

Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Wildlife Division)

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To

All State / UT Principal Secretaries and Chief Secretaries Forest and Environment Department

Sub: Guidelines for sanctioning proposals on laying of underground drinking water pipeline and optical fiber cables (OFC) inside Protected Areas- regd.

Sir,

Ministry had received a proposal from the Chief Wildlife Warden (CWLW) of Gujarat for delegation of powers for sanctioning proposals on laying of drinking water pipeline and optical fiber cables falling inside the Protected Areas (PAs) to the CWLWs of States / UTs. The matter was examined in the Ministry and placed before the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) for consideration. The matter was considered by the Standing Committee of NBWL in its 45th and 46th meetings. The Standing Committee recommended delegating its powers for sanctioning proposals on laying of drinking water pipeline and optical fiber cables along the right of way of these roads inside the National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries and Tiger Reserves or any other Protected Area notified under the Wildlife (Protection) act, 1972 to the State Board for Wildlife (SBWL) subject to the following conditions:

- [1] The size of the trench will not exceed more than 2.0 m depth and 1.0 m width;
- [2] The user agency agrees to make good the land after use / maintenance;
- [3] The user agency agrees to make good any loss to forest t environment;
- [4] The user agency seeks permission from the State Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance;
- [5] The diameter of drinking water pipeline will not exceed 4 inches in diameter.
- [6] No civil structures will be built with the laying of drinking water pipeline and 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 State Government / Union Territories shall ensure that the length of the trench dug at a time does not exceed 500 m which shall be filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500 m;
- [9] The State Board for Wildlife shall also suggest the time frame for completing of work of on laying of drinking water pipeline and optical fiber cables within the Pas after taking into account all the factors/issues involves in the work;
- [10] The user agency shall provide water supply points within the PAs if demanded by the Chief Wildlife Warden or in-charge of PA but not more than per sq.km;
- [11] This approval shall be valid for five years till 31.12.2023;

[12] The State Government / Union Territories will submit a monthly progress report on the extent of the forestland diverted for such purposes to the Ministry as well as the concerned Regional Offices.

This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister of for Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Pasupala Ravi) Scientist C

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF WILDLIFE HELD ON 13.09.2018

The 10th meeting of the State Board of Wildlife was held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Forest Minister, Government of Rajasthan on 13.09.2018 in the Conference room of the Chief Ministers Office, Jaipur. List of Members and Special Invitees who attended the meeting is given at Annexure - 1.

Chief Wildlife Warden & Member Secretary gave a presentation on the agenda items. After detailed discussions on agenda items, following decisions were taken:

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Agenda no. 1: Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of SBWL held on 22.10.2016 which were circulated on dated 30.12.2016 as there were no objections the minutes were confirmed.

Agenda Item 2: Wildlife Clearances

Proposals of wildlife clearances approved by SBWL on file by circulation were placed before the members for formal approval. The following proposals were approved formally are as under:

(a) Proposals approved by SBWL by circulation file no. 686 dated 14.11.17:

S.N	Name of proposal approved	Name of Protected Area
1	Bhainsirodgarh Borav Water Supply Project in Mukandara National Park	MHTR
2	Fluoride Control project for remaining villages of tehsil Beawer-	Todgarh Raoli WLS
3	Replacement of paper quad RE cable by jelly field 6 quad cable in kota - shamgarh section and other associate telecom works in kota -	MHTR

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1	Rehabilitation of existing cracked arched bridge of 150Dn of West Central Railway;	MHTR
5	Expansion of Industrial area Kuber located in Ranpur village, Tehsil Ladpura of Kota district;	MHTR
6	Proposal for laying Optical Fibre Cable of Reliance Jio Infocomm Project in kota district	National Chambal Sanctuary

(b) Proposals approved by SBWL by circulation file no. 899 dated 03.07.18:

S.N	Name of proposal approved	Name of Protected Area
1	Proposal for Tulsi Palace Resort Pvt. Ltd. in village Kukas, Tehsil Amer, Jaipur (FP/RJ/Others/518/2017)	Nahargarh Wildlife Sanctuary
2	Proposal for Clearance for All units of DCM Shriram, Kota Complex at Shriram Nagar Industrial Area, Kota, Rajasthan (FP/RJ/IND/1782/2017)	National Chambal Ghariyal Sanctuary
3	Proposal for Construction of 11 KV S/C Transmission Line Shivshakti Stone crusher crossing point Jhinjhari to Bhabhan Village End Point under-Rajiv Gandhi Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) (FP/RJ/IND/23277/2017)	Tadgarh Raoli Wildlife Sanctuary
4	Proposal of Babai (RRPVNL)- Bhiwani (PG) 400 kV D/C Transmission Line (FP/RJ/TRANS/28622/2017)	Khetri Bansyal Conservation Reserve



