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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Dated: 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

I am writing to you regarding the activities and achievements of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) during **February 2020**.

The 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of Conference of Parties (CoP) on the Convention of Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) was successfully held at Gandhinagar, Gujarat from 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020. The Curtain Raiser for the event was held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at National Media Centre (NMC), Janpath, New Delhi in which Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in the presence of Hon'ble Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, and other senior officers of the Ministry interacted with the Press.

On February 27, 2020, during the visit of the Hon'ble President of Myanmar, an Indo-Myanmar MoU on "*cooperation on combating Timber Trafficking and Conservation of Tigers and other Wildlife*" was signed.

The Ministry participated in the 18<sup>th</sup> Informal Meeting on further Action against Climate Change at Tokyo, Japan during 26-28 February 2020 and also in the 52<sup>nd</sup> Session of IPCC at Paris, France from 24-28 February 2020.

World Wetland Day was celebrated on 02.02.2020 at the Keetham Wetland at Agra (UP). The Secretary General of Ramsar, the international convention on wetlands visited India on 15-16<sup>th</sup> February 2020. She met major stakeholders in Gandhinagar where various initiatives taken by India were also discussed. On 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020, the Secretary General released a book of 37 Ramsar sites giving their details along with the values being provided and threats.

Given the importance that the Ministry attaches to protection of Wetlands, the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) organized "*Wetlands Awareness Programme for Youth*" on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020. College students were invited to participate in the programme which included visit to Yamuna Biodiversity Park to observe migratory birds visiting water bodies.

The Ministry organised a training programme under the Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP), on the subject of "*People Biodiversity Register*" from 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 to 2 March 2020. Overall, 47 courses were started under this programme while 24 courses ended during February, 2020.

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An interesting event organised by the Zoological Survey of India was a three day "Hands on Workshop on Animal Taxonomy" from 12-14 February 2020 at Kolkata.

In terms of Environmental Clearances, the Expert Appraisal Committee meetings held in February 2020 appraised a total of 157 projects\* pertaining to different sectors. While 35 projects were accorded environmental clearance, 31 projects were prescribed ToRs. Thus, a total of 66 proposals were cleared during the month. The status of environmental 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.*)

During the month, 1543.28 ha of forestland in 86 cases were approved for use for non-forest purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. At the same time, 766.29 ha of non-forest land and 1818.93 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 537 PAs, including Draft Notifications for 156 PAs and Final Notifications for 381 PAs. Further, ESZ notifications for 25 PAs have been approved and are under publication.

For the Financial Year, 2019-20, the Ministry has incurred an expenditure of Rs 2414.65 crores (Provisional) until 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020 against the Net budget estimate of Rs 3062.72 crore.

In the month gone by, the Ministry also redressed 373 Public Grievances while 326 Grievances remain 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, 2020**

ANNEXURE

	Industry- (I)		Industry- (II)		Thermal		River Valley & Hydro-Electric		Mining(Coal)		Mining(Non-Coal)		Infrastructure and Miscellaneous Projects and CRZ		New Construction Projects and Industrial Estates		Total	
	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	41	37	126	71	4	5	33	26	29	19	132	61	60	19	20	22	445	260
Projects received during the month/ respond	15	15	51	32	3	1	0	6	7	2	4	20	22	14	6	11	445	260
Projects cleared during the month	12	10	4	16	1	0	2	0	5	0	1	2	9	3	1	0	108	101
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	35	31
Projects exempted during the month	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Project closed during the month (due to non-submission of info.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Projects withdrawn/ returned/ transferred/ duplicate	0	2	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Projects kept in abeyance/ delisted	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	2	5	10
EDS raised during the month *	6	1	12	5	0	0	0	0	3	0	9	0	5	0	1	0	20	1
Pending at PP due to Additional details sought *	8	5	24	0	1	3	8	6	5	8	84	19	8	5	4	3	36	8
Projects pending at the end of the month *	38	38	150	45	6	5	18	32	27	20	127	71	65	29	21	25	452	265

\* 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.