Guard Room and Meter Room (0.6 ha), Dam Line outer Surface Area (0.8 ha), Pipeline, 33 KV HT line (UG) and Electrification work along approach road (CC Road) (0.5389 ha), FTL AREA (16.5605 ha) at Mount Abu, District-Sirohi in favour of Public Health Engineering Department.

#### **WL/RJ/DRKWATER/498975/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 18.4994 ha of forest land from Mount Abu Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of Salgaon Dam including Dam Line Area, Guard Room and Meter Room (0.6 ha), Dam Line outer Surface Area (0.8 ha), Pipeline, 33 KV HT line (UG) and Electrification work along approach road (CC Road) (0.5389 ha), FTL AREA (16.5605 ha) at Mount Abu, District-Sirohi in favour of Public Health Engineering Department.

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 with the following conditions:

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
2. The User Agency shall maintain minimum e-flow.
3. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project



area.

4. No material of any kind should be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco Sensitive Zone.
5. There will be no burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco Sensitive Zone.
6. The waste material generated should be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco Sensitive Zone.
7. There will be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
8. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
9. The User Agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
10. Maintenance activity of any nature should be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of PA.
11. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules and will not violate court orders if any.
12. Transmission line shall be laid underground and the trench dug for laying the transmission line should be filled and leveled after completion of the work.
13. User Agency will provide water supply to nearest Forest Naka/Chowkies and essential water holes in Mt. Abu WLS.
14. It will be ensured that there is no damage to the forest and wild animals during the work and its management as well as during operational activities.
15. All the material required for the work shall be prepared outside the Sanctuary.
16. Noise limit of all the construction equipments etc. will be fixed as guided by any expert deputed by the Forest/Wildlife Department.
17. The User Agency will not park any machinery, vehicles etc. during night with in the sanctuary area.
18. The User Agency will provide the details of name and address of laborers, engineers, officers and other person involved in construction of dam within sanctuary area to the Wildlife Warden.
19. The User Agency will take all necessary steps to sensitize the labour and other persons towards protection of Wildlife.
20. No garbage dumps will be allowed inside the sanctuary area.
21. The User Agency will not establish mix plant in the sanctuary and forest area.
22. User Agency shall be advised to keep 25% of total water storage as dead storage for wildlife.
23. To Ensure the ecological operation of the River/Stream at downstream, the suitable minimum ecological flow shall be maintained for ecological conservation of flora and fauna of WLS.
24. The excavated area shall be reclaimed by backfilling with excavated soil and later on planted. All along the edge of the pit, afforestation will be done with fruit bearing trees of different native species of Mt. Abu WLS.

25. The Project is situated inside the boundary of Mount Abu Wildlife Sanctuary. User Agency will ensure that the proposed forest land will not be disturbed and minimum required excavation work to be ensured.
26. One forest chowki shall be constructed at the project cost by User Agency for protection and management of WLS.
27. No land use change and no new construction will be permitted in the catchment area and inventory of existing structure/construction will be prepared.
28. Blasting option shall be considered as a last option operation, when all other options are not viable and if blasting is carried out as last option then it should be minimal as well as non-detrimental to wildlife and nearby rocks strata and it must obey the noise pollution standards.
29. Detailed study about long term impacts of project will be conducted at the cost of User Agency by an expert institute such as WII.
30. 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.

## **HYDEL**

**84.5.64** Proposal for use of 42.51 ha of forest land and 60.534 ha non-forest land from Sharavathi Valley Lion Tailed Macaque Wildlife Sanctuary and 11.645 ha forest land and 28.074 ha non-forest land from eco-sensitive zone around the sanctuary for construction of Sharavathy Pumped Storage Project (2000 MW) in favour of Karnataka Power Corporation Limited in Shivmogga and Uttara Kannada Districts.

### **WL/KA/HYD/507286/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 42.51 ha of forest land and 60.534 ha non-forest land from Sharavathi Valley Lion Tailed Macaque Wildlife Sanctuary and 11.645 ha forest land and 28.074 ha non-forest land from eco-sensitive zone around the sanctuary for construction of Sharavathy Pumped Storage Project (2000 MW) in favour of Karnataka Power Corporation Limited in Shivmogga and Uttara Kannada Districts.

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

The Sharavathy Valley Wild Life Sanctuary has a population of about 700 Lion Tailed Macaques which is the highest in any protected area. The dams are already constructed. The scheme envisages utilization of the waters of the Sharavathy River released from Liganamakhi dam through dam to Power house of 55 MW by a Power channel in to Talakalale reservoir, which is a balancing reservoir for existing Sharavathy H.E.

Project of 1035 MW. The proposed pumped storage scheme envisages peak power generation on a Pumped storage type development, harnessing a head of about 460+ meters between the existing Talakalale as upper reservoir and Gerusoppa as Lower reservoir.

b. The Sharavathy Pumped Storage project envisages to utilise the existing Talakalale dam as upper dam and Gerusoppa as lower dam without any modification in these structures. The present operating levels are also remain unchanged.

The turbines are going to be installed underground and the pipes which would connect the two reservoirs would also be laid underground. However, about 15,000 trees are going to be cut for construction of road.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that several reports have emerged in newspapers against the proposed project. There would be usage of energy for pumping the water to generate potential energy and stored in the reservoir at higher level. When this stored water is flowed through the pipes to the lower reservoir and the turbines the entire potential energy would not be converted into electrical energy and there would be loss of energy during the entire process. This project would not be economical project. Further, lot of ecological damage would be caused by this project. He suggested that the project may first be approved under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. Thereafter, it should be examined by the Standing Committee and committee should be constituted for site inspection before it is recommended by the Standing Committee.

The Director, Wild Life Institute of India mentioned that the sanctuary is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Certain comments have been sought from the Chief Wild Life Warden, Karnataka through the C2C Centre of WII as per observations of the World Heritage Site.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Karnataka mentioned that the turbines and the pumps would be the same. The reservoirs already exists will be used and no new reservoir or dam is proposed in the project. He clarified that the proposal is regarding taking underground pipeline connecting one reservoir to another and generating power by using a turbine. During the day hours, with the generation of solar power, water would be pumped up to the Talakalale which is upper reservoir. During evening hours, which is peak time, water would be flowed to Gerusoppa dam which is a Lower reservoir to generate electricity. He further mentioned that it is a green project which will not have much ecological impact on the area. The road which is being constructed will affect the trees however sufficient mitigation measures specially canopy bridge has been proposed to avoid any restriction on the movement of the macaques.

Dr. R. Sukumar mentioned that the Sharavathy Wild Life Sanctuary is densely forested area. It houses the maximum population of lion tailed

macaques in the entire Western Ghats. The proposal does not provide full details of the ecological loss in terms of the loss of forest cover, the number of trees that would be cut and type and number of species that would be affected by the project i.e. construction of dams, road and other associated activities. The proposal should be carefully examined in detail. There should be thorough environment impact assessment for the project.

The Member Secretary clarified that the processes of Wildlife Clearance, Forest Clearance and Environment Clearance are going on parallelly. Site Inspection has been carried out in this project proposal for forest clearance. No new dams are going to be constructed as per the project proposal. The existing two dams are going to be connected through underground pipes. The damage to the protected area would be caused due to construction of the road rather than any other activity associated with the project. There would be disturbance to the canopy for which sufficient mitigation measures will be needed. As per the guidelines issued by the Ministry, forest clearance proposal is considered upon receipt of wildlife clearance if the project is proposed inside protected area.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Karnataka further informed that the pumps, turbine, tunnels would be constructed underground. In his recommendations, he has stated that even the road should be constructed underground.

The Chairman suggested that the proposal may be placed again for the consideration of the Standing Committee upon its forest clearance. The proposal may be recommended in-principle with the conditions imposed by the Chief Wild Life Warden.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal in-principle with the following conditions:

1. The project proposal shall be placed before the Standing Committee for its appraisal upon its approval under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
2. The project involves removal of trees for two main purposes namely construction of surge tank and widening of approach road of 12.3 km from Nagar basti kere to Begodi village from where the underground road commences.
3. Most of the 518 trees of Surge tank area can be saved if an alternate underground structure is constructed with a narrow opening for air outlet is designed.
4. More than 12000 trees out of 13756 trees enumerated to be felled for 12.3 km road from Nagar basti kere to Begodi can be saved if the road that is proposed underground till pump house can be extended from Nagar basti kere to base of pump house. This will also help the flagship species of the sanctuary i.e. Lion Tailed Macaque to have free ranging canopy which would be otherwise broken due to widening of road. The road length in case of going underground

would also reduce from 12.3 km to about 8 km. Maximum attempts should be made to take this road underground even if in part segments.

5. Since there is construction of new dam is not involved in the proposal, the User Agency claims that this is not a regular hydroelectric project. The clarification submitted by the User Agency that the proposed project does not fall under the category of Hydroelectric project is not satisfactory. Therefore, clarification may be submitted by User Agency obtained from competent authority in this regard.
6. The component of power evacuation from the power house is not included in the project proposal. However, the User Agency stated that the existing power transmission lines would be upgraded and used for power evacuation. Since, the upgradation of the existing transmission lines requires installation of new towers, this involves breaking up of the soil which is not permissible in the existing provisions. This point needs to be considered while processing the proposal at higher level.
7. The User Agency shall adhere to ToR (Terms of References) issued from MoEF&CC, IA Division as per provision of EIA Notification 2006 and the conditions imposed for grant of Environment Clearance.
8. Since the majority of components involved are underground in nature, it requires controlled drilling and blasting for construction of tunnels. Suitable control measures to be adopted to avoid landslide, erosion in the area and noise control mechanisms to avoid noise pollution.
9. The User Agency shall carry out suitable slope stabilization measures such as breast walls, retaining walls, terracing, drainage etc. to avoid possible landslips.
10. Soil moisture conservation measures to be taken up surrounding the project area at the cost of User Agency in consultation with the Forest Department.
11. The User Agency shall prepare a plan in consultation with the Forest Department and annually contribute for habitat management, Man-Animal-Conflict mitigation, boundary consolidation etc. within the Sanctuary. And also provide for establishment and maintenance of any new Anti-Poaching Camp surrounding the project area and adequate number of vehicles for patrolling in order to prevent any possible wildlife poaching arising out of increased human presence due to implementation of the project.
12. It should be ensured that the project does not harm or destroy wildlife habitats, including those of endangered species during its implementation and operations.
13. Ensure that only minimum permitted land diverted is used and extra forest area is not used for the project. Any unused forest area of the project shall be returned back to forest department.
14. The formation of new road may lead to fragmentation of wildlife habitat, especially since LTM is an arboreal animal it may lead to change in behavior of the animal, shifting of its habitat etc. Therefore,

User Agency shall adopt suitable measures to ensure canopy continuity and other necessary mitigation measures during the construction period of the project in consultation with the Forest Department.

15. Since the project involves minimum of 5 years for completion, User Agency shall adopt appropriate mitigation measures to avoid noise, water and air pollution during implementation period.
16. The User Agency shall prepare and implement Animal Passage Plan to facilitate free movement of animals (including herpetofauna) in consultation with the Forest department.
17. The User Agency shall abide by the above conditions and any other additional conditions that may be imposed in future by any competent authorities.
18. Signage Boards regarding wildlife to be instated at the cost of User Agency.
19. The construction work shall be restricted to day time hours i.e. between 6 AM to 6 PM.
20. The implementing agency shall abide by the conditions laid down by the forest officials in charge of the project area in the interest of protecting and minimizing disturbance to wildlife during construction phase and after completion of the project.
21. Will not be collecting the raw materials, forest produce including firewood from the forest.
22. All the staff and workers involved in the project implementation should be informed, created awareness about wildlife, so that they would not harm/ kill/ hunt / poach or abet in any such crimes in any way, failing which, legal course of action under the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, will be taken.
23. Care should be taken not to disturb the wildlife species and their habitat during construction activities.
24. The User Agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act & Rules, Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
25. The muck generated during the project implementation shall be taken out of the corridor without endangering the flora and fauna.
26. The work shall be taken up only under the close supervision of the jurisdictional officers & staff, to avoid any damage to the flora & fauna.
27. No tents or any other stay arrangement shall be permitted inside the protected area.
28. 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.

**84.5.65** Proposal for use of 0.211 ha forest land from Kuldiha Wildlife Sanctuary and 8.454 ha of forest land from ESZ of Hadgarh Wildlife Sanctuary for

construction of canals for Anandapur Barrage on Baitarani river at Kumunia village in Baleshwar and Keonjhar Districts in favour of Department of Irrigation.

#### **WL/OR/HYD/462543/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.211 ha forest land from Kuldiha Wildlife Sanctuary and 8.454 ha of forest land from ESZ of Hadgarh Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of canals for Anandapur Barrage on Baitarani river at Kumunia village in Baleshwar and Keonjhar Districts in favour of Department of Irrigation.

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

Approval under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 has already been given. There was violation in the ESZ for which penalties have been imposed.

