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I am writing to you regarding the achievements and activities of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) during the month of **February 2021**:

On 16.02.2021, Honorable Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change held a meeting with UN COP 26 President, Rt Hon. Alok Sharma.

World Wetlands Day was celebrated on 2nd February 2021 virtually with minimum physical presence in Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi under Chairmanship of Hon'ble MoS (EF&CC), Shri Babul Supriyo to mark the anniversary of signing of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance in 1971.

National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) conducted several programmes and activities pan India to observe the World Wetlands Day on 2.2.2021.

During the month, under the Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP), 23 courses were commenced while 3 courses were concluded.

A meeting through Video Conferencing was held on 9.2.2021 to discuss pilot testing and finalization of the National Portal System for pan India Management of Human Elephant Conflict Portal "Surakshya" before the All India roll out of the portal.

A National level meeting through Video Conference with PCCF & HoFFs of Forest Departments and Principal Secretaries (Agriculture) of all States/ UTs was organized under the Chairmanship of DGF&SS on 23.2.2021.

Proposal of Andaman and Nicobar Islands received through MHA was processed and no objection conveyed on the revised proposal for promulgation of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Felling and Transit of Tree Species on non-Forest land Regulation, 2020.

Botanical Survey of India (BSI) observed its 132nd Foundation Day on 13.2.2021. On this occasion, a special lecture on the mission and vision of BSI was organized.

Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) organized National Conference on Deep Sea Bio-resources in the Indian Ocean' on 25th and 26th February 2021.

During the Expert Appraisal Committee meetings held in February 2021, a total of 105 projects pertaining to different sectors were appraised. 49 projects were accorded environmental clearance while 48 projects were prescribed ToRs. Thus, a total of 97 proposals were cleared during the month. The status of environmental

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clearance and TOR of Projects for the month is at Annexure-I. (**Number of projects appraised and number of projects cleared during the month are not correlated as the appraisal and grant of clearance of a project may not necessarily occur during the same month.*)

A total of 3156.12 ha of forestland in 156 cases were approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for use for non-forest purposes during the month. 1552.66 ha of non-forest land and 3155.19 ha of degraded forestland were earmarked for Compensatory Afforestation (C.A.).

Out of 662 Protected Areas (PAs) in the country, the Ministry has issued ESZ Notifications for 560 PAs, including Draft Notifications for 134 PAs and Final Notifications for 426 PAs. Further, ESZ notifications for 21 PAs have been approved and are under process for publications.

Expenditure of Rs 1874.80 Crores (Provisional) has been incurred until 28th February 2021 against the Net budget estimate of Rs 3209.78 crores for FY 2020-21.

During the month 342 Public Grievances were redressed and 189 Grievances were pending.

Encl: as above

Yours sincerely,

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Status of Environment Clearance and Terms of Reference of Projects for the month of February, 2021

	Industry-(I)		Industry-(II)		Thermal		River Valley & Hydro-Electric		Mining(Coal)		Mining(Non-Coal)		Infrastructure and Miscellaneous Projects + CRZ		New Construction Projects and Industrial Estates		Industry-(III)		Total	
	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR	EC	TOR
No. of projects at beginning of the month	26	14	28	2	3	0	17	10	13	8	24	34	26	8	20	11	30	9	187	96
Projects received during the month/ respond	13	23	14	15	0	0	1	2	4	5	11	30	8	6	4	0	21	14	76	95
Projects cleared during the month	9	12	9	5	2	0	4	0	3	2	0	7	5	6	1	2	16	14	49	48
Projects converted from EC to TOR due change of scope	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Projects exempted during the month	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Project rejected during the month (on merit)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Project closed during the month (due to non-submission of info.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Projects withdrawn/ returned/ transferred/ duplicate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	3	1
Projects kept in abeyance/ delisted	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	1
EDS raised during the month *	7	5	6	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	2	1	0	2	2	21	7
Pending at PP due to Additional details sought *	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	1	4	1	9	4	1	0	2	1	5	0	26	11
Projects pending at the end of the month *	12	12	27	5	1	0	13	12	14	11	28	43	28	4	20	9	29	4	172	100

* The total pending projects does not include the projects which are pending due to EDS. However, the EDS proposals have been included in the projects received during the month.