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Following are the highlights of the achievements and activities of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) for the month of **October, 2017**:

1 Rules/Notifications/Policy Decisions:

- 1.1** One Guideline for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes under the Forest Conservation Act 1980 has been issued.

2. Conferences/Workshops/Seminars and other activities

- 2.1** As part of "Swachhta Hi Seva" (Cleanliness is Service) Campaign, National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) organized various activities with school children and general masses to create environment of cleanliness across Delhi. The Children visiting Indira Paryavaran Bhawan for "Harit Diwali- Swasth Diwali Campaign" were also involved to take Green Pledge to keep the environment clean and green. On 2nd October, 2017 (Gandhi Jayanti) Senior Officers from NMNH and MoEF&CC took Part in "Swachhta Hi Seva" special programme organized in assistance with Market Association, Khanna Market Lodhi Colony, New Delhi.
- 2.2** Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister, MoEF&CC and Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State, MoEF&CC flagged off Mini Marathon as Part of Clean Air Campaign on 15th October, 2017 from India Gate, New Delhi. Dr. Harsh Vardhan also administered a pledge to promote Clean Air on the occasion. More than 10,000 children from various schools from Delhi and NCR including general public were present on the occasion.
- 2.3** A meeting between Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Hon'ble Minister of State, EF&CC and Ms Naoko Ishii, GEF CEO was held on 31st October, 2017 in Indira Paryavaran Bhawan. The meeting was followed by joint inauguration of Green Haat and Gallery Walk in IPB Premises.
- 2.4** A meeting was organized with representatives of AYUSH industry associations in the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change on 31st October, 2017 under the Chairmanship of Shri C.K. Mishra, Secretary, EF&CC in response to the representations relating to implementation of Biological Diversity Act.

- 2.5** India hosted the fifth Global Wildlife Programme conference in New Delhi and Pench Tiger Reserve, MP from 2nd to 5th October, 2017. Representatives from 18 Global Wildlife Programme Partner Countries participated in the conference. Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change also released the National Wildlife Action Plan (2027-2031).
- 2.6** The 12th Meeting of Conference of Parties (COP) to the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) was held from 23-28 October 2017 at Manila, Philippines. An Indian Delegation led by the Director General of Forest & Special Secretary, MoEF&CC participated in the COP.
- 2.7** Wildlife Institute of India (WII) organized a study tour of 28 frontline staff of the rank of Range Assistant in the Department of Wildlife Conservation, Government of Sri Lanka during first fortnight of October. The Objective of this study tour was to provide firsthand experience of various management practices related to habitat management for endangered species, wildlife protection, control of human activities, wildlife interface conflict and tourism.
- 2.8** The XV WII-FODS " Wildlife and Environment Quiz" 2017 - a collaborative activity of Wildlife Institute of India and Friends of The Doon Society (FQDS) was organized at Wildlife Institute of India to mark the celebrations of the Wildlife Week 2017.
- 2.9** 2nd National level MSTRIPES (Monitoring System for Tigers- Intensive Protection and Ecological Status) Training Workshop for Computer Technicians and Field Biologists of 15 Tiger Reserves was conducted at Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun on 9th to 11th October, 2017.
- 2.10** The Common Wart Hog (*Phacochoerus africanus*), a wild member of the pig family was exhibited as "Exhibit of the Month" for the month of October, 2017 using the stuffed specimen from the museum reserve collection and displayed at discovery centre to facilitate more information about the habit, habitat, distribution etc., of Warthog at Regional Museum of Natural History, Mysuru.
- 2.11** A meeting was held between Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Hon'ble Minister of State for Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Mr. Kimmo Tiilikainen, Hon'ble Minister of Housing, Energy and Environment, Finland on 5th Oct, 2017 on issues relating to Climate Change and implementation of Paris Agreement, Clean Technologies including Coal Washery Reject Management, Electric Vehicles, Technology Transfer and Capacity Building in various sectors, Innovation Cooperation in the field of Green Technologies.
- 2.12** On the occasion of Vigilance Week and Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, pledge taking ceremonies were organized in Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh, New Delhi on 30th October, 2017 and 31st October, 2017 respectively.

2.13 Eco Sensitive Zones

Of a total of **648 Protected Areas (PAs)** in the country, ESZ proposals for **425 PAs have been issued** by ESZ Division. Of the 425 proposals, Draft Notifications have been published for **157 PAs** and Final Notifications have been published for **268 PAs**.

2.14 Environmental Clearances

During the month, a total of **163 projects** pertaining to different sectors were appraised, **47 projects were accorded environmental clearance** and **15 projects were prescribed TORs**. So, a total of **62 proposals** were cleared during the month. The status of environmental clearance and TOR of Projects for the month of October, 2017 is at **Annexure-I**.

2.15 Forest Clearances

During the month, **4435.45 ha** of forest land in **100 cases** were approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. **3382.2131 ha** of non-forest land and **899.4153 ha** of degraded forest land were earmarked for Compensatory Afforestation (C.A.).

2.16 Total Expenditure

An expenditure of **Rs 1393.59 Crores** (Provisional) has been incurred till **31st October, 2017** against the gross budget estimate of **Rs 2931.42 crores** for FY 2017-18.

3. Important policy matters held up on account of prolonged inter-ministerial consultations: **NIL**

4. Compliance of CoS decisions: **NIL**

No. of CoS decisions pending for compliance	Proposed action plan/time lines for compliance of CoS decisions	Remarks

5. Number of cases of 'sanction for prosecution' pending for more than three months: **NIL**

6. Particulars of cases in which there has been a departure from the Transaction of Business Rules or established policy of the Government: **NIL**

7. **Status of implementation of e-Governance:**

Total No. of Files	Total No. E-files
1867	748

8. Details of cases in which ACC directions have not been complied with:

Sl. No.	Case	Remarks
NIL		

9. **Status of Public Grievances:**

No. of Public Grievances redressed during the month	No. of Public Grievances pending at the end of the month
401	567

10. Information on the specific steps taken by the Ministry/Department for utilization of the Space Technology based tools and applications in Governance and Development:

Ministry has its own Decision Support System developed by FSI based on combining GIS platform and remotely sensed imagery obtained by Indian Satellite IRS P-6 Liss-III. This system is used for Wildlife, Biodiversity and Forest Management and decision making related with these issues.

Yours sincerely,

Encl: as above

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Copy also to: PS to Hon'ble Minister, Environment, Forest & Climate Change.


(Ritesh Kumar Singh)
Joint Secretary

Status of Environment Clearance and Terms of Reference of Projects for the month of October, 2017

	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		Nuclear, Defence & Others		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 the beginning month	27	22	94	61	6	7	7	8	9	8	83	58	117	25	143	23	9	2	495	214
Projects received during the month/ reopened	5	9	34	51	0	0	2	3	2	1	17	27	12	3	28	15	0	0	100	109
Projects cleared during the month	3	5	7	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	1	1	21	2	15	0	0	0	47	15
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
Projects rejected during the month (on merit)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Projects closed during the month (due to non-submission of inf.)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Projects withdrawn/ Transferred/Returned/Duplicate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	4	1
Projects kept in abeyance/delisted	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	3	2
Projects pending at the end of the month	23	21	99	76	5	6	8	3	11	9	72	66	100	26	135	29	9	0	453	236