5	Proposal for sandstone mine Village – Dhaneshwar & Sutara, Tehsil & District Bundi- Rajasthan (FP/RJ/Min/1565/2017)	Mukundara Hills Tiger Reserve
6	Proposal for laying of OFC (Network for Spectrum Defense) for Second in Command 551, Sub Group Jodhpur between Talhiti, Abu Road to Dhundai Mode, Mount Abu, Sirohi – Offline proposal (FP/ RJ/DEF/1624/2017)	Sanctuary
7	Proposal for laying of OFC from Burja ka Tiraha to Malion ki Dham inside Sariska Tiger Reserve (FP/RJ/Others/911/2016)	Sariska Tiger Reserve
8	Laying OFC for 4G project for communication in National Chambal Ghariyal Sanctuary(FP/RJ/Others/1769/2017)	National Chambal Ghariyal Sanctuary
9	Proposal for laying of National Optical Fiber Cable of Digital India Project, BSNL, Falna (FP/RJ/OTHER/1123/2017)	Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary
10	Proposal for laying Optical Fiber Cable of Reliance Jio Infocomm Project in Kota district FP/RJ/other/759/2016	Mukundra Hills Tiger reserve
1 1	Proposal for laying of OFC under PMO DIGITAL INDIA Project Govt of india National optical Fiber cable. FP/RJ/Others/968/2016	Mukundra Hills Tiger reserve
12	Proposal for laying the Optical Fibre cable from Andhi Mod to Mehangi Atal Seva Kendra under BHARATNET PROJECT (FP/RJ/Others/32579/2018)	Jamwaramgarh Sanctuary
13	Proposal for Laying of Optical Fiber Cable in NOFN project- Digital India Project by Govt. of India to connect all gram panchyats in Bhim	Todgarh Raoli Sanctuary



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(c) Proposals approved by SBWL by circulation file no. 901 dated 13.07.18;

S.N	Name of proposal approved	Name of Protected Area
1	Renewal of Road from Karanpur - Mandrial road 0/9 to 10/0, 15 to 19/0, 26/0 to 29/0, 33/0 to 40/0 (MDR -3A) Proposal No. FP/RJ/Road/2580/2018	RTR Buffer
2	Renewal of Road from Bharanda Khandar Baler Karnpur Masalpur Jagner Road Km 66/0, to 69/0 (MDR-3) Proposal No. FP/RJ/ Road/2557/2018	RTR Buffer

New Project Proposals for Approval Of SBWL:

Following proposals were placed for approval

- Proposal 1: Mining of Millstone and masonry stone (minor mineral) including Khanda. Gitti and Boulders (FP/RJ/MIN/2377/2018)
- Proposal 2: Repair of existing approach road to Bharathari temple at Sariska Tiger Reserve (FP/RJ/ROAD/2529/2018)
- Proposal 3: Laying Optical Fibre cable to connect Atal Seva Kendras for Providing Broadband Connectivity under BharatNet Project of Govt. Of India at RTR, Buffer, Karauli (FP/RJ/Others/2470/2018)

After discussions, the proposals were approved as follows:

Proposal 1: Mining of Millstone and masonry stone (minor mineral) including Khanda, Gitti and Boulders occurring as overburden and inter-burden with enhancement of production capacity from 1093 TPA to 7.5 million TPA (ROM) from ML No. 39/1990 area 964.94 ha (FP/RJ/MIN/2377/2018

The proposal was recommended for placing it before the National Board of Wildlife (NBWL) for consideration and approval with following conditions:

- 2% of proportionate project cost of the area falling within the Eco Sensitive Zone the Sanctuary should be deposited in Rajasthan Protected Area Conservation Society by the user agency for management and protection of wildlife in the state as a corpus as per MOEF & CC letter no. F1-20/ 2014 WL (pt.) dated 28.10.2015
- No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
- There will be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- 4. The waste material generated should be disposed outside the Eco-
- There will be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
- No blasting will be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
- The user agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights / high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
- Signages regarding information about the wild animals in the area, control of the traffic volumes, speed etc should be erected in the project area.
- Maintenance activity of any nature should be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of the Protected Area.
- Green belt should be created by the User agency on the periphery of the project area.