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

1. For commencement of works, the User Agency should take prior permission from local forest officials.
2. In case of any specific wildlife issue warranting suspension of work, the User Agency will comply with the instruction of the DFO, Keonjhar Wildlife Division, Anandapur.
3. User Agency has to submit an undertaking to comply any other conditions, if any, imposed by MoEF&CC, Government of India, State Government, PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha, Field Director, Similipal Tiger Reserve- cum- RCCF, Baripada and DFO, Keonjhar Wildlife Division, Anandapur for better management of forest and wildlife.
4. The User Agency should construct the ramp or any other animal passage plan at the project cost for the safe movement of wild animals, especially wild elephants.
5. 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.

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

**84.5.66** Proposal for use of 0.13 ha of land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of Office-cum-Residence at Korzok village, District - Leh in favour of Intelligence Bureau, MHA, UT of Ladakh.

#### **WL/LA/INFRA/489844/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.13 ha of land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of Office-cum-Residence at Korzok village, District - Leh in favour of Intelligence Bureau, MHA, UT of Ladakh.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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

1. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
2. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
3. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change guidelines.
4. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.
5. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
6. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
7. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes.
8. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
9. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area and the raw material for the proposed project must be procured from the legal sources. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
10. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
11. The User Agency ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted areas and shall install suitable capacity/ technology STP as warranted under rules.
12. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered



access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.

13. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
14. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
15. 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.

## **IRRIGATION**

**84.5.67** Proposal for use of 0.94 ha of non-forestland from Nandur Madhyameshwar Bird Sanctuary for installation of additional 10 radial gates at the dam site and widening of river basin for flood control in the villages upstream of the dam at the Nandurmadhmeshwar Project, tehsil-Niphad, District Nasik.

### **WL/MH/IRRIG/538743/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.94 ha of non-forestland from Nandur Madhyameshwar Bird Sanctuary for installation of additional 10 radial gates at the dam site and widening of river basin for flood control in the villages upstream of the dam at the Nandur madhmeshwar Project, tehsil-Niphad, District Nasik.

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 with the following conditions:

1. The User Agency should deposit an amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023 with Deputy Conservation of Forest (Wildlife), Nashik.
2. The work should be done only during daytime to avoid causing disturbance to movement of wildlife during the night.
3. The User Agency should restore the land after use/maintenance.
4. The User Agency should restore any loss to forest/ environment.
5. During the construction of the huts, the laborers will not be allowed to

- construct any civil structure/shed.
6. Since the project is a Ramsar site, care must be taken to ensure that the relevant rules are not violated.
7. Construction workers must use the latest technology.
8. Blasting should not be done during this construction work.
9. According to Government of India letter dated 27/10/2023, the User Agency should inform /use "Call Before u Dig" (CBuD) Mobile Application of Government of India, prior to undertaking any type of digging/excavation. Otherwise the digging/excavation will be turned unauthorized.
10. 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.

### **MINING / QUARRYING**

**84.5.68** Proposal for use of 266.302 ha of revenue land lease for limestone mining by AAA Resource Limited in Territorial Forest Division Satna from within and adjacent to the approved wildlife corridor under the Tiger Conservation Plan (TCP) of Panna Tiger Reserve connecting Panna, Bandhavgarh, and Sanjay Tiger Reserves, District - Maihar.

#### **WL/MP/MIN/QRY/497170/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 266.302 ha of revenue land lease for limestone mining by AAA Resource Limited in Territorial Forest Division Satna from within and adjacent to the approved wildlife corridor under the Tiger Conservation Plan (TCP) of Panna Tiger Reserve connecting Panna, Bandhavgarh, and Sanjay Tiger Reserves, District - Maihar.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended for constitution of a committee for comprehensive site appraisal.

The Chairman desired to know about the status of diamond mines of National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) in Panna.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Madhya Pradesh informed that there is an issue of overburden which is overburden disposal. However, the mines of NMDC are functioning..

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided a committee may be constituted comprising of representatives of the Ministry, NTCA, WII and State Forest Department for comprehensive site appraisal.

**84.5.69** Proposal for quarrying Black Granite over an extent of 13.21.5 Ha non-forest land in SF.No.877 of government poramboke land in Ajjanahalii

Village, Pennagaram Taluk, Dharmapuri District in favour of M/S. Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited. The proposed site is 6.46 km away from the Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary.

### **WL/TN/MIN/QRY/422728/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for quarrying Black Granite over an extent of 13.21.5 Ha non-forest land in SF.No.877 of government poramboke land in Ajjanahalli Village, Pennagaram Taluk, Dharmapuri District in favour of M/S. Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited 6.46 km away from the Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary in default eco-sensitive zone.

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

Dr. R. Sukumar enquired if this project area falls towards the northern side the Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary through which the elephants migrate from Hosur to Chittoor.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu clarified that the present project area falls within the existing mining cluster.

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

1. The User Agency shall obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.
2. There shall be abidance of the judgements of Hon'ble Supreme with regard to the mining activities within 10 km from the boundary of sanctuary where the proposal for declaration of ESZ has not been submitted by the State Government.
3. Any other condition stipulated by the Conservator of Forests / District Forest Officer shall be followed.
4. The User Agency shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance will be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.
5. 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.

### **OPTICAL FIBRE CABLE (INVOLVING DIVERSION)**

**84.5.70** Proposal for use of 0.4762 ha of land from Wild Asses Sanctuary for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) in desert morbid (route Vejalpur-Ranmalpur (Juna nagadavas) Halavad Junagadavas-1 Ranamalapur Juna Nagdavas) District, Morbi in favour of Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited.

**WL/GJ/OFC/518748/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.4762 ha of land from Wild Asses Sanctuary for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) in desert morbid (route Vejalpur-Ranmalpur (Juna Nagadavas) Halavad Junagadavas-1 Ranamalapur Juna Nagdavas) District, Morbi in favour of Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited.

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 with the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall not violate any provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
2. The User Agency shall not harm or destroy wildlife habitat including fauna and flora of the Sanctuary.
3. The size of the trench will not exceed more than 2.0 m depth and 1.0 m width.
4. The User Agency agrees to make good the land after use/maintenance.
5. The User Agency seeks permission from the State Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance.
6. No civil structures will be built with the laying of optical fiber cables.
7. The User Agency will have to submit NOC from the agency which holds the right to use the right of way.
8. The User Agency shall ensure that the length of trench dug at a time does not exceed 500 m filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500m.
9. The User Agency shall complete work in 2 years from the approval of on laying of optical fiber cables within the PAs after taking into account all the factors/issues involved in the work.
10. Approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, if required, shall be obtained separately for use of forest land.
11. The User Agency shall deposit NPV for the use of land of Protected Area as per the existing rates before initiating any work on the land.
12. The User Agency shall restore the land in its original form after completion of the work.
13. The User Agency shall not use the area for any work other than proposed use.
14. The User Agency shall not establish any temporary or permanent labour camp in the Sanctuary.
15. The User Agency or his contractor shall not create any fire places inside the Sanctuary.
16. All the material required for the work shall be prepared outside the Sanctuary.
17. The work in the Sanctuary will be allowed only in the day time from 8

AM to 6 PM.

18. The said OFC line shall be laid underground.
19. 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.

**84.5.71** Proposal for use of 0.7355 ha of forestland from Balaram Ambaji Wildlife Sanctuary for laying for underground and overhead 4G Saturation Project in Villages Rabaran to Surela, Bhamariya to Dhanpura, Sebalpani to Karmadi, Khajuriya to Zanzarwa, Dhabchatra PNP to TJ karmadi, of Amirgadh Taluka Dist. Banaskantha and Rupvas to Rupvas GP and Dhareda to Vasl Chori to Kanbiyavas, Danta Dhabchatra to TJ Dhabchatra PNP, Khermal to TJ Khermal, Chokibor to Kuvarsi BTS, of Danta Taluka, Dist. Banaskantha in favour of BSNL

#### **WL/GJ/OFC/444385/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.7355 ha of forestland from Balaram Ambaji Wildlife Sanctuary for laying for underground and overhead 4G Saturation Project in Villages Rabaran to Surela, Bhamariya to Dhanpura, Sebalpani to Karmadi, Khajuriya to Zanzarwa, Dhabchatra PNP to TJ karmadi, of Amirgadh Taluka Dist. Banaskantha and Rupvas to Rupvas GP and Dhareda to Vasl Chori to Kanbiyavas, Danta Dhabchatra to TJ Dhabchatra PNP, Khermal to TJ Khermal, Chokibor to Kuvarsi BTS, of Danta Taluka, Dist. Banaskantha in favour of BSNL

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 with the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall not violate any provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
2. The User Agency shall not harm or destroy wildlife habitat including fauna and flora of the Sanctuary.
3. The size of the trench will not exceed more than 2.0 m depth and 1.0 m width.
4. The User Agency agrees to make good the land after use/maintenance.
5. The User Agency seeks permission from the State Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance.
6. No civil structure will be built with the laying of Optical Fiber Cables.
7. The User Agency will have to submit NOC from the agency which holds the right to use the right of way.

8. The User Agency shall ensure that the length of trench dug at a time does not exceed 500 m filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500 m.
9. The User Agency shall completing of work in 2 years from the approval of on the Pas after taking into account all the factors/issues involves in the work.
10. Approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, if required, shall be obtained separately for use of forest land.
11. The User Agency shall deposit NPV for the use of land of Protected Area as per the existing rates before initiating any work on the land.
12. The User Agency shall not use the area for any other work other than proposed use.
13. The User Agency shall not establish any temporary or permanent labour camp in the Sanctuary.
14. The User Agency or his contractor shall not create any fire places inside the Sanctuary.
15. All the material required for the work shall be prepared outside the sanctuary.
16. The work in the Sanctuary will be allowed only in the day time from 8 AM to 6 PM.
17. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Government in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.. After that the final approval or stage-2 will be given and local operations can be started.
18. The User Agency shall restore the land in its original form after completion of the work.
19. 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.

**84.5.72** Proposal for use of 0.04612 ha of forestland from Jambughoda Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of Underground/Overhead DSS OFC (Optical Fibre Cable) from Zand proposed site to Nani Raski Three Road for 4G Tower in Village: Zand of Nani Raski Juth Gram Panchayat of Bodeli Taluka District Chhotaudepur in favour of BSNL.

#### **WL/GJ/OFC/463181/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.04612 ha of forestland from Jambughoda Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of Underground/Overhead DSS OFC (Optical Fibre Cable) from Zand proposed site to Nani Raski Three Road for 4G Tower in Village: Zand of Nani Raski Juth Gram Panchayat of Bodeli Taluka District Chhotaudepur in favour of BSNL.

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 with the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall not violate any provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
2. The User Agency shall not harm or destroy wildlife habitat including fauna and flora of the Sanctuary.
3. The size of the trench will not exceed more than 2.0 m depth and 1.0 m width.
4. The User Agency agrees to make good the land after use/maintenance.
5. The User Agency seeks permission from the State Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance.
6. No civil structure will be built with the laying of Optical Fiber Cables.
7. The User Agency will have to submit NOC from the agency which holds the right to use the right of way.
8. The User Agency shall ensure that the length of trench dug at a time does not exceed 500 m filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500 m.
9. The User Agency shall completing of work in 2 years from the approval of on the Pas after taking into account all the factors/issues involves in the work.
10. Approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, if required, shall be obtained separately for use of forest land.
11. The User Agency shall deposit NPV for the use of land of Protected Area as per the existing rates before initiating any work on the land.
12. The User Agency shall not use the area for any other work other than proposed use.
13. The User Agency shall not establish any temporary or permanent labour camp in the Sanctuary.
14. The User Agency or his contractor shall not create any fire places inside the Sanctuary.
15. All the material required for the work shall be prepared outside the sanctuary.
16. The work in the Sanctuary will be allowed only in the day time from 8 AM to 6 PM.
17. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Government in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023. After that the final approval or stage-2 will be given and local operations can be started.
18. The User Agency shall restore the land in its original form after completion of the work.
19. 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.

**84.5.73** Proposal for use of 0.384 ha of forest land from Kitam Bird Sanctuary for laying of Optical Fibre Cable along the uphill side(row) of the road from Kitam to Jorethang market over a stretch of 9.6 km through overhead methodology in South District, Sikkim in favour of Reliance JioInfocomm Limited.

**WL/SK/OFC/446883/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.384 ha of forest land from Kitam Bird Sanctuary for laying of Optical Fibre Cable along the uphill side (row) of the road from Kitam to Jorethang market over a stretch of 9.6 km through overhead methodology in South District, Sikkim in favour of Reliance JioInfocomm Limited.

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 with the following conditions:

1. Laying of OFC cable be underground as far as possible to avoid affecting the wildlife.
2. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
3. For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the office of the undersigned when required.
4. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without prior approval of the Government.
5. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
6. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused
7. No felling of trees shall be done during the implementation of the project.
8. No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of the existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.
9. No labor camp shall be established on the forest land.
10. After completion of the project, the User Agency will reclaim the area under Right of Way suitably.
11. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Forest and Environment Department
12. All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Acts, Rules and Guidelines shall be complied with by the User Agency.
13. All the conditions stipulated by the Forest & Environment Department shall be binding on the User Agency.
14. Any breach of the conditions by the User Agency will be treated as a



violation of the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

15. 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.

**84.5.74** Proposal for use of 2.5775 ha of forest land from Pocharam Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable in Medak District in favour of Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited

**WL/TG/OFC/433999/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 2.5775 ha of forest land from Pocharam Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable in Medak District in favour of Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited.

