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प्रति,

प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (वन्यजीव) तथा सदस्य सचिव,  
राज्य वन्यजीव मंडळ,  
महाराष्ट्र राज्य, नागपूर.

विषय : राज्य वन्यजीव मंडळाच्या २२ व्या बैठकीच्या कार्यवृत्तांतास मान्यता देण्याबाबत.

संदर्भ : आपले पत्र क्र. कक्ष-२३(२)/वजी/सर्व्हे/प्र.क्र.१११/२२००/२०२३-२४, दिनांक  
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महोदय,

सोमवार दिनांक १६.१०.२०२३ रोजी दुपारी ०२.१५ वाजता, मा. मुख्यमंत्री तथा अध्यक्ष राज्य वन्यजीव मंडळ यांच्या अध्यक्षतेखाली, सहाद्री अतिथी गृह, मलबार हिल, मुंबई येथे राज्य वन्यजीव मंडळाची २२ वी बैठक आयोजित करण्यात आली होती. संदर्भिय पत्रान्वये आपण मान्यतेसाठी सादर केलेल्या इंग्रजी कार्यवृत्तांता आवश्यक त्या दुरुस्तीसह मा. मुख्यमंत्री तथा अध्यक्ष, राज्य वन्यजीव मंडळ यांनी मान्यता दिली आहे.

मा. मुख्यमंत्री तथा अध्यक्ष राज्य वन्यजीव मंडळ यांनी मान्यता दिलेले राज्य वन्यजीव मंडळाच्या २२ व्या बैठकीचा इंग्रजी कार्यवृत्तांत सोबत जोडून पाठविण्यात येत आहे. तरी सादर कार्यवृत्तांत मंडळाच्या सदस्यांना तात्काळ उपलब्ध करून देण्यात यावे, ही विनंती.

सहपत्र :- वरील प्रमाणे.

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**Minutes of the 22nd Meeting of the State Board for Wildlife (SBWL) dated 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2023**

The 22nd Meeting of the State Board for Wildlife was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 under the Chairmanship of Shri Eknath Sambhaji Shinde, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Maharashtra State at 14:15 hrs at Sahyadri Guest House, Malabar hills, Mumbai. The list of the members who attended the meeting is attached herewith as Annexure-I.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and Member Secretary, State Board for Wildlife welcomed Hon'ble Chairman and the Chief Minister, Maharashtra State and Hon'ble Minister, (Forest) and other members of the SBWL. The Member Secretary presented issues listed in the Agenda for discussions with the permission of the Chairman. The details of the discussions and decisions taken by the board are as follows:

**Agenda No. 1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 21st Meeting of the State Board for Wildlife (SBWL) held on 01st June, 2023.**

Item No.	Item	Discussion held / Decisions taken
1.1	Confirmation of the minutes of the 21st Meeting of the State Board for Wildlife (SBWL) held on 01st June, 2023.	The 21st meeting of the State Board for Wildlife was held under the Chairmanship of Shri. Eknath Sambhaji Shinde, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, on 01.06.2023. As any corrections were not received from members the Minutes of 21st Meeting of SBWL were confirmed by the board.
1.2	Action Taken Report of of the 21st Meeting of the State Board for Wildlife (SBWL) held on 01st June, 2023.	The board approved the Action Taken Report of the 21st Meeting of SBWL.

**Agenda No.2: Proposals for seeking Wildlife Clearance & recommendation of SBWL for the projects in Protected Areas and Eco-Sensitive Zones / Tiger Corridors.**

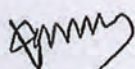
Item No.	Item	Discussion held / Decisions taken
2.1	Construction of Hatru Village Water Supply Scheme at Hatru Taluka, Chikhaldara Under Jal Jeevan Mission. <b>[Inside the Buffer of Melghat Tiger Reserve and overlapping ESZ &amp; Tiger Corridor]</b>	The Member Secretary introduced agenda items nos 2.1 to 2.14 and specified that all these projects are regarding provision of drinking water to general public and part of "Jal Jeevan Mission". All these projects are part of "PRAGATI" review. The Board recommended the projects
2.2	Construction of Ruipathar Village Water Supply Scheme at Ruipathar Taluka	