 Water Harvesting Structure for recharging of water should be mandatory in the project area

Proposal 2: Repair of existing Approach road to Bharathari temple Km 00 to 2/500 (FP/RJ/ROAD/2529/2018)

The proposal was recommended for approval by the state government with intimation to the National Board of Wildlife with following conditions:

- 5% of project cost of the area falling within the Sariska Tiger Reserve should be deposited in Rajusthan Protected Area Conservation Society by the user agency for management and protection of wildlife in the state as a corpus.
- 2. As part of mitigation measures to prevent the wildlife habitat damage, 7 speed breakers, 12 signages and 500 meters wall 6ft in height will be constructed on both the sides of the road by the user agency in consultation with the DCF to address possibility of accidents of wildlife, encroachments, regulate religious tourism, etc. Cost of mitigation measures will be borne by the user agency.
- 3. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
- 4. There will be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- The waste material generated should be disposed outside the Eco Sensitive Zone.
- There will be no labour camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
- No blasting will be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
- There shall be no high mast/ beam/ search lights / high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
- Signages regarding information about the wild animals in the area, control of the traffic volumes, speed etc should be erected in the project area.

- Maintenance activity of any nature should be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of the Protected Area.
- 11. For use of the forest land the user agency will obtain permission/approval under forest Conservation Act, 1980 from the compliant authority before start of project work as per order of Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 28.03.2008 and 3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009.
- 12. Where diversion of forest land is not required for the non forestry use of revenue lands falling within the PA NPV as per the order dated 05-02-2009 of will be realized.
- The user agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Proposal 3: Laying Optical Fibre cable to connect Atal Seva Kendras (Maharajpur, Nibhera, Rahir and Daulatpura Gram Panchayat) for Providing Broadband Connectivity from Maharajpur to Rahir & Daulatpura to Tekhuti under BharatNet Project of Govt. Of India FP/RJ/Others/2470/2018

The proposal was recommended for approval by the Chief Wildlife Warden with intimation to the National Board of Wildlife with following conditions:

- 5% of proportional project cost falling within the Protected Area should be deposited in Rajasthan Protected Areas Conservation Society by the user agency for management and protection of wildlife in the state as a corpus.
- 2. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area
- No material of any kind should be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- There will be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- The waste material generated should be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- There will be no labor camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.

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- The trench dug for laying the cable should be filled and leveled after completion of the work.
- No blasting will be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
- The user agency shall comply to guidelines for laying of underground OFC Cables inside PAs dated 19.02.2018 given by MoEF & CC.
 - 10. For use of the forest land the user agency will obtain permission/approval under forest Conservation Act, 1980 from the complaint authority before start of project work as per order of Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 28.03.2008 and 3/ 2007-FC dated 05.02.2009.
 - 11. Where diversion of forest land is not required for the non forestry use of forest land and revenue lands falling in the PA, NPV as per the order dated 05-02-2009 of Govt. of India will be realized.
 - The user agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Agenda no. 3: Extension of Sitamata and Jaisamand Wildlife Sanctuaries

The Standing committee of SBWL after due discussions and visiting the areas had recommended the adjoining forest areas of Sitamata and Jaisamand wildlife sanctuaries to be added in the sanctuary area. These areas have sizeable number of wildlife for which conservation and protection are essentially required. The wildlife in the present notified sanctuaries also move in these adjoining areas. At present these areas are under territorial divisions. Proposals have been placed before the board to include such areas in the Sitamata and Jaisamand sanctuary areas and handed over to wildlife divisions. These areas are Reserve forest with minimal disturbance and has no major habitations. The declaration of these areas as sanctuary will result in better and uniform management, administration and Law enforcement. This transfer will not only improve forest protection with additional application of WLPA 1972 but also increase area for wildlife.



