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To

1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), All States/ UTS
2. The Chief Wild Life Warden, All States/ UTS
3. The PCCF, All States/ UTS
4. The Secretary, Ministry of Railways
5. CMD, Rail Vikas Nigam Limited

**Sub:** Revised guideline for seeking recommendations of Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life for activities in protected areas- reg.

Sir/Madam,

Reference is invited to the order dated 16.01.2023 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in I.A. No. 160201 of 2022 filed on behalf of Ministry of Railways in W.P. No. (C) 202 of 1995. Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide order dated 16.01.2023 has directed that

*before undertaking such activities, apart from the requisite permission from Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the project proponents shall also obtain a permission of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life.*

*Needless to state that while granting permissions, the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life would ensure that necessary mitigation measures in order to protect the wild life are ensured.*

Accordingly, the para 1.6 of the Revised guideline for seeking recommendations of Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life for activities in protected areas dated 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 shall be read as follows:

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### 1.6 ACTIVITIES INSIDE ECO-SENSITIVE ZONES:

Notifications of Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZ) specify the activities which are prohibited, regulated and promoted in the ESZ. Proposals for prohibited activities should not be forwarded for consideration of the SCNBWL. For taking up any activity within an ESZ, if notified, or within 10 km zone of the boundary of National Parks/Wildlife Sanctuaries, if ESZ has not been notified, prior approval of the NBWL/SCNBWL shall be required:

- a. for construction and allied activities undertaken by and for Indian Railways and any of its subsidiaries/sister concerns; or
- b. if the activity/project is listed in the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 as amended from time to time.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,



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