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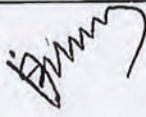
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	Chikhaldara Under Jal Jeevan Mission. <b>[Inside the Buffer of Melghat Tiger Reserve overlapping ESZ &amp; Corridor]</b>	mentioned at 2.1 to 2.14 for submission to the National Board for Wildlife subject to the conditions laid down by the Chief Wildlife Warden.
2.3	Shahapur & 3 villages Regional Water Supply Scheme Under Jal Jeevan Mission Taluka Chikhaldara, District Amravati. <b>[Inside the Buffer and ESZ of Melghat Tiger Reserve]</b>	
2.4	Baglinga & 14 villages Regional Water Supply Scheme Under Jal Jeevan Mission Taluka Chikhaldara, District Amravati. <b>[Inside the Buffer and ESZ of Melghat Tiger Reserve]</b>	
2.5	Proposal for Construction of Water Treatment Plant & Pipeline of Telhara 69 Village Regional Rural Water Supply Scheme at Taluka Telhara, District Akola under Jal Jeevan Mission. <b>[Inside the Buffer and ESZ of Melghat Tiger Reserve]</b>	
2.6	Proposal for Construction of Water Treatment Plant & laying Pipeline For Jalgaon Jamod & 150 Villages Regional Rural Water Supply (Retrofitting) Scheme Tal. Jalgaon Jamod & Sangrampur, District Buldhana under Jal Jeevan Mission. <b>[Inside the Buffer and ESZ of Melghat Tiger Reserve]</b>	
2.7	Proposal for Construction of Balapur 69 Village Regional Rural Water Supply Scheme at Talukas Balapur & Akola, District Akola under Jal Jeevan Mission. <b>[Inside the Buffer and ESZ of Melghat Tiger Reserve]</b>	
2.8	Proposal for Churni & 13 villages Regional Rural Water Supply Scheme Under Jal Jeevan Mission at Taluka Chikhaldara, District Amravati. <b>[Inside the Buffer and ESZ of Melghat Tiger Reserve]</b>	

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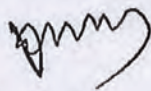
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2.9	Bhagwangad Area and other 46 Villages Rural Regional Water Supply Scheme in Taluka Shewgaon & Pathardi, District Ahmednagar in the State of Maharashtra [Jaikwadi Bird Sanctuary & its Eco-Sensitive Zone]	
2.10	Mukindpur, Bhanshiware & other 6 Villages Rural Regional Water Supply Scheme in Taluka - Newasa, District Ahmednagar in the state of State of Maharashtra. [Jaikwadi Bird Sanctuary & its Eco-Sensitive Zone]	
2.11	178 Villages Paithan grid water supply scheme, Taluka- Paithan, District Aurangabad in the State of Maharashtra [Jaikwadi Bird Sanctuary & its Eco-Sensitive Zone]	
2.12	373 Villages Gangapur- Vaijapur Taluka Grid Water Supply Scheme, District Aurangabad [Jaikwadi Bird Sanctuary & its Eco-Sensitive Zone]	
2.13	Proposal for Construction 30 Villages (Retrofitting of 38 Villages) Regional Rural Water Supply Scheme Taluka Shegaon, District Buldhana. [Inside the Buffer and ESZ of Melghat Tiger Reserve]	
2.14	New Piped Water Supply Scheme at village Pimparoli, Taluka Wada, District-Palghar. [Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary]	
2.15	Proposal for diversion of 1.81 ha. of forest for Laying of Underground Optical Fibre Cable along the road in RoW of MDR-03 from Murumgaon to Tikkameta Route in Dhanora and Korchi Tehsil of District Gadchiroli. [Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Corridor]	The Member Secretary introduced agenda items nos 2.15 to 2.18 and specified that all these projects are regarding laying .of underground Optical Fibre Cable along the road in RoW which envisages improving rural teleconnectivity. All these projects are part of "PRAGATI" review. The Board approved the projects mentioned at 2.15 to 2.18 subject to the conditions laid down by the Chief Wildlife Warden.
2.16	Proposal for diversion of 0.9843 ha. of forest land for laying Optical Fiber Cable along the road in RoW of ODR-51 from Pendhari to Chinchwahi route in Dhanora Tehsil of Dist. Gadchiroli.[Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Corridor]	