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 with the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall provide Rs.15.795 lakhs to implement the following activities as a part of Wildlife Mitigation measures:

.No.	Activity	Abstract of Mitigation Plan		
		Unit	Phy	Fin. (Rs.in Lakhs)
1	<b>Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Water Resource Management</b>			
1	Development of Grass land & maintenance for 3 Ha. years including 3m., wide fire lines around the grass land @ Rs.20000/- per Ha. for 3 years and Rs.3000/- per ha. for broadcasting grass seeds incl. cost of seed.	Ha.	5	1.150
2	De-listing and deepening of tanks @ Rs.50000/-	Nos	2	1.000
3	Providing water to the Wildlife during dry season	Nos	18	2.444
4	Providing of salt licks @ Rs.0.100 Lakh for entire scheme period	LS	10	1.000
5	Digging of Percolation Tanks	1	FSR/SSR	1.610

6	Planting of Medicinal Seedlings around PT	No.	5	0.475
<b>II</b>	<b>Forest Fire Management</b>			
7	Creation of Fire lines @ 12000 per km	Kms	8.80	1.056
8	Maintenance of Fire lines @9000 for 3 years	Kms	8.80	2.960
<b>III</b>	<b>Publicity &amp; Awareness</b>			
9	Public awareness programme Rs.0.100 Lakhs for entire scheme period	LS	LS	0.600
10	Sign Boards	LS	LS	0.500
11	Human and Animal conflict-payment of compensation to victims	LS	LS	1.50
<b>IV</b>	<b>Admin cost</b>			
12	Admin cost	LS	LS	1.50
	<b>Total</b>			<b>15.795</b>

2. The mitigation amount of Rs.15.795 lakhs shall be deposited in the Telangana State Adhoc CAMPA account being maintained in Lodhi branch, New Delhi on the PARIVESH portal.
3. The proposed works shall be carried out manually engaging local work force without disturbing or damaging Flora, Fauna or habitat of wildlife.
4. The trench excavated for laying OFC shall be covered immediately and the topsoil consolidated to prevent erosion.
5. Work shall be carried out only from 8.00 AM to 5.00 PM.
6. The material for carrying out the proposed works shall be kept outside the Protected area of Pocharam Wildlife Sanctuary. As and when required they should be carried to the site during execution only.
7. No labourer camp should be established inside the Wildlife Sanctuary during the execution of the work.
8. The debris formed due to the execution of the works shall be taken away from the Wildlife Sanctuary on day-to-day basis.
9. The User Agency shall construct Masonry pillars to demarcate the proposed project area at every 20 meter interval at their own cost
10. No fire shall be caused or any explosive materials to be used inside the Wildlife Sanctuary.
11. Wherever the internet connection is required in the offices of the Forest Department in Medak District, the User Agency shall provide the internet connection free of cost.
12. No civil structure shall be constructed while laying the OFC.
13. Any other condition imposed by DFO, Medak shall be followed by the User Agency.
14. 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.

**84.5.75** Proposal for use of 5.1804 ha of forest land from Eturnagaram Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the road in

Various Reserve Forests of Banobjibandam Ext, Chitya I, Dodla, Kamaram Ext, Kamaram\_ii, Kondaparthi Ext., Manasapally Ext., Rampur Ext., Rajannapet Ext., Padgepur, Shapally EXT-II, Singaram south and Tadwai RF of Eturunagaram Forest Division in Mulugu District in favour of Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Ltd.

#### **WL/TG/OFC/493430/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 5.1804 ha of forest land from Eturunagaram Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the road in Various Reserve Forests of Banobjibandam Ext, Chitya I, Dodla, Kamaram Ext, Kamaram\_ii, Kondaparthi Ext., Manasapally Ext., Rampur Ext., Rajannapet Ext., Padgepur, Shapally EXT-II, Singaram south and Tadwai RF of Eturunagaram Forest Division in Mulugu District in favour of Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Ltd.

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 with the following conditions:

1. The User Agency will provide Rs.22.75 lakhs for the following activities as part of Wildlife mitigation measures:

S.No.	Activity	Units	Qty	Rate	Amount (Rs.in lakh)
<b>I</b>	<b>Habitat Improvement &amp; water Management</b>				
1	Installation of two solar bore wells with construction of mini percolation tank to store water for wild animals in all seasons @ Rs.6.50 lakh each.	Nos	2	6.50	13.00
2	Salt Licks	LS	LS	LS	0.50
<b>II</b>	<b>Wildlife protection &amp; Monitoring</b>				
a	Erection of check gates	Nos	5	0.15	0.750
b	CCTV Cameras / camera traps for monitoring of Wildlife movement.	Nos	15	0.30	4.50
<b>III</b>	<b>Capacity building</b>				
a	Enhancing skills on wildlife rescue, conflict and best habitat management practices.	Nos	2	0.25	0.50
<b>IV</b>	<b>Man and Animal conflict</b>	LS	LS	LS	1.50
<b>V</b>	Administration Cost.	LS	LS	LS	2.00
		<b>Total:</b>			<b>22.750</b>

2. The mitigation amount of Rs. 22.75 lakhs shall be deposited in the

Telangana State Adhoc CAMPA account being maintained in Lodhi branch, New Delhi on the PARIVESH portal.

3. The proposed works shall be carried out manually over stretches of 500mts at a time engaging local work force without disturbing or damaging Flora, Fauna or habitat of wildlife.
4. The trench excavated for laying OFC shall be covered immediately and the topsoil consolidated to prevent erosion.
5. Work shall be carried out only from 8.00 AM to 5.00 PM.
6. The material for carrying out the proposed works shall be kept outside the Protected area of Eturnagaram Wildlife Sanctuary. As and when required they should be carried to the site during execution only.
7. No labor camp should be established inside the Wildlife Sanctuary during the execution of the work.
8. The debris formed due to the execution of the works shall be taken away from the Wildlife Sanctuary on day-to-day basis.
9. The User Agency shall construct Masonry pillars to demarcate the proposed project area at every 20 meter interval at their own cost.
10. No fire shall be caused or any explosive materials to be used inside the Wildlife Sanctuary.
11. Wherever the internet connection is required in the offices of the Forest Department in Mulugu District, the User Agency shall provide the internet connection free of cost.
12. No civil structure shall be constructed while laying the OFC.
13. Any other condition imposed by DFO, Mulugu shall be followed by the User Agency.
14. 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.

**84.5.76** Proposal for use of 0.7086 ha forest land from core area from Amrabad Tiger Reserve for underground laying of Optical Fiber cable along the road in Achampet Division of Nagarkurnool district in favour of M/s Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, Hyderabad

#### **WL/TG/OFC/443718/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.7086 ha forest land from core area from Amrabad Tiger Reserve for underground laying of Optical Fiber cable along the road in Achampet Division of Nagarkurnool district in favour of M/s Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, Hyderabad

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended the proposal for approval subject to certain conditions.

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

1. The User Agency shall provide an amount of Rs.15.00 lakhs to implement the Wildlife mitigation measures:

**(Rs.in Lakhs)**

Sl. No.	Activity	Phy.	Unit Cost	Fin.
1.	Installation of solar power bore well along with PT	1	6.50	6.50
2.	Construction of percolation tanks	2	1.50	3.00
3.	Installation of CCTV cameras	2	0.50	1.00
4.	Installation of large hoardings	3	1.00	3.00
5.	Printing brochures, pamphlets etc., for creation of awareness	LS	LS	1.00
6.	Administration Cost.	LS	LS	0.50
	<b>Total</b>			<b>15.00</b>

2. The mitigation amount of Rs.15.00 lakhs shall be deposited in the Telangana State Adhoc CAMPA account being maintained in Lodhi branch, New Delhi on the PARIVESH portal.
3. The proposed works shall be carried out manually engaging local work force without disturbing or damaging Flora, Fauna or habitat of wildlife.
4. The trench excavated for laying OFC shall be covered immediately and the topsoil consolidated to prevent erosion.
5. Work shall be carried out only between 9.00 AM and 5.00 PM.
6. The material for carrying out the proposed works shall be kept outside the Tiger Reserve. As and when required they should be carried to the site during execution only.
7. No labourer camp should be established inside the Wildlife Sanctuary during the execution of the work.
8. The debris formed due to the execution of the works shall be taken away from the Tiger Reserve on day-to-day basis.
9. The User Agency shall construct Masonry pillars to demarcate the proposed project area at every 25 meter interval at their own cost.
10. No fire shall be caused or any explosive materials to be used inside the Tiger Reserve.
11. Where ever the internet connection is required in the offices of the Forest Department in Nagarkurnool District, the User Agency shall provide the internet connection free of cost.
12. Only the existing cart tracks, roads, foot paths in the forest area shall be utilized for movement of men and material.
13. Any other condition imposed by FDPT, ATR or DFO, Nagarkurnool shall be followed by the User Agency.
14. The OFC must be laid strictly along the existing road alignment to avoid any new disturbance or fragmentation of habitat.
15. Trenching for cable laying should done manually where machinery use may disturb wildlife or habitats.
16. Excavated soil should be backfilled immediately after cable laying and the surface restored to its original condition, especially in

forested areas.

17. All work should be conducted only during daylight hour.
18. Project activities should avoid the monsoon and peak wildlife breeding seasons to minimize ecological disturbances.
19. No tree felling shall be allowed, Existing vegetation, including shrubs and undergrowth, should be protected and not cleared unnecessarily along the route.
20. No dumping of construction material, plastic, or waste inside the forest or along the cable route. All non-biodegradable waste should be collected and transported out of the forest area for proper disposal.
21. The project shall not involve the construction of any permanent structure or facility within the forest area/protected area and no material should be extracted from the forest/protected area for construction.
22. The area should be restored to its pre-project state after completion. Any disturbed land must be stabilized with native vegetation or grass to prevent erosion and facilitate natural regeneration.
23. 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.

**84.5.77** Proposal for use of 0.124 ha of forest land from Jaldpara National Park for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable in favour of Bharti Airtel Ltd under Jaldapara Wildlife Division Coochbehar Jurisdiction, District-Coochbehar, West Bengal.

#### **WL/WB/OFC/467554/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.124 ha of forest land from Jaldpara National Park for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable in favour of Bharti Airtel Ltd under Jaldapara Wildlife Division Coochbehar Jurisdiction, District - Coochbehar, West Bengal.

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 with the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall ensure that length of the trench dug up at a time does not exceed 500 M, which shall be filled up and compacted before digging next trench of 500 M.
2. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall not be used for any other purpose than that specified in proposal.
3. No felling of trees shall be permitted for operation.
4. No night shelter or night accommodation shall be permitted inside Sanctuary while executing the work

5. No clearing of forest floor to access the work site is permitted.
6. All the materials required for the work should be prepared outside the Sanctuary.
7. The work in the Sanctuary will be allowed only in the day time from 9 AM to 5 PM.
8. No fire places will be created inside the Sanctuary.
9. Project personnel enriched in the project work shall observe the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules made there under.
10. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
11. While undertaking the periodical maintenance works if any by the User Agency shall obtain period approval of the Chief Wild Life Warden well in advance.
12. 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.

## **OTHERS**

**84.5.78** Proposal for oil & Gas development drilling activity over 2.696 ha forest land at existing well heads located in Upper Dihing Reserve Forest (West Block) in favour of Oil India Limited at 1.94 km from Dihing Patkai National Park within default ESZ.

### **WL/AS/Others/488173/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for oil & Gas development drilling activity over 2.696 ha forest land at existing well heads located in Upper Dihing Reserve Forest (West Block) in favour of Oil India Limited at 1.94 km from Dihing Patkai National Park within default ESZ.

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

Dr. R. Sukumar mentioned that in the past there have been blowouts in the oil wells in the protected area. He expressed concerns regarding similar situations as the project area is just 1.94 km from the boundary of the protected area.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Assam clarified that the drilling would be carried out from outside. Actually, there was existing well which has been closed.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to

recommend the proposal with the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall resort to minimal tree felling.
2. No adverse impact shall be caused to the wild animals and their habitat.
3. The User Agency shall take adequate measures against all kinds of pollution likely to be caused by implementation of the project including disasters like oil & gas leakage or explosion of the well.
4. Oil & Gas developmental drilling activities for the purpose of extraction of the hydrocarbon reserves from ESZ area shall be carried out from outside the ESZ.
5. No extraction of hydrocarbon shall be done from beneath the area of Dihing Patkai NP.
6. As the project is located less than 2 KM away from the boundary of Dihing Patkai NP, an amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023 as CORPUS fund to be utilized by the CWLW for preparation of Human-Animal-Conflict Mitigation Plan and Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan and its implementation.
7. 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.

**84.5.79** Proposal for exploratory drilling over an area of 4.9 ha at location HZO in Upper Dehing Reserve Forest, West Block within the Dehing Patkai Elephant Reserve under Digboi Forest Division at an aerial distance of approximately 7.81 km. from the Dihing Patkai National Park in favour of Oil India Limited Duliajan district Tinsukia

#### **WL/AS/Others/490994/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is forexploratory drilling over an area of 4.9 ha at location HZO in Upper Dehing Reserve Forest, West Block within the Dehing Patkai Elephant Reserve under Digboi Forest Division at an aerial distance of approximately 7.81 km. from the Dihing Patkai National Park in favour of Oil India Limited Duliajan district Tinsukia

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 with the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall resort to minimal tree felling.



2. No adverse impact shall be caused to the wild animals and their habitat.
3. The User Agency shall take adequate measures against all kinds of pollution likely to be caused by implementation of the project including disasters like oil & gas leakage or explosion of the well.
4. The exploratory drilling at the proposed site shall be only for the purpose of discovery of hydrocarbon reserves. Oil & Gas developmental drilling activities for the purpose of extraction of the hydrocarbon reserves discovered shall be carried out from outside the ESZ.
5. No exploratory drilling shall be carried out beneath the area of Dihing Patkai NP.
6. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023 as CORPUS fund to be utilized by the CWLW for preparation of Human-Animal-Conflict Mitigation Plan and Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan and its implementation.
7. 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.

**84.5.80** Proposal for alteration of boundary of Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, Assam by exclusion of 470.67 ha and inclusion of 564.83ha District Morigaon in favour of Assam Forest Department.

#### **WL/AS/Others/529808/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for alteration of boundary of Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, Assam by exclusion of 470.67 ha and inclusion of 564.83ha District Morigaon in favour of Assam Forest Department-

The proposal has been recommended by Chief WildLife Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. There would be overall increase in the area of the sanctuary.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Assam informed that sanctuary was notified in 1988. There were forest lands and three blocks of revenue lands included in the sanctuary. The entire sanctuary land was not handed over to the forest department. There were agricultural fields and private houses in the notified sanctuary land. Several adjoining wetlands were not included in the sanctuary. The present proposal excludes agricultural fields, houses, keeps reserve forests intact and includes wetlands in the proposed sanctuary area. There would be overall increase in the notified sanctuary area.

Dr. H. S. Singh mentioned that it had been principally agreed by the Standing Committee that in the proposals for alteration of boundaries of protected areas, the proposals should be examined by a committee which includes Members of the Standing Committee. He suggested that the present proposal may also be examined by site inspection committee.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a site inspection committee may be constituted comprising of Dr. R. Sukumar, Member, NBWL, representatives of the Ministry and the State Forest Department and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

- 84.5.81** Proposal for construction over 0.4255 ha non-forest land of apartment 'Confident Ambiance' (built up area - 21,409.42 m<sup>2</sup>) at Poonithura Village, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District at an aerial distance of 4.52 km from Mangalavanam Bird Sanctuary in default ESZ.

**WL/KL/Others/457762/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for construction over 0.4255 ha non-forest land of apartment 'Confident Ambiance' (built up area - 21,409.42 m<sup>2</sup>) at Poonithura Village, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District at an aerial distance of 4.52 km from Mangalavanam Bird Sanctuary in default ESZ.

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 that the Ministry shall develop guidelines regarding infrastructure development around wetlands and therefore deferred the proposal for forthcoming meetings.

- 84.5.82** Proposal for use of 1.646 ha non-forest land from buffer zone of Satkosia Tiger Reserve for construction of three numbers spurs for flood protection works on Mahanadi Right Bank near Badmulpatna of Gania Block, District - Nayagarh, Odisha in favour of Nayagarh Irrigation Division.

**WL/OR/Others/508763/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.646 ha non-forest land from buffer zone of Satkosia Tiger Reserve for construction of three numbers spurs for flood protection works on Mahanadi Right Bank near Badmulpatna of Gania Block, District - Nayagarh, Odisha in favour of Nayagarh Irrigation Division.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended the proposal for approval subject to certain conditions.

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

1. No work will be allowed between 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM (just before dusk to just after dawn).
2. For commencement of work, the User Agency should take prior permission from local forest officials having jurisdiction.
3. Ban on night traffic (Dust to Dawn) is essential to save animals from the constant flow of traffic and thus allow them passage.
4. Speed reduction (speed limit up to 20 Km/hr) is a must to avoid wild animal mortality and no use of horns and no littering inside the Protected Areas will be allowed.
5. Vehicles will not be allowed to stop within protected areas except the specific site and the details of the vehicles and accompanying persons to be intimated prior to Range Officers concerned.
6. No camping sites to be made on forest land inside the PA and work must be carried on in a speedy manner with minimal disturbance to wildlife.
7. No vegetation / tree should be cut or damaged and no fire wood cutting and fuel collection from / within the Protected Area.
8. No taking of any material like sand, gravel etc. from the Protected Areas. All materials for construction should be brought from outside.
9. The User Agency shall be responsible for any loss to the flora and fauna in the surroundings and therefore shall take all possible measures to conserve the same.
10. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal. Any change in the land used without prior permission of the authority shall amount to violation of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
11. The recommendation is subject to additional conditions to be imposed time to time by Wildlife Wardens and his functionaries.
12. User Agency have to submit an undertaking to comply with any other condition, if imposed by the MoEF&CC, Government of India, State Government, PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, PCCF (Wildlife) & CWLW, Odisha, Field Director, Satkosia Tiger Reserve-cum-RCCF, Angul and the Divisional Forest Officer, Mahanadi Wildlife Division, Nayagarh for better management of forest and wildlife.
13. Construction and repair activities should be limited to daylight hours to minimize disturbance to nocturnal wildlife.
14. All construction activities should be undertaken outside the monsoon and breeding season to avoid disturbance to wildlife, especially aquatic species and nesting birds.
15. Machinery movement and material storage should be restricted to designated zones to avoid trampling of vegetation and disturbance to riverbanks and riparian habitats. No tree felling should be carried out without prior permission from the Forest Department.
16. Flow alteration must be avoided to ensure natural hydrological regimes and aquatic species movement are not impacted.

17. No construction debris, oils, or other waste materials should be dumped into the river or adjacent areas.
18. Openings or wildlife passes may be integrated to maintain animal movement.
19. The User Agency shall replant native species and restore disturbed areas post-construction to maintain the ecological balance.
20. No construction materials should be sourced from within the protected area. No labour camps should be established within the core or buffer zones of the tiger reserve.
21. Riverbanks must be stabilized with bio-engineering solutions wherever possible.
22. CWLW Odisha should monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
23. 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.

## **PIPELINE**

**84.5.83** Proposal for use of 0.1078 ha of forest land from Kalsubai Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground pipeline for Rural Water Supply Scheme under Jal Jeevan Mission in Village Pachnai Taluka-Akole Dist. Ahmednagar in favour of Urban Development Department.

### **WL/MH/Pipeline/458480/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.1078 ha of forest land from Kalsubai Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground pipeline for Rural Water Supply Scheme under Jal Jeevan Mission in Village Pachnai Taluka-Akole Dist. Ahmednagar in favour of Urban Development Department.

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 with the following conditions:

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023 with Deputy Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Nashik 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 Kalsubai-Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary.

3. Construction material should be brought from outside of the sanctuary.
4. No work can be done on the area other than the demanded area as shown on map attached.
5. The User Agency should restore the land after use / maintenance.
6. The User Agency should take precaution to avoid any loss to forest / environment.
7. The User Agency should take permission from the State Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance.
8. The diameter of drinking water pipeline shall commensurate with the width of the trench mentioned above.
9. The User Agency will have to submit NOC from the agency the right to use the right of way.
10. The length of trench dug at a time does not exceed 500 m, filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500 m.
11. The time frame for completing the work of underground laying of drinking water pipeline, should be adhered to.
12. The User Agency shall provide water supply points within the PAs if demanded by the in-charge of PA.
13. The User Agency should inform /use "Call Before u Dig" (CBuD) Mobile Application of the Government of India prior to undertaking any type of digging/excavation. Otherwise the digging/excavation will be turned unauthorized.
14. 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.

**84.5.84** Proposal for use of 0.0548 of forest land from Kalsubai Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground pipeline for Rural Water Supply Scheme under Jal Jeevan Mission in Village Palsunde Taluka-Akole Dist. Ahmednagar in favour of Urban Development Department.

#### **WL/MH/Pipeline/458507/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0548 of forest land from Kalsubai Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground pipeline for Rural Water Supply Scheme under Jal Jeevan Mission in Village Palsunde Taluka-Akole Dist. Ahmednagar in favour of Urban Development Department.

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 with the following conditions:

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to

mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023 with Deputy Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Nashik 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 Kalsubai-Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary.
3. Construction material should be brought from outside of the sanctuary.
4. No work can be done on the area other than the demanded area as shown on map attached.
5. The User Agency should restore the land after use / maintenance.
6. The User Agency should take precaution to avoid any loss to forest / environment.
7. The User Agency should take permission from the State Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance.
8. The diameter of drinking water pipeline shall commensurate with the width of the trench mentioned above.
9. The User Agency will have to submit NOC from the agency the right to use the right of way.
10. The length of trench dug at a time does not exceed 500 m, filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500 m.
11. The time frame for completing the work of underground laying of drinking water pipeline, should be adhered to.
12. The User Agency shall provide water supply points within the PAs if demanded by the in-charge of PA.
13. The User Agency should inform /use "Call Before u Dig" (CBuD) Mobile Application of the Government of India prior to undertaking any type of digging/excavation. Otherwise the digging/excavation will be turned unauthorized.
14. 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.

**84.5.85** Proposal for use of 0.3895 of forest land from Kalsubai Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground pipeline for Rural Water Supply Scheme under Jal Jeevan Mission in Village Kumshet Taluka-Akole Dist. Ahmednagar in favour of Urban Development Department.

#### **WL/MH/Pipeline/458485/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.3895 of forest land from Kalsubai Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground pipeline for Rural Water Supply Scheme under Jal Jeevan Mission in Village Kumshet Taluka-Akole Dist. Ahmednagar in favour of Urban Development Department.

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 with the following conditions:

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023 with Deputy Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Nashik 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 Kalsubai-Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary.
3. Construction material should be brought from outside of the sanctuary.
4. No work can be done on the area other than the demanded area as shown on map attached.
5. The User Agency should restore the land after use / maintenance;
6. The User Agency should take precaution to avoid any loss to forest / environment.
7. The User Agency should take permission from the State Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance.
8. The diameter of drinking water pipeline shall commensurate with the width of the trench mentioned above.
9. The User Agency will have to submit NOC from the agency the right to use the right of way.
10. The length of trench dug at a time does not exceed 500 m, filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500 m.
11. The time frame for completing the work of underground laying of drinking water pipeline, should be adhered to.
12. The User Agency shall provide water supply points within the PAs if demanded by the in-charge of PA.
13. The User Agency should inform /use "Call Before u Dig" (CBuD) Mobile Application of the Government of India prior to undertaking any type of digging/excavation. Otherwise the digging/excavation will be turned unauthorized.
14. 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.

**84.5.86** Proposal for use of 1.3074 ha (0.7272 ha forest land + 0.4638 ha non-forest land) from core and buffer zones of Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve (MHTR) for laying of underground pipeline (forest and non-forest) and construction of overhead service reservoir tank (forest land) for Jhalrapatan town & 104 village water supply project from Rajgarh Dam Public Health Engineering Department in District-Jhalawar.

## WL/RJ/Pipeline/489650/2024

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 1.3074 ha (0.7272 ha forest land + 0.4638 ha non-forest land) from core and buffer zones of Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve (MHTR) for laying of underground pipeline (forest and non-forest) and construction of overhead service reservoir tank (forest land) for Jhalrapatan town & 104 village water supply project from Rajgarh Dam Public Health Engineering Department in District-Jhalawar.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended the proposal for approval subject to certain conditions.

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
2. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
3. No material of any kind should be extracted from the Protected Area.
4. There will be no felling of trees except mentioned in the proposal and no burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area.
5. The waste material generated should be disposed outside the Protected Area.
6. There will be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
7. No blasting will be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
8. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
9. The User Agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
10. Maintenance activity of any nature should be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
11. The User Agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of Standard SOP/Guidelines issued by WII, Dehradun for linear projects.
12. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
13. Pipeline shall be laid underground.
14. The length of trench dug at a time does not exceed 500 m. filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500 m.



15. User Agency will provide water supply to nearest Forest Naka/Chowkies and essential water holes in the protected area for wildlife habitat improvement.
16. It will be ensured that there is no damage to the forest and wild animals during the work.
17. User Agency will seek necessary/mandatory permission from the other concerned departments as applicable and will not violate court orders if any.
18. No civil structures will be built with the underground laying of drinking water pipeline.
19. Violation has been observed in this case for which penal provision of 5% proportional project cost may be charged from the User Agency.
20. Construction and repair activities should be limited to daylight hours to minimize disturbance to nocturnal wildlife.
21. Replant native species and restore disturbed areas post-construction to maintain the ecological balance.
22. No construction materials should be sourced from within the protected area. No labour camps should be established within the core or buffer zones of the tiger reserve.
23. Implement soil and water conservation measures to reduce erosion and maintain the hydrological balance of the area.
24. Install fencing or barriers around construction sites to prevent disturbance to wildlife.
25. Schedule construction activities to avoid sensitive periods, such as breeding seasons for local fauna.
26. To minimize disturbance to wildlife, particularly in areas core of the TR, manual digging should be employed instead of noisy heavy machinery, especially in ecologically sensitive stretches. This approach will help reduce noise, vibration, and human-wildlife conflict. Furthermore, all excavated pits should be properly refilled and restored immediately after the completion of the pipeline laying work to prevent accidents involving wildlife and to ensure habitat integrity is maintained.
27. CWLW, Rajasthan should monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
28. 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.

**84.5.87** Proposal for use of 4.8655 ha of forest land from core zone of Amrabad Tiger Reserve for Peddagattu Lift Irrigation Scheme for underground laying of 1000 mm with ABC cable & 300 mm dia M.S Pipeline with road along with approach road, soil bank area, pump house and substation in favour of Department of Irrigation in Nalgonda District, Telangana

**WL/TG/Pipeline/471677/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 4.8655 ha of forest land from core zone of Amrabad Tiger Reserve for Peddagattu Lift Irrigation Scheme for underground laying of 1000 mm with ABC cable & 300 mm dia M.S Pipeline with road along with approach road, soil bank area, pump house and substation in favour of Department of Irrigation in Nalgonda District, Telangana

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended the proposal for approval subject to certain conditions.

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

1. The following mitigation plan as recommended by CF/FD,ATR is approved for Rs.165.888 Lakhs.

Sl. No.	Name of the Item	Unit Cost (in Rs)	Qty	Fin. (Rs.in Lakhs)	RF/C.No.
<b>I Wildlife Protection &amp; Monitoring</b>					
1.	Engaging of animal trackers for 2 years @11497.75 PM	11.497.75	4	11.038	Entire Division
2.	Erection of check gates	12.000	10	1.200	71,73,100 101,103,107,115,116,128
3.	Creation of inspection path	2,20,000	10	22.00	Nellikal RF/72
4.	Maintenance of inspection path	1,70,000	10	17.00	Nellikal RF/72
5.	Forest Protection equipment (Camera, traps, drone, solar CC, Camera etc)	LS	LS	38.00	Entire division
<b>II Water Management &amp; SMC works</b>					
6	Formation of percolation tanks	1,00,000	4	4.00	Rajavaram-(67), Nidgul-(94,118 & 123)
7	Digging and installation of Solar Borewells	6,50,000	5	32.50	Nellikal RF-(70) Nidgul-(158,151,109,121)
<b>III Habitat improvement</b>					
8	a. Raising of natural grassland & management	30,000 per ha	30	9.00	Nidgul-(121)

b.	b.1 <sup>st</sup> year-Grass land management	15,000 per ha	30	4.50	Nidgul-(121)
	c.2 <sup>nd</sup> year-grassland management	8,000 per ha	30	2.40	Nidgul-(121)
<b>IV</b>	<b>Publicity Awareness &amp; capacity Building</b>				
9	Establishing sign boards, large hoardings, animal crossing zones and speed limit indicators	LS	LS	7.00	Entire Division
10	Awareness campaign and skill up-gradation to field functionaries	LS	LS	2.00	Entire Division
V	Man and animal conflict	LS	LS	4.00	Entire Division
11	Administrative cost	LS	LS	11.25	Entire Division
	<b>Total</b>			<b>165.888</b>	

2. The mitigation amount of Rs.165.88 lakhs shall be in the Telangana State Adhoc CAMPA account being maintained in Lodhi Branch, New Delhi on the Parivesh Portal.
3. The proposed works shall be carried out manually engaging local work force without disturbing or damaging Flora, Fauna or habitat of wildlife.
4. The work shall be carried out only from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm. Without disturbing the execution of work.
5. No labourer camp should be set up during the execution of the work.
6. All the debris at the site shall be removed after construction.
7. Care shall be taken to ensure no incidents of fire occur in the forest area. No explosives to be used.
8. There shall be no violation of Forest Act, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 during the execution of work.
9. Any other condition specified by the Circle head/ DFO/ FDO shall be complied with.
10. Masonry Pillars along the pipelines shall be constructed by the User Agency at 20m interval.
11. The User Agency shall provide water for the Tiger Reserve for filling up of saucer pits and percolation tanks.
12. All construction activities should be scheduled outside peak wildlife movement periods, especially early mornings and late evenings. No material should be obtained from protected area.

13. Use of low-noise, environment-friendly machinery, and ensuring proper solid and liquid waste management to avoid contamination of forest habitats.
14. Creation of wildlife movement corridors around any pipeline alignments with adequate spacing and barriers to prevent accidental entrapment or injury.
15. Regular monitoring by the Forest Department in coordination with the executing agency during all phases of construction and operation.
16. No tree felling or land clearing beyond the approved project footprint.
17. All installations should be temporary, outside the protected area and dismantled after use.
18. No major earthwork or heavy construction during monsoon or wildlife breeding seasons to prevent habitat disruption.
19. After completion, native species should be planted along the pipeline route to restore habitat.
20. 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.

### **POWER SUB STATION**

**84.5.88** Proposal for use of 0.4011 ha of forest land from Eturunagaram Wildlife Sanctuary for erection of Sub station, 11KV Electrical Line with Approach Road at Chinnaboinapally(v), Eturunagaram (m) of Mulugu District in favour of Northern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited.

#### **WL/TG/SubStation/459653/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.4011 ha of forest land from Eturunagaram Wildlife Sanctuary for erection of Sub station, 11KV Electrical Line with Approach Road at Chinnaboinapally (v), Eturunagaram (m) of Mulugu District in favour of Northern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited. The members of the committee and Member Secretary indicated that project is non site specific and justification that no alternative to construct the infrastructure is not sufficiently explained by the CWLW.

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

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Telangana informed that there are no alternate sites available for the proposal. The location of the proposed sub-station is near the enclosure.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to reject the proposal in its present proposition.

### **POWER TRANSMISSION LINE**

**84.5.89** Proposal for use of 36.6493 ha (14.4265 ha forest land and 5.6254 ha non-

forest land from Kachchh Desert Wildlife Sanctuary & 16.59 ha non-forest land from Wild Asses sanctuary) for construction of 765 kV D/C Transmission Line from Khavda-II PS (GIS) to Halvad for "Evacuation of additional 7 GW of RE power from Khavda RE park under Khavda Phase III Part A" in favour of Adani Transmission Step-Five Limited in District Kachch Gujarat.

### **WL/GJ/TRANS/454399/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 36.6493 ha (14.4265 ha forest land and 5.6254 ha non-forest land from Kachchh Desert Wildlife Sanctuary & 16.59 ha non-forest land from Wild Asses sanctuary) for construction of 765 kV D/C Transmission Line from Khavda-II PS (GIS) to Halvad for "Evacuation of additional 7 GW of RE power from Khavda RE park under Khavda Phase III Part A" in favour of Adani Transmission Step-Five Limited in District Kachch Gujarat.

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

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Gujarat informed that the transmission line would be staggered in the transmission line corridor identified in the region.

Dr. H. S. Singh suggested that small portion of the earth wire between two towers should be marked with white colour for the birds to avoid collision with transmission line.

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

1. The User Agency shall implement the animal passage plan, and the management plan for the area below the transmission line submitted along with the proposal.
2. The transmission line shall be staggered through the powerline corridor as suggested by the Chief Wild Life Warden.
3. Small portion of the earth wire between two towers should be marked with white colour for the birds to avoid collision with transmission line.
4. The User Agency shall not violate any provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
5. The User Agency shall not harm or destroy wildlife habitat including fauna and flora of the Sanctuary.
6. The User Agency shall not use the area for any other work other than the work permitted.
7. The User Agency shall not establish any temporary or permanent labour camp in the Sanctuary.
8. The User Agency or his contractor shall not create any fire places inside the Sanctuary.
9. Installing Bird reflectors on the Transmission Line.
10. All the material required for the work shall be prepared outside the

sanctuary.

11. The work in the Sanctuary will be allowed only in the day time from 8 AM to 6 PM.
12. Approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, if required, shall be obtained separately for use of forest land.
13. The User Agency shall deposit NPV for the use of land of Protected Area as per the existing rates before initiating any work on the land.
14. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Government in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.. After that the final approval of Stage-II will be given and local operations can be started.
15. The User Agency shall restore the land in its original form after completion of the work.
16. 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.

**84.5.90** Proposal for use of 12.98 ha land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of new 66/11 KV substation at Yourgo (Phobrang) and laying of 66 KV transmission line from Lukung to Yourgo, District Leh, Ladakh in favour of Energy Power Department

#### **WL/LA/TRANS/495110/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 12.98 ha land from Changthang High Altitude Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of new 66/11 KV substation at Yourgo (Phobrang) and laying of 66 KV transmission line from Lukung to Yourgo, District Leh, Ladakh in favour of Energy Power Department.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

Dr. H. S. Singh suggested that small portion of the earth wire between two towers should be marked with white colour for the birds to avoid collision with transmission line.

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

1. Small portion of the earth wire between two towers should be marked with white colour for the birds to avoid collision with transmission line.
2. Legal status of the land shall remain unchanged for the proposed diversion/wildlife clearance. The User Agency will have right to take up only approved activities as per the approved proposal.
3. Any diversion of land for any other purpose except for the referred

purpose shall not be admissible without fresh approval from the Standing Committee of NBWL.

4. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value (NPV) and other charges in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the MoEF&CC guidelines.
5. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue, including Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Environmental (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable before the initiation of work.
6. A quarterly compliance certificate on the implementation of the stipulated terms and conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden on regular basis.
7. The User Agency shall report accidents of any form involving wild animals to the department immediately.
8. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire place/s or use the firewood and bushes from the Protected Area for burning purposes.
9. The User Agency/ or its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and Wildlife violations/offence committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
10. The User Agency shall not take up any form of mining activity inside the Protected Area and the raw material for the proposed project must be procured from the legal sources. The approved Mining Plan with source of raw material and muck Disposal Plan with demarcated boundaries, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh, prior to issuance of land diversion order.
11. The User Agency must have a proper plan for disposal of the Solid Waste for the work force engaged as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
12. The User Agency ensure zero sewage disposal outside the proposed diverted areas and shall install suitable capacity/ technology STP as warranted under rules.
13. The staff of the wildlife protection department shall have unhindered access to the project site/area, for discharging of their duty and the project activities shall be liable to the periodic check by the wildlife staff.
14. The User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, issues with respect to the protection of Protected Areas, orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, conditions imposed in the Wildlife Clearance approval and orders of the UT Administration, issued from time to time.
15. Any violation of the referred conditions shall attract the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the permission shall be deemed cancelled on any of such violations reported.
16. 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.

**84.5.91** Proposal for use of 0.142 ha of forest land from Chandaka-Dampara Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of 33 KV underground feeder transmission line within existing right of way of PWD road starting from the OPTCL Chandaka B GSS to M/S Sapigen Biotech Park of M/S TPCODL in district Khorda, Odisha.

**WL/OR/TRANS/526588/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.142 ha of forest land from Chandaka-Dampara Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of 33 KV underground feeder transmission line within existing right of way of PWD road starting from the OPTCL Chandaka B GSS to M/S Sapigen Biotech Park of M/S TPCODL in district Khorda, Odisha.

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

The Chief Wild Life Warden informed that the transmission line is proposed to be laid underground. The Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life has delegated the power to recommend the proposals for underground laying transmission line within the approved right of way upto 11kV to the State Boards for Wild Life. As the present proposal is for laying of 33kV underground transmission line, the proposal has been submitted for seeking recommendations of the Standing Committee.

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

1. The User Agency shall make good the land after use/ maintenance.
2. The User Agency shall seek permission from the State Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance.
3. No civil structures will be built with the underground laying of transmission line within the protected area.
4. The length of trench dug at a time shall not exceed 500 m. The dug out trench shall be filled up and compacted first before digging next stretch of 500 m.
5. 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.

**SKILL UP-GRADATION / VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER**

**84.5.92** Proposal for use of 0.96 ha of forest land from Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of community/skill upgradation vocational training Centre at Dhekunpani, District-Nuapada, Odisha.



**WL/OR/VocTraining/482395/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.96 ha of forest land from Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of community/skill upgradation vocational training Centre at Dhekunpani, District-Nuapada, Odisha.

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

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Odisha mentioned that the area is close to Chhattisgarh and the proposal is submitted by the Police Department.

Dr. H. S. Singh submitted that since the proposal has been submitted by the Police Department, the proposal may be recommended.

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

1. The Legal Status of the Forest land will remain unchanged.
2. The forest land diverted for the purpose shall not be allowed to be used for any other purpose.
3. The User Agency shall not remove any forest produce and any other materials from the forest land of the Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary.
4. There should not be any violation of the provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act or other relevant Acts & Rules inside the Sanctuary during execution of work by the User Agency.
5. The extent of forest land diverted for the purpose over an area of 0.96 hectare should be restricted with the approved area only.
6. During construction tree felling should be avoided as far as possible.
7. 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.

**WATER / RAINWATER HARVESTING STRUCTURE**

**84.5.93** Proposal for use of 0.99 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve for construction of Pond for use by wildlife and domesticated animals in PF-631 by CEO Janpad Panchayat Maanpur District Umaria, Madhya Pradesh.

**WL/MP/RainHarvest/515479/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.99 ha of forest land from buffer zone of Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve for construction of Pond for use by wildlife and domesticated animals in PF-631 by CEO Janpad Panchayat Maanpur District Umaria, Madhya Pradesh.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The proposal has been recommended for approval by the NTCA with certain conditions.

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

1. User Agency should ensure no damage to forest, Wildlife and its habitats.
2. No work will be done at night.
3. Construction materials if required shall be brought from outside the Protected Area.
4. Construction and repair activities should be limited to daylight hours to minimize disturbance to nocturnal wildlife.
5. Replant native species and restore disturbed areas post-construction to maintain the ecological balance.
6. No construction materials should be sourced from within the protected area. No labour camps should be established within the core or buffer zones of the tiger reserve.
7. Implement soil and water conservation measures to reduce erosion and maintain the hydrological balance of the area.
8. Install fencing or barriers around construction sites to prevent disturbance to wildlife.
9. Schedule construction activities to avoid sensitive periods, such as breeding seasons for local fauna.
10. To minimize disturbance to wildlife, manual digging should be employed instead of noisy heavy machinery especially in ecologically sensitive stretches. This approach will help reduce noise, vibration, and human-wildlife conflict. Furthermore, all excavated pits should be properly refilled and restored immediately after the completion of the pipeline laying work to prevent accidents involving wildlife and to ensure habitat integrity is maintained.
11. CWLW Madhya Pradesh should monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
12. 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.

## **84.5 ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR**

### **84.5.1 ACTION TAKEN REPORT**

84.5.1.1 Proposal for use of 9.89 ha of forest land from tiger corridor connecting Sri Lankamalleswara Wild Life Sanctuary with Nagarajunasagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve (NSTR) and within notified ESZ at about 500m from the Sanctuary for widening and improvement of existing two lanes carriageway to 4 lanes of Mydukur-Badavel (NH-67) from chainage 606.500 to 609.800 on Hybrid Annuity mode under Bharatmala Pariyojana in favour of National Highways of India in YSR District, Andhra Pradesh-

#### **WL/AP/ROAD/456886/2023**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 9.89 ha of forest land from tiger corridor connecting Sri Lankamalleswara Wild Life Sanctuary with Nagarajunasagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve (NSTR) and within notified ESZ at about 500m from the Sanctuary for widening and improvement of existing two lanes carriageway to 4 lanes of Mydukur-Badavel (NH-67) from chainage 606.500 to 609.800 on Hybrid Annuity mode under Bharatmala Pariyojana in favour of National Highways of India in YSR District, Andhra Pradesh.

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

The Standing Committee in the 81st meeting decided that a site inspection committee comprising of representatives of the Ministry, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Wildlife Institute of India, Andhra Pradesh Forest Department and the User Agency may be constituted for evaluation of the project proposal, examination of animal passage plan and suggest modifications in the animal passage plan if any and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

Accordingly, a Site inspection committee was constituted which carried out site inspection and submitted the report with the certain modifications in the mitigation plan. The four members of the committee, namely, the representatives of NTCA, WII, MoEF&CC & Andhra Pradesh Forest Department, recommended elevated road of 3.3 km span with height of 5-8m.

After discussions, the Standing Committee in its 82nd meeting decided that a comprehensive review may be conducted in a meeting between, Secretary, EF&CC, Secretary, MoRTH, DGF & SS, PCCF and CWLW, Andhra Pradesh regarding the animal passage structures proposed by the User Agency and those proposed by the four members of the site inspection committee and the outcomes may be placed in the next meeting.

A review meeting was convened under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, EF&CC on 7th May 2025, in compliance with the directions issued during the 82nd meeting of the Standing Committee. During the meeting, it was decided that the NHAI would submit a letter and the relevant layout plan,

cross-sectional view and proposed elevation drawings regarding construction of a 2.7 km elevated road with height ranging from 5 to 8 m with 300 m approach roads on both sides having openings for animals to pass through. The aforesaid drawings would be examined by NTCA and WII and it is only after their approval will the proposed designs of the elevated road and approach roads that the proposal may be recommended to the Standing Committee for its consideration. The NHAI vide dated 02.06.2025 submitted its letter in compliance with the above direction. The letter was forwarded to NTCA and WII for their comments. The NTCA and WII submitted agreement with animal passage structures with the following dimensions vide the email dated 24th June 2025:

1. Elevated road for a span of 2.7 Km from Km 606+700 to Km. 609+400 with height ranging from 5m to 8m with 200m approach road towards Mydukur side from Km. 606+500 to 600+700 and 400m towards Badvel side from Km.609+400 to Km.609+800.
2. Animal Underpass of 75m (3No.\*25m) from Km 611+952 to Km 612+025 with 5m.

Dr. R. Sukumar mentioned that taking landscape approach, if with the proposed animal passage structure, the connectivity is not disturbed, the proposal may be recommended.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Andhra Pradesh assured that with the proposed animal passage structure now, the connectivity of landscape has been taking care.

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

1. The User Agency shall lay the Elevated road for a span of 2.7 Km from Km 606+700 to Km. 609+400 with height ranging from 5m to 8m with 200m approach road towards Mydukur side from Km. 606+500 to 600+700 and 400m towards Badvel side from Km.609+400 to Km.609+800 and Animal Underpass of 75m (3No.\*25m) from Km 611+952 to Km 612+025 with 5m.
2. The User Agency should carry out the work only in day time i.e., 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM.
3. The User Agency shall be instructed not to leave any waste excess material inside the forest.
4. No blasting shall be done in proposed area without the approval of concerned authority.
5. Clearance of bush growth etc., shall be kept to bare minimum.
6. The User Agency shall not set up labour camps inside the protected area. The felled material (trees, fuel, timber and pulp if any) is property of forest department and the user agency shall bear the felling transportation charges etc.

7. The User Agency shall not commit any action, which is detrimental to wildlife and habitat and shall obey other conditions stipulated by the forest department.
8. The User Agency shall deposit Wildlife Mitigation Plan - financial outlay of Rs.365.00 Lakhs in Bio-SAP account for immediate and effective implementation.
9. 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.

**84.5.1.2** Proposal for use of 80.77 ha forest land for Durgapur Opencast Project Mine in favour of M/s Western Coalfields Limited in District Chandrapur within tiger corridor connecting Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve-Kanhargoan Wildlife Sanctuary- Tipeshwar Wildlife Sanctuary in Chandrapur District, Maharashtra.

**WL/MH/MIN/QRY/463196/2024.**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 80.77 ha forest land for Durgapur Opencast Project Mine in favour of M/s Western Coalfields Limited in District Chandrapur within tiger corridor connecting Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve-Kanhargoan Wildlife Sanctuary-Tipeshwar Wildlife Sanctuary in Chandrapur District, Maharashtra.

The proposal was discussed in the 82nd meeting of the Standing wherein it was decided that a comprehensive review meeting may be held at the level of Secretary, EF&CC; DGF&SS, State Forest Department and concerned Ministry officials and therefore decided to defer the matter for the next meeting.

Accordingly, a review meeting was held on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2025, under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to comprehensively assess the implications of the projects and facilitate informed decision-making. In the meeting, the following decision was taken.

The NTCA shall clarify to the State Government regarding the identification of tiger corridors for the purposes of section 38-O(1)(g) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. Further, NTCA shall constitute a site inspection committee and the report to be submitted for consideration by the Standing Committee.

A site inspection committee was constituted by the NTCA for comprehensive appraisal of the proposal comprising the following:

1. Representative of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (Member – Convenor)
2. Representative of Director, Wildlife Institute of India (Member)
3. Representative of Chief Wildlife Warden (Member)

#### 4. Representative of User Agency (Member)

The committee carried out site inspection and submitted its report. The committee has recommended the proposal with certain conditions.

The Member Secretary informed that the NTCA had identified least cost tiger corridors. However, the State Government of Maharashtra is also considering the tiger corridors identified through telemetry in their tiger conservation plan for the purposes of section 38-O(1)(g) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The Director General of Forests and Special Secretary mentioned that the State of Maharashtra alone is facing this issue.

The Member Secretary, NTCA informed that the State Government of Maharashtra in their tiger conservation plan has mentioned corridors identified through telemetry as tiger corridors.

Dr. H. S. Singh suggested that the Chief Wild Life Warden of a state is the final authority in wildlife matters in a state and the proposal may be re-examined.

Dr. R. Sukumar mentioned that without field examination it would be difficult to conclude as to which path the tigers could be using for dispersal. The digital analytical tools may suggest a different path whereas the ground verification through signs available in the field, talking to local people may suggest a different path. There has to be a balance between the two ways.

Secretary, EF & CC suggested that since the area is already broken up, the proposal for mining may be recommended. The NTCA may be directed to clarify that the only the least cost pathways identified by them should be treated as tiger corridors.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that the NTCA shall issue clarification that for the purpose of tiger corridors, States should adhere to those corridors which have been identified by the NTCA and shared in public domain for the purpose of 38-O(1)(g) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. In case proposals are not falling into the identified corridors by the NTCA, however State government prefers to submit the proposal to standing committee, in such cases the proposal must be submitted with detailed justifications. The Standing Committee decided to approve the proposal with the following conditions:

1. A dedicated Wildlife Management Plan amounting to Rs. 18.07 Crores has already been prepared based on the study conducted by WII, Dehradun for entire Durgapur OC project. User Agency should

ensure implementation of all the Mitigative measures as recommended by the WII-Dehradun and approved by the Committee under the Chairmanship of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra State.

2. All the area on forested side shall be fenced to avoid movement of wild animals from surrounding forest areas into mining area. Special measures should also be taken to avoid accidental falling of wild animals in mined out pits. Fencing shall be completed before initiation of mining operation.
3. The User Agency should ensure implementation of WII's recommendation in Wildlife Assessment Study 2013 .
4. In order to mitigate man-animal conflict in the area and to actively decrease/remove unnatural shelter areas for wildlife closer to human habitations, prosopis and other invasive species removal shall be completed within 5 years in entire Durgapur Project Area. A plan in this regard shall be prepared in consultation with forest departments which shall be approved by chief conservator of Forest, Chandrapur.
5. 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.

**84.5.1.3** Proposal for use of 0.973 ha of forest land from core zone of Dholpur Karauli Tiger Reserve (DKTR) for laying underground pipeline (0.9505 ha) and construction of overhead service reservoir tank (0.0225 ha) for Water Supply Project to 94 Village of Dang Area of District Dholpur to provide functional household tap connection including 10 Year O&M in favour of Public Health Engineering Department.

#### **WL/RJ/Pipeline/490960/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.973 ha of forest land from core zone of Dholpur Karauli Tiger Reserve (DKTR) for laying underground pipeline (0.9505 ha) and construction of overhead service reservoir tank (0.0225 ha) for Water Supply Project to 94 Village of Dang Area of District Dholpur to provide functional household tap connection including 10 Year O&M in favour of Public Health Engineering Department.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA had recommended for constitution of a site inspection committee for comprehensive appraisal of the project proposal.

The proposal was considered in the 83<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee wherein it was decided that the Chief Wild Life Warden, Rajasthan shall provide clarification regarding the construction of water storage tank. The Standing Committee also decided that a site inspection committee comprising of the representatives of the Ministry, WII, NTCA,

CWLW and the User Agency may be constituted for comprehensive appraisal of the project proposal and therefore, decided to defer the proposal.

Accordingly, a committee was constituted by the Ministry vide OM dated 28.05.2025. The committee visited the site area on 19.06.2025 and submitted its report. After deliberations, site inspection, and examination of the proposal and the associated documentation, the committee recommended the project with certain conditions.

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

1. Work Schedule and Operational Restrictions: No project activities shall be conducted before sunrise or after sunset. Blasting, high-intensity lighting (e.g., searchlights, high mast lights), and loud sound operations are prohibited within 1 km of the Protected Area boundary.
2. Environmental and Wildlife Protection: No tree felling, fuelwood burning, or extraction of materials is permitted within the Protected Area. All activities must ensure that forest resources and wildlife are not harmed during the course of the work.
3. Waste and Trenching Management: Waste generated during project execution must be disposed of outside the Protected Area. Trenching for pipeline laying must be limited to 500 meters at a time, and each section should be filled and compacted before proceeding. To minimize disturbance to wildlife, user agency will ensure completion of the work on top priority.
4. Infrastructure Limitations and Pipeline Installation: The pipeline shall be laid underground, and no civil structures are to be constructed as part of this work. Labor camps shall not be set up within 1 km of the Protected Area.
5. Approval and Guidelines Adherence: Maintenance or any related activity shall be carried out only after obtaining prior approval from the competent authority.
6. Support to Forest Department and Habitat Improvement: The user agency shall ensure the provision of water supply to nearby forest outposts (nakas/chowkis/APC/Barracks/Range Office/other forest buildings) and critical wildlife waterholes, as part of habitat improvement measures, on a pro bono basis.
7. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
8. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
9. No material of any kind should be extracted from the Protected Area.
10. There will be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the



#### Protected Area.

11. The waste material generated should be disposed outside the Protected Area.
12. There will be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
13. The trench dug for laying the pipeline should be filled and levelled after completion of the work.
14. No blasting will be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
15. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
16. The user agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
17. Maintenance activity of any nature should be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
18. The user agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of Standard SOP/Guidelines issued by WII, Dehradun for linear projects.
19. Any permission / clearance required under FCA-1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
20. User agency will provide water facilities to wild animals & forest staff through a dedicated pipeline.
21. In the proposed project, there should be no obstruction in the minimum flow of Chambal River, etc.
22. User agency will not execute any work related to the project in protected area during rainy season.
23. User agency will seek permission/comply with the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court in IA 1648 in writ petition (civil) 202/95 and other relevant Cases.
24. 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.

