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Dear

Following are the highlights of the achievements and activities of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) for the month of **December, 2016**:

1. Rules/Notifications/Policy Decisions

- 1.1 **The Gazette Notification** regarding Integration of Environment conditions in Building and Construction Sector has been issued vide S.O. 3999(E) dated 09.12.2016.
- 1.2 The Gazette Notification regarding exemption from CRZ Regulations, 2011 in respect of construction of Memorial in the honour of Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar in Mumbai on Indu 6 Mills land has been issued vide S.O. 4162 (E) dated 23.12.2016.

2. Conferences/Workshops/Seminars and other activities

- 2.1 **International Mountain Day (11 December, 2016)** was celebrated across all units of G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment & Sustainable Development (GBPNIHESD). The focus was on **"Mountain Culture: Celebrating Diversity and Strengthening Identity"**.
- 2.2 **Best Practice