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2.17	Proposal for Laying Underground Optical Fibre Cable Along The Road in Row of SH-368, ODR-23 and VR-15 from Dhanora to Wanarchua Route in Dhanora and Armori Tehsil of District Gadchiroli. [Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Corridor]	
2.18	Proposal for BSNL 4G Mobile Services, Under Ground Optical Fiber Cable passing through in existing road width within Karanja Sohal Wildlife Sanctuary Taluka Karanja, District Washim. [Karanja Sohal Wildlife Sanctuary]	
2.19	Proposal for the construction of 4G Mobile Tower work under jurisdiction of BSNL, Bhandara in Village Thadezari of Taluka Sadak Arjuni distict Gondia. [Buffer Area of Nawegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve]	The Member Secretary introduced agenda items nos 2.19 to 2.21 and specified that all these projects are regarding erection of mobile towers which envisages improving rural teleconnectivity. All these projects are part of "PRAGATI" review. The Board recommended the projects mentioned at 2.19 to 2.21 for submission to the National Board for Wildlife subject to the conditions laid down by the Chief Wildlife Warden.
2.20	BSNL Mauza Ambazari, Ghatkukda, Ghatpendhari, Dhawalapur for mobile services. Proposal for approval of State Wildlife Board for diversion of forest land under FRA 3(2) for installation of 4G Tower under 4G Saturation project approved and funded by Government of India.[Core and Buffer Area of Pench Tiger Reserve]	
2.21	Proposal for Diversion of 0.0181 ha. Forest land for installation of 4G Mobile Tower under 4G Saturation project in village Bandra, Taluka Ramtek, District Nagpur of Maharashtra State [Nawegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve to Pench Tiger corridor]	
2.22	Four laning of Mangalwedha-Solapur Section of NH-166 from km 321.600 To km 378.100 (Existing: km 314.969 - km 370.452 on HAM) [Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary&Its Eco-Sensitive Zone]	The Member Secretary introduced this agenda item and specified that this project is regarding four laning of existing NH-166. Considering the public utility of this project the Board recommended this project for submission to the National Board for Wildlife subject to the conditions laid down by the Chief Wildlife Warden.



Item No.	Item	Discussion held / Decisions taken
2.23	Proposal for diversion of 1.6022 ha forest land in favour of National Highway Authority of India, PIU-I for six-Laning work of bypass of Nagpur-Bhandara road section of NH-53 (Old-6) Package between chainage 485.00 to 499.800 in Taluka and District Bhandara in the State of Maharashtra. [Navegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve, Tiger Corridor & It's Eco Sensitive Zone]	The Member Secretary introduced this agenda item and specified that this project is regarding construction of bypass to Bhandara City. Considering the public utility of this project the Board recommended this project for submission to the National Board for Wildlife subject to the conditions laid down by the Chief Wildlife Warden.
2.24	Proposed construction of Twin Tube Tunnel 2 Lanes each side from Tikujini Wadi in Thane District to Borivali in Mumbai Suburban district in the State of Maharashtra of total 11.8 km alignment (including tunnel length of about 10.3 km) which passes below the SGNP in Thane and Mumbai Sub Urban district. (Sanjay Gandhi National Park & its Eco-Sensitive Zone)	The Member Secretary introduced this agenda item and informed that this project is regarding detailed survey and construction of underground two-lane tunnel road connecting Tikujini Wadi in Thane to Borivali which passes below Sanjay Gandhi National Park. As this project envisages reduction in travel time and decongestion of traffic the Board recommended this project for submission to the National Board for Wildlife subject to the conditions laid down by the Chief Wildlife Warden.
2.25	Proposal of diversion of forest land for repairing of existing pathway steps and new construction of railings and new black stone staircase on footpath from Zhari Parshwanath Digambar Jain Mandir to Hilltop Edge to Shridhar Kevali Paduka Mandir [Sagareshwar Wildlife Sanctuary]	The Member Secretary introduced this agenda item and specified that this project involves repairing of existing pathway and construction of railings which will ensure safety of the public visiting the temple. The Board recommended this project for submission to the National Board for Wildlife subject to the conditions laid down by the Chief Wildlife Warden.
2.26	Proposal for diversion of 3.064 ha. Forest land for construction of 220 KV D/C Transmission Line from Umred to Nagbhid under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 (Bramhapuri-2.998 ha. & Nagpur -0.066 ha.) [Tadoba-Andhari-Navegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve Tiger Corridor]	The Member Secretary introduced the agenda items 2.26 & 2.27 and specified that these projects are regarding construction of transmission lines. Considering the public utility of these projects, the Board recommended these projects for submission to the National Board for Wildlife subject
2.27	Proposal for construction of 220 KV D/C	to the conditions laid down by the