A. Sitamata wildlife sanctuary:

Siatamata sanctuary lies in the Udaipur region and has an area of 422.94 Sqkm. The adjoining forest blocks of Umarkotha, Kandela, Arampura, Panchaguda and Chikrimata forest blocks covering an area of 210.87 sqkm is proposed to be added in the sanctuary area. The total area after addition would be 633.81 sqkm. A presentation was made showing the maps giving details of the present and proposed extension

MLA Lasaria, Shri Gautam Lal told that there are a number of revenue villages inside the area proposed for extension of Sitamata sanctuary which may cause problems in providing local amendes and specially as development. It was explained that the proposed extension is of reserve forest blocks having settled rights during their declaration which invariably continue to exist even after extension of the sanctuary. The proposal of extension of Sitamata sanctuary was approved with condition that only reserve forest areas may be included in the extended areas and revenue villages inside the proposed extension, if any, may be excluded.

3 B. Jaisamand wildlife sanctuary

Jaisamand sanctuary lies in the Udaipur region and has an area of 52.34 sqkm. The adjoining forest blocks of Palodada (full block), Maniyal (part block 3-5 compartments) and Ajabra (full block) forest blocks covering an area of 33.49 sqkm is proposed to be added in the sanctuary area. The total area after addition would be 85.83 sqkm. A presentation was made showing the maps giving details of the present and proposed extension. The proposal of extension of Jaisamand sanctuary was approved with condition that only reserve forest areas may be included in the extended areas and revenue villages inside the proposed extension, if any, may be excluded.

Other decisions:

1. Sundamata ropeway: In pursuant to the decision taken in the SBWL meeting dated 22.02.2016 Shri. Gajsingh Alsisar Member SBWL had submitted a report during the meeting of SBWL held on 20.10.2016. It was directed that the report may be examined and suitable action taken. In compliance of these directions Chief Wildlife Warden requested to all stakeholders to follow up with the recommendations. CWLW informed

the members that nobody has responded so far. In this regard it was decided that the District Collector may take action as per the procedures; of law under the Rajasthan Ropeway Act 1966 for taking action on the party/ company for its management. The justification for installation of the second ropeway keeping in view the number of visitors may be assessed along with the status of encroachments and illegal constructions. A report may be submitted in the next meeting by the district collector whether it will be needed.

2. Van Dhan scheme: Brief progress of Van Dhan scheme was informed by CWLW. Members strongly felt that the scheme has achieved reasonable successes in few places and it has been a non-starter in other areas. Hence it is required that the scheme is re-visited and provisions may be made as per the original scheme prepared by Shri Valmik Thapar, Shri. Giriraj Singh and Shri G.V. Reddy CWLW. A meeting may be organized under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Forest Minister along with Collectors of the districts where the scheme has been launched in the pilot project along with local representatives, NGOs and experts and discuss to modify the scheme for better achievements of the scheme. It was also decided that Sri. Shyam Sunder Paliwal member SBWL should be invited to participate and help in improving the programme.

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 Rescue team: There are many incidents of man animal conflicts in the Rajasamand area. A full-fledged rescue team may be put in place at Rajasamand for immediate rescue of the leopards.

- 4. Wetlands: Shri Gopi Sunder Member SBWL informed that a wetland center is being created in Rajasthan shortly. He also pointed out that the wetlands of the state are more or less drained out post monsoon period for petakhast, which is a most prevalent practice which is very detrimental to the ecosystem. The dried up lakes are not able to support migratory birds as there will be no water and fish in the lakes. It was proposed that an advisory may be sent to Secretary revenue for directing the District Collectors not to issue pattas in the wetland areas to conserve its habitat.
- 5. Invasive species: PSF may convene a meeting along with Fishery and Panchayti Raj department, water resources and forest department so that necessary instruction may be issued to concerned officials ensure that no invasive species (like African cat fish) is introduced in water bodies where contracts for extraction of fishes has been given. If need be the license of the party involved in this activity may be revoked. The timing of the seeding these lakes should also be changed so that these



- water bodies will have small size fish during winter and by January they can have good crop.
- 6. Interns: CWLW briefly informed the SBWL about the interns programme which is a flagship programme which is a CMs budget announcement. Currently very few interns are working with the department. The possibilities of recruiting more interns was discussed and it was also discussed about ways and means to encourage young interns, college pass outs to provide opportunity for them to know about the departments work and in turn department gets well qualified personnel for augmenting their staff requirements. It was decided that Interns may be recruited to assist the department in various wildlife activities. Criterion for recruitment may be re-assessed for better extraction of works for the department for a longer period.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks.

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