## 84.6.2 FRESH PROPOSALS

- 84.6.2.1** Proposal for use of 0.1471 ha of forest land for installation of mobile tower at villages Lodhra RPTR & Dhekunpani, Optical Fiber Cable Connectivity of Jalmandei mobile tower site and 0.0334 ha non-forest land for installation of mobile tower at Jalmandei village from Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary (total 0.1805 ha) in district Nuapada under USOF project in favour of BSNL.

**WL/OR/CommPost/524665/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal for use of 0.1471 ha of forest land for installation of mobile tower at villages Lodhra RPTR & Dhekunpani, Optical Fiber Cable Connectivity of Jalmandei mobile tower site and 0.0334 ha non-forest land for installation of mobile tower at Jalmandei village from Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary (total 0.1805 ha) in district Nuapada under USOF project.

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. User Agency shall make good without any loss to the forest / environment.
2. Not a single tree shall be felled / looped/trimmed for lying of the proposed underground OFC in the forest/non-forest area.
3. The User Agency shall ensure that in no case digging of trench will be permitted beyond the ROW.
4. The User Agency shall ensure that no wildlife is harmed / injured in any way during the execution and subsequent maintenance work.
5. After completion of the project the area under ROW shall be reclaimed suitably.
6. The User Agency shall ensure the channels dugout for lying of the OFC are duly filled up and compacted.
7. The User Agency shall ensure that no waste material is left behind /dumped within forest area.
8. The User Agency shall ensure that no water body is polluted during the course of execution of the project.
9. The User Agency will make good the land after use/ maintenance.
10. The User Agency shall seek the permission of the forest department authority for carrying out any maintenance work thereafter.
11. The work should be carried out within sunrise and sunset to avoid any disturbance to wildlife. xii. During the work before commencement and after completion local forest officer should be duly informed with all details of work force and machineries in use.
12. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one km of the existing tower. If new towers are required to be built, these should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to increase the combined radiation from all towers in the area.
13. The location and frequencies of mobile towers emitting radiation should be made available in Public Domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all mobile towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the bird population in and around.
14. 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.

- 84.6.2.2** Proposal for use of 268.39 ha of forest land from core zone and 3.61 ha forest land from buffer zone of Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve (total 272 ha) for water reservoir in Kopra Medium Irrigation Project & drinking water in favour of Water Resources Division.

**WL/MP/IRRIG/509017/2024**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal for use of 268.39 ha of forest land from core zone and 3.61 ha forest land from buffer zone of Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve (total 272 ha) for water reservoir in Kopra Medium Irrigation Project & drinking water in favour of Water Resources Division.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended for constitution of a committee for comprehensive site appraisal.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that a committee comprising of representatives of the Ministry, WII, NTCA, State Forest Department and the User Agency may be constituted for comprehensive site appraisal and therefore decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting.

- 84.6.2.3** Proposal for alteration (Rationalization) in the boundaries of Sariska Tiger Reserve by increasing CTH area from 881.11 Sq. kms to 924.49 Sq. kms and decrease in buffer area from 245.72 to 203.20 sq. kms. in District - Alwar, Rajasthan.

**WL/RJ/Others/539947/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for alteration (Rationalization) in the boundaries of Sariska Tiger Reserve CTH & Buffer areas in District-Alwar, Rajasthan.

The CWLW informed inter alia that the Sariska Tiger Reserve was notified vide notification dated 28.12.2007 & 09.07.2012. In pursuance of point number XII of the recommendations by the Central Empowered Committee and suo-moto case No. 01/2023, Writ Petition (Civil) 202/1995 T.N. Godavarman vs. Union of India in the Hon'ble Supreme Court, New Delhi, committee was constituted by the Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan vide order number F.No.3(45) Forest/2024-08281 dated 10.01.2025 under the Chairmanship of Field Director Sariska. The committee has submitted its report/proposal for rationalization of CTH of Sariska Tiger Reserve under Section 38-V of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. Further as per Recommendation no. XII of CEC, "In Sariska Tiger Reserve, the area of Sariska Wildlife

sanctuary (492.00 Sq. Km.) is smaller than the area of its declared Critical Tiger Habitat (881.11 Sq. Km.). Also, given that the Critical Tiger Habitat is fragmented, this leads to both legal as well as management challenges. Hence, Critical Tiger Habitat of STR should be rationalized based on the pattern of tiger breeding while ensuring that the total area of CTH after rationalization does not decrease rather the area of the Sariska Wildlife sanctuary should be increased. It must be ensured that such rationalized boundaries of Sanctuary become coterminous with the Core/Critical Tiger Habitat of the Sariska Tiger Reserve. This should be done before 30.09.2024.”

It was further informed to the Standing Committee that the expert committee has recommended increase in CTH area from 881.11 Sq. kms. To 924.49 Sq kms. and decrease in buffer area from 245.72 to 203.20 sq kms. After this exercise, the total Tiger Reserve forest area has increased from 1126.83 sq. kms to 1127.68 sq. kms after alteration of CTH and buffer boundaries respectively (addition of Meenala block 85.44 ha in buffer area which was earlier neither part of CTH nor buffer).

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

The Chairman opined that the proposal has been referred through order of Supreme Court and recommended by CWLW and State government along with the justification.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to approve the proposal for alteration (Rationalization) in the boundaries of Sariska Tiger Reserve by increasing CTH area from 881.11 Sq. kms to 924.49 Sq. kms and decrease in buffer area from 245.72 to 203.20 sq. kms subject to the following conditions:

1. The proposed western section for rationalization from core to buffer has lower tiger density, but it still holds ecological significance due to confirmed tiger presence and its role in broader landscape connectivity. Therefore, developmental activities which are detrimental to wildlife habitats may be avoided.
2. Protection measures should be maintained or strengthened in the proposed buffer area and CTH through enhanced patrolling, community engagement, and habitat monitoring. It is further advised that human-wildlife conflict mitigation strategies be implemented proactively in and around villages near this zone.
3. To ensure that the reconfiguration does not adversely impact habitat continuity or wildlife movement, appropriate ecological safeguards and adaptive management practices must be implemented to support long-term conservation goals of the Sariska Tiger Reserve.
4. The directions of the Hon'ble court in its order dated 11.12.24, regarding the implementation of alteration of the boundaries shall be

complied.

**84.6.2.4** Proposal for use of 0.6857 ha of land from buffer area of Sariska Tiger Reserve for construction of water harvesting structures for Conservation of Rainwater adjoining area of Jarakhwala Nala District Alwar, Rajasthan in favour of Municipal Commissioner, Municipal Council, Alwar.

**WL/RJ/RainHarvest/ 535378/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.6857 ha of land from buffer area of Sariska Tiger Reserve for construction of water harvesting structures for Conservation of Rainwater adjoining area of Jarakhwala Nala District Alwar.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended the proposal for approval subject to certain conditions.

Dr. H. S. Singh enquired if the water from the reservoir would be used for any other purpose.

The Chief Wild Life Warden clarified that the proposal is only for the purpose of rain water harvesting.

The Member Secretary, NTCA mentioned as the User Agency is other than the Forest Department, the approval from the Standing Committee would be required to be taken.

The Member Secretary mentioned that the rain water harvesting structures may be taken up as part of the management activities inside protected areas. Such activities may be taken up as collaborative management activities in protected areas.

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

1. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
2. No material of any kind should be extracted from the Protected Area.
3. There will be no burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area.
4. The waste material generated should be disposed outside the Protected Area.
5. There will be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
5. No blasting will be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
6. Green belt should be created by the User Agency on the periphery of the project area.

7. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
8. The User Agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
9. Maintenance activity of any nature should be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
10. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, TAC or other acts may be taken as per rules.
11. Forest department will use water as and when required for wildlife conservation.
12. User Agency shall not raise height of the proposed anicut in future.
13. As the purpose of this anicut is to recharge ground water, User Agency will not make use of this anicut for any other purpose.
15. The User Agency will provide water supply to nearest Forest Naka/Chowkies and essential water holes under Sariska Tiger Reserve for wildlife habitat improvement.
14. Site work will be done on the existing site only. No additional work should be done on the existing site.
15. It will be ensured that there is no damage to the forest and wild animals during the work.
16. The User Agency will seek necessary/mandatory permission from the other concerned departments as applicable and will not violate court orders if any.
17. The User Agency will deposit fund in RPACS for following mitigative measures Rs.09 lacs

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Name of the Item</b>	<b>Amount (in Lacs)</b>
1.	Renovate of invasive alien Species/Grassland development	04
2.	SMC works/DLT/ WHS	04
3.	Administrative Cost	01
<b>Total</b>		<b>09 Lacs</b>

18. Construction and repair activities should be limited to day light hours to minimize disturbance to nocturnal wildlife.
19. The User Agency shall replant native species and restore disturbed areas post-construction to maintain the ecological balance.
20. No construction materials should be sourced from within the protected area.
21. No labour camps should be established within the core or buffer zones of the tiger reserve.
22. The User Agency shall implement soil and water conservation measures to reduce erosion and maintain the hydrological balance of the area.
23. The User Agency shall install fencing or barriers around construction sites to prevent disturbance to wildlife.

24. The User Agency shall schedule construction activities to avoid sensitive periods, such as breeding seasons for local fauna.
25. To minimize disturbance to wildlife, manual digging should be employed instead of noisy heavy machinery, especially in ecologically sensitive stretches. This approach will help reduce noise, vibration, and human-wildlife conflict. Furthermore, all excavated pits should be properly refilled and restored immediately after the completion of the pipeline laying work to prevent accidents involving wildlife and to ensure habitat integrity is maintained.
26. CWLW, Rajasthan should monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
27. 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.

**84.6.2.5** Proposal for use of 0.968 ha of forest land from buffer area of Sariska Tiger Reserve for construction of Water harvesting Structures for Conservation of Rainwater adjoining area of Prata Bandh District Alwar, Rajasthan in favour of Commissioner, Municipal Council, Alwar.

#### **WL/RJ/RainHarvest/535332/2025**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.968 ha of forest land from buffer area of Sariska Tiger Reserve for construction of Water harvesting Structures for Conservation of Rainwater adjoining area of Prata Bandh District Alwar, Rajasthan in favour of Commissioner, Municipal Council, Alwar.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended the proposal for approval with certain conditions.

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

1. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
2. No material of any kind should be extracted from the Protected Area.
3. There will be no burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area.
4. The waste material generated should be disposed outside the Protected Area.
5. There will be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
6. No blasting will be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.

7. Green belt should be created by the User Agency on the periphery of the project area.
8. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
9. The User Agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
10. Maintenance activity of any nature should be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
11. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
12. Forest department will use water as and when required for wildlife conservation
13. User Agency shall not raise height of the proposed Water harvesting Structures in future.
14. As the purpose of this Water harvesting Structures is to recharge ground water, User Agency will not make use of this Water harvesting Structures for any other purpose.
15. The User Agency will provide water supply to nearest Forest Naka/Chowkies and essential water holes under Sariska Tiger Reserve for wildlife habitat improvement.
16. Site work will be done on the existing site only. No additional work should be done on the existing site.
17. It will be ensured that there is no damage to the forest and wild animals during the work.
18. The User Agency will seek necessary/mandatory permission from the other concerned departments as applicable and will not violate court orders if any.
19. The User Agency will deposit fund in RPACS for following mitigative measures Rs.10 lacs.

S. No	Name of the Item	Amount (in Lacs)
1.	Borewell, Solar, Pipeline	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>10 Lacs</b>

20. Construction and repair activities should be limited to day light hours to minimize disturbance to nocturnal wildlife.
21. The User Agency shall replant native species and restore disturbed areas post-construction to maintain the ecological balance.
22. No construction materials should be sourced from within the protected area.
23. No labour camps should be established within the core or buffer zones of the tiger reserve.
24. The User Agency shall implement soil and water conservation measures to reduce erosion and maintain the hydrological balance of the area.
25. The User Agency shall install fencing or barriers around construction



sites to prevent disturbance to wildlife.

26. The User Agency shall schedule construction activities to avoid sensitive periods, such as breeding seasons for local fauna.
27. To minimize disturbance to wildlife, manual digging should be employed instead of noisy heavy machinery, especially in ecologically sensitive stretches. This approach will help reduce noise, vibration, and human-wildlife conflict. Furthermore, all excavated pits should be properly refilled and restored immediately after the completion of the pipeline laying work to prevent accidents involving wildlife and to ensure habitat integrity is maintained.
28. CWLW, Rajasthan should monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
29. 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.

**84.6.2.6** Proposal for use of 0.8445 ha of forest land from buffer area of Sariska Tiger Reserve for construction of Water harvesting Structures for Conservation of Rainwater adjoining area of Prata Bandh District Alwar, Rajasthan in favour of Commissioner, Municipal Council, Alwar.