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	Kalmeshwar to Warud EHV Transmission Line DC passing having involvement of forest of 1.2005 ha. & Non-forest land 29.484 ha. in Nagpur District in State of Maharashtra. [Bor-Pench Tiger Corridor]	Chief Wildlife Warden.
2.28	Proposal for diversion of 315.74 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for renovation of Asolamendha Irrigation Project in Division Bramhapuri, Central Chanda and Chandrapur Forest Divisions of Chandrapur District [Tadoba-Andhari-Kawal Tiger Reserve &Tipeshwar wildlife sanctuary Corridor]	The Member Secretary introduced the agenda item 2.28 and specified that this project is regarding increasing the irrigation capacity of Chandrapur district. The Board unanimously decided to constitute a 3-member committee under the Chairmanship of CCF Chandrapur along with Sh. Praveen Singh Pardeshi and Smt. Poonam Dhanwatey (TRACT) which will inspect the site and suggest site specific mitigation measures and submit its report within a period of 15 days. <b>The Board recommended this project for submission to the National Board for Wildlife subject to the conditions laid down by the Chief Wildlife Warden and incorporation of the measures suggested by the committee.</b>
2.29	Proposal for diversion 35.94 ha. forest land for Iron ore opencast mining project in forest Compartment No. 439 (Old Comptt. No. 95) near Lohardongri village, Taluka -Brahmpuri, District - Chandrapur under Brahmpuri Forest Division Submission of proposal for Wildlife Clearance. [Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, Umred-Karhandla Wildlife Sanctuary, Tiger Corridor]	The Member Secretary introduced the agenda item 2.29 and specified that this project is regarding mining of iron ore, a site-specific project. The Board unanimously decided to constitute a 3-member committee under the Chairmanship of CCF Chandrapur along with Sh. Praveen Singh Pardeshi and Smt. Poonam Dhanwatey (TRACT) which will inspect the site and suggest site specific mitigation measures and submit its report within a period of 15 days. <b>The Board recommended this project for submission to the National Board for Wildlife subject to the conditions laid down by the Chief Wildlife Warden</b>

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		<b>and incorporation of the measures suggested by the committee.</b>
2.30	Diversion of 146.996ha forest area in village Pardi, Sawali, Ruikot of Zari Jamni Taluka of Yevatmal District, Maharashtra by M/sYazdani International Private Limited, Bhuvneshwar for mining of coal from MarkiMangali II block given by GOI, Ministry of Coal for mining. [Tadoba-Andhari -Kawal Tiger Reserve, Painganga-Tipeshwar Wildlife Sanctuary, Tiger Corridor]	The Member Secretary introduced this agenda item and specified that this project is regarding mining of coal from MarkiMangali II block given by GOI, Ministry of Coal. <b>The Board recommended this project for submission to the National Board for Wildlife subject to the conditions laid down by the Chief Wildlife Warden.</b>
2.31	Proposal for laying of underground natural gas pipeline alongwith optical fibre cable (OFC) stretch of Nagpur to Jharsuguda pippeline passng through districts of Nagpur, Bhandara and Gondia in the state of Maharashtra in favour of GAIL India [Pench-Umred-Paoni-Karhandla, Navegaon-Nagzira Tiger Corridor]	The Member Secretary introduced this agenda item and specified that this project is regarding laying of underground natural gas pipeline. Considering the public utility of this project, <b>the Board recommended this project for submission to the National Board for Wildlife subject to the conditions laid down by the Chief Wildlife Warden.</b>

**Agenda No. 3: Other issues to be discussed in the meeting**

Item No.	Item	Discussion held / Decisions taken
3.1	Clarification on deposition of monies realized from the user agencies towards the cost of implementation of Wildlife Management Plan in to the account of State CAMPA in respect of proposals located in Protected areas-reg.	Shri Praveen Singh Pardeshi opposed the step of depositing the fund in CAMPA fund realized from wildlife clearances. Instead, he suggested that a state level wildlife foundation may be established for such Protected Areas which are not covered by the tiger conservation foundations. The Board decided that such funds should not be deposited in CAMPA and Wildlife Foundation may be constituted at state level. The proposal for the same should be prepared and submitted to government within a period of one month. Vice-Chairperson and Minister (Forests) also directed that a law to this effect may be enacted, if necessary.

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3.2	The notification of Saleghat Village area as extended Mansingdeo Sanctuary.	The Board unanimously agreed to this proposal.
3.3	Proposed 132 KV DC Mul- SICOM Chandrapur Transmission Line for seeking recommendation of Standing Committee of NBWL/SBWL. [Correction of condition no. 1 (b)]	The Board agreed to rectification of the condition.
3.4	Rectification of condition of proposal of 18" Natural gas Pipeline with optical fibre cable from Nagpur to Jabalpur till state boundary.	The Board agreed to rectification of the condition.
3.5	Constitution of standing committee of State Board of Wildlife	The Board agreed to constitution of the Standing Committee of State Board for Wildlife as proposed in the agenda.

**1. Any other agenda with the permission of the Chair**

Item no	Agenda	Discussion held/ decision taken
4.1	Matter of Vihirgaon Greenfield airport	The airport proposed at Vihirgaon Murti had been rejected by the Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife (NBWL) in its 74 <sup>th</sup> meeting dated 29.08.2023. However, Vice-chairperson directed that the proposal be sent for reconsideration of the Standing Committee of NBWL as well as the proposal for diversion of forest land under FCA. The proposal for reconsideration shall highlight the fact that the observation made in the FAC meeting and the Standing Committee of NBWL do not take into consideration some vital facts that justify the proposal. While sending the proposal, the factual position regarding the distance of proposed airport from Nagpur airport, infeasibility of upgradation of Morwa airport and the fact that the airstrip does not pass through tiger corridor have to be highlighted. It shall also be highlighted that the poor HDI, LWE problem & the need for accelerated growth are the important factors in this regard.

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4.2	Conservation of Wild Buffalo, Indian Grey Wolf and release of Vultures in Tiger Reserves of Maharashtra.	<p>Shri Praveen Pardeshi member SBWL apprised the Board about the importance of conservation of Wild Buffalo and Indian Grey Wolf by association with eminent NGOs and BNHS. Accordingly, CWLW has to take initiatives in this direction.</p> <p>The project of releasing vultures in 3 Tiger Reserves of Maharashtra is being undertaken with technical help of BNHS. This project should be expedited and should be completed in a time bound manner.</p>
4.3	General Instructions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hon. Vice Chairperson instructed CWLW that a password protected facility may be created in the MFD website where the status, details and site maps of the various projects pending for wildlife clearances can be regularly uploaded and it should be available for perusal to the members of the Board.</li> <li>2. A suggestion was made by Shri. Praveen Pardeshi &amp; Smt. Poonam Dhanwatey that the Government may examine to provide refill cylinders in the villages of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Jan Van Vikas Yojana on a constant basis. Hon. Vice Chairperson directed that PCCF (Wildlife) shall examine the matter after collecting relevant data &amp; submitting a note for the consideration of Government within a month.</li> </ol>

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair and the members.

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**Annexure - I**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of State Board for Wildlife Dated 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023.**

**List of the Members Present in the Meeting.**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name &amp; Designation</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1	Hon'ble Shri. Eknath Samhbaji Shinde, Chief Minister, Maharashtra.	<b>Chairperson</b>
2	Hon. Shri. Sudhir Mungantiwar, Minister (Forests), Maharashtra State	<b>Vice-Chairperson</b>
3	Shri. B. Venugopal Reddy, Principal Secretary (Forests), Revenue and Forest Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai	
4	Shri. Shailesh Tembhurnikar, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State	
5	Dr. Pethe, Representative of Commissioner, Animal Husbandry Department, Pune	
6	Dr. Bilal Habib, Scientist - E, Representative of Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun. By V.C.	
7	Shri. Anuj Khare, Pune	
8	Smt. Poonam Dhanwatey, Nagpur By V.C	
9	Shri Pravin Pardeshi	
10	Shri Vinayak Thalkar	
11	Dr. Ankur Patwardhan	
12	Shri. Maheep Gupta, Chief Wildlife Warden & Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Maharashtra State	<b>Member- Secretary</b>

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