#### **WL/RJ/RainHarvest/535400/2025.**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.8445 ha of forest land from buffer area of Sariska Tiger Reserve for construction of Water harvesting Structures for Conservation of Rainwater adjoining area of Prata Bandh District Alwar, Rajasthan.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended the proposal for approval with certain conditions.

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

1. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
2. No material of any kind should be extracted from the Protected Area.
3. There will be no burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area.
4. The waste material generated should be disposed outside the Protected Area
5. There will be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
6. No blasting will be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work
7. Green belt should be created by the User Agency on the periphery of the project area.

8. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
9. The User Agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
10. Maintenance activity of any nature should be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
11. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, TAC or other acts may be taken as per rules.
12. Forest department will use water as and when required for wildlife conservation.
13. User Agency shall not raise height of the proposed anicut in future.
14. As the purpose of this anicut is to recharge ground water, User Agency will not make use of this anicut for any other purpose.
15. The User Agency will provide water supply to nearest Forest Naka/Chowkies and essential water holes under Sariska Tiger Reserve for wildlife habitat improvement.
16. Site work will be done on the existing site only. No additional work should be done on the existing site.
17. It will be ensured that there is no damage to the forest and wild animals during the work.
18. The User Agency will seek necessary/mandatory permission from the other concerned departments as applicable and will not violate court orders if any.
19. The User Agency will deposit fund in RPACS for following mitigative measures Rs.04 lacs.

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Name of the Item</b>	<b>Amount (in Lacs)</b>
1.	Renovate of invasive alien species/Grassland development	02
2.	Solar, pipeline	01
3.	Administrative Cost	01
<b>Total</b>		<b>04</b>

20. Construction and repair activities should be limited to day light hours to minimize disturbance to nocturnal wildlife.
21. The User Agency shall replant native species and restore disturbed areas post-construction to maintain the ecological balance.
22. No construction materials should be sourced from within the protected area.
23. No labour camps should be established within the core or buffer zones of the tiger reserve.
24. The User Agency shall implement soil and water conservation measures to reduce erosion and maintain the hydrological balance

of the area.

25. The User Agency shall install fencing or barriers around construction sites to prevent disturbance to wildlife.
26. The User Agency shall schedule construction activities to avoid sensitive periods, such as breeding seasons for local fauna.
27. To minimize disturbance to wildlife, manual digging should be employed instead of noisy heavy machinery, especially in ecologically sensitive stretches. This approach will help reduce noise, vibration, and human-wildlife conflict. Furthermore, all excavated pits should be properly refilled and restored immediately after the completion of the pipeline laying work to prevent accidents involving wildlife and to ensure habitat integrity is maintained.
28. CWLW, Rajasthan should monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
29. 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.

**84.6.2.7** Proposal for use of 0.08 ha of forest land from buffer area of Sariska Tiger Reserve for renovation (Repair) Work of Matia Kund at Top Wale Hanumanji Premises at Alwar, Rajasthan in favour of Urban Improvement Trust, Alwar.

**WL/RJ/Others/534949/2025.**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.08 ha of forest land from buffer area of Sariska Tiger Reserve for renovation (Repair) Work of Matia Kund at Top Wale Hanumanji Premises at Alwar, Rajasthan in favour of Urban Improvement Trust, Alwar.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended the proposal for approval subject to certain conditions.

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

1. An amount equivalent to the cost of implementing the measures to mitigate impact of the activities proposed in the project in the Protected Area shall be deposited by the User Agency in RPACS in consonance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide F.No. 6-30/2019-WL dated 13.12.2023.
2. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
3. No material of any kind should be extracted from the Protected Area.

4. There will be no burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area.
5. The waste material generated should be disposed outside the Protected Area.
6. There will be no labour camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
7. No blasting will be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
8. Green belt should be created by the User Agency on the periphery of the project area.
9. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
10. The User Agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
11. Maintenance activity of any nature should be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
12. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
13. Forest department will use water as and when required for wildlife conservation.
14. User Agency will provide water supply to nearest Forest/Chowkies and essential water holes under Sariska Tiger Reserve for Wildlife habitat improvement.
15. Site Work will be done on the existing site only. No additional work should be done on the existing site.
16. No kind of raw material like stone, Gravel, Debris etc. will not be taken from forest areas/Tiger Reserve area.
17. It will be ensured that there is no damage to the forest and wild animals during the work.
18. No kind of inflammable material will be taken inside Tiger Reserve Area and extreme care should be taken that no fire is lit inside Tiger Reserve Area.
19. Construction and repair activities should be limited to day light hours to minimize disturbance to nocturnal wildlife.
20. The User Agency shall replant native species and restore disturbed areas post-construction to maintain the ecological balance.
21. No construction materials should be sourced from within the protected area. No labour camps should be established within the core or buffer zones of the tiger reserve.
22. The User Agency shall implement soil and water conservation measures to reduce erosion and maintain the hydrological balance of the area.
23. The User Agency shall install fencing or barriers around construction sites to prevent disturbance to wildlife.
24. The User Agency shall schedule construction activities to avoid sensitive periods, such as breeding seasons for local fauna.
25. To minimize disturbance to wildlife, manual digging should be employed instead of noisy heavy machinery, especially in

ecologically sensitive stretches. This approach will help reduce noise, vibration, and human-wildlife conflict. Furthermore, all excavated pits should be properly refilled and restored immediately after the completion of the pipeline laying work to prevent accidents involving wildlife and to ensure habitat integrity is maintained.

26. CWLW, Rajasthan should monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated in this report at various phases of the project implementation.
27. 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.

**84.6.2.8** Proposal for alteration (rationalization) in the boundary of National Gavial Sanctuary, Kota from hanging bridge to Kota barrage in Kota, Rajasthan by excluding 1451.38 ha (491.73 ha forest land and 959.65 ha non-forest area).

**WL/RJ/Others/530432 /2025.**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for alteration (rationalization) in the boundary of National Gavial Sanctuary, Kota from hanging bridge to Kota barrage in Kota, Rajasthan

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended for constitution of a committee for comprehensive site appraisal.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Rajasthan informed that on the upstream of Chambal river from Kota barrage, the proposal is to exclude 1451.38 ha (491.73 ha forest land and 959.65 ha non-forest area) from National Gavial Sanctuary. While the forest area proposed to be excluded shall still be part of the buffer zone of Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve, the non-forest area would cease to be part of the tiger reserve.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided a committee may be constituted comprising of representatives of the Ministry, NTCA, WII and State Forest Department for comprehensive site appraisal.

**84.6.2.9** Proposal for use of 3.6455 ha of land from buffer area of Sariska Tiger Reserve for strengthening & renewal of road from SH-29 A tehra to dabkan-mad mandalwas rajorgarh kanshla mathrawat kaniyawas up to kankwari, District, Alwar, Rajasthan

**WL/RJ/ROAD/534676/2025.**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is 3.6455 ha of

land from buffer area of Sariska Tiger Reserve for strengthening & renewal of road from SH-29 A tehra to dabkan-mad mandalwas rajorgarh kanshla mathrawat kaniyawas up to kankwari, District, Alwar, Rajasthan

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has recommended for approval only for strengthening of the existing track, using WBM (Water Bound Macadam), non- bituminous, eco-friendly surfacing materials that allow permeability and reduce ecological impact limited to restoration and maintenance, without widening or any change in the current alignment with certain mitigation measures.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal for strengthening of the existing track, preferably by using WBM and non- bituminous, eco-friendly surfacing materials that allow permeability and reduce ecological impact limited to restoration and maintenance, without widening or any change in the current alignment subject to the following conditions:

1. The work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
2. No material of any kind should be extracted from the Protected Area.
3. There will be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area.
4. The waste material generated should be disposed outside the Protected Area.
5. There will be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
6. No blasting will be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
7. To restrict movement of wild animals towards the road/railway track in the Protected Area, adequate mitigative measures such as wall/ chain link fencing will be constructed by the User Agency to stop accidents.
8. There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
9. Signages regarding information about the wild animals in the area, control of the traffic volumes, speed etc should be erected in the project area.
10. The User Agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
11. Maintenance activity of any nature should be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
12. The User Agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of Standard SOP/Guidelines issued by WII, Dehradun for linear projects.
13. Any permission / clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam

Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.

14. A sign board will be installed at every 500 meters in the sanctuary area. The details of which will be posted only after the approval of this office.
15. Speed breakers will be made and marked with fluorescent paint at a distance of every 300 meters in the sanctuary area.
16. Species wise Animal passes to be provided by User Agency at project cost as per WII Conditions.
17. The User Agency will deposit fund in RPACS for following mitigative measures Rs22.0 lacs.

S. No	Name of the Item	Amount (in Lacs)
1.	Renovate of invasive alien species/Grassland development	10
2.	SMC works/DLT/ WHS	10
3.	Administrative Cost	02
<b>Total</b>		<b>22</b>

18. Violation has been observed in this case for which penal provision of 2% proportional project cost may be charged from the User Agency.
19. Construction and repair activities should be limited to daylight hours to minimize disturbance to nocturnal wildlife.
20. The road will not be widened-its width will remain the same as the existing track.
21. Should construct speed breakers / rumble strips and install warning signboards at areas sensitive for wildlife crossings. These should be strategically placed in wildlife crossing zones, especially near areas of known animal movement.
22. The length of the road should not exceed the length of a typical forest road and in this case the length should not exceed the existing road.
23. No trees should be felled. Vegetation should be cleared to improve visibility along the road to avoid accident with wild animals.
24. The User Agency shall enforce reduced speed limits for vehicles on the road to avoid wildlife collisions. Speed limit signs should be installed at least every 1-2 kilometres to enforce reduced speeds.
25. Any form of waste dumping, especially near water bodies or forests shall be prohibited.
26. Hazard warnings signs alerting drivers to sharp turns or construction activities every 200 meters in active zones.
27. The User Agency shall replant native species and restore disturbed areas post-construction to maintain the ecological balance.
28. No construction materials should be sourced from within the protected area. No labour camps should be established within the core or buffer zones of the tiger reserve.

29. 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.

The Chairman directed that immediate action should be taken for preparation of draft guidelines regarding infrastructure development around wetlands, revision of guidelines for preparation of proposals for notification of ESZ around National Parks and sanctuaries with respect to prohibited, regulated and promoted activities, guidelines for monitoring the compliance of conditions imposed by the Standing Committee and maintenance of minimum e-flow in the river Chambal. The Ministry shall circulate the proposal for revision of guidelines for preparation of proposals for notification of ESZ around National Parks and sanctuaries to relevant ministries and divisions in the Ministry and the States for their comments. Sub-committees may be formed under the Chairmanship of Additional Director Generals of Forests to take views of Chief Wild Life Wardens of States/UTs through virtual meetings. Next meeting of the Standing Committee may be scheduled in Panna Tiger Reserve wherein all these four issues would be discussed. Further, a presentation may also be made regarding the provisions available in the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 to deal with Human-wildlife conflict situations.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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### **Annexure1**

#### **List of participants**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1	Shri Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Minister for EF&CC	Chairman
2	Shri Tanmay Kumar, Secretary	Member
3	Shri Sushil Kumar Awasthi,, DGF&SS, MoEF&CC	Member
4	Shri Ramesh Kumar Pandey, ADGF(WL), MoEF&CC	Member Secretary
5	Dr Gobind Sagar Bhardwaj, ADGF (Project Tiger) & Member Secretary (NTCA)	Invitee
6	Ms. Aradhana Sahoo, Director, GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar	Member
7	Dr. H. S. Singh, Member, NBWL	Member
8	Prof. R. Sukumar, Member, NBWL	Member
9	Shri Virendra Tiwari, Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.	Member
10	Shri N. Tam, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden,	Invitee
11	Shri Prem Kumar, PCCF (Wildlife Management, Programme and Eco-tourism), Chhattisgarh	Invitee
12	Sh. Amitabh Gautam, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Himachal Pradesh	Invitee



13	Shri Ajay Kumar Naik, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Andhra Pradesh	Invitee
14	Shri Vinay Gupta, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Assam.	Invitee
15	Shri Jaipal Singh, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Gujarat	Invitee
16	Mr. Subhash K Malkhede, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Karnataka	Invitee
17	Dr D Manjunatha, CCF and Chief Wild Life Warden Sikkim	
18	Shri Rakesh Kumar Dogra, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu.	Invitee
19	Shri Bikash Ranjan Dash, PCCF and HoFF, Odisha.	Invitee
20	Shri Pramod G. Krishnan, APCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Kerala	Invitee
21	Shri Sandeep Sundriyal, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, West Bengal	Invitee
22	Shri M Srinivas Rao, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Maharashtra	Invitee
23	Dr. Shubharanjan Sen, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Madhya Pradesh	Invitee
24	Ms. Shikha Mehra, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Rajasthan	Invitee
25	Shri Elusing Meru, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Telangana.	Invitee
26	Shri R.K. Mishra, PCCF and Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttarakhand	Invitee
27	Shri Mandeep Mittal, DCF and Wild Life Warden, Ladakh	Invitee
28	Shri.S.R. Natesha, Chief Conservator of Forests, Jharkhand.	Invitee
29	Shri Rakesh Kumar Jagenia, DIGF (WL), MOEFCC, New Delhi	Invitee
30	Dr. Sudheer Chintalapati, Scientist E, MoEFCC, New Delhi.	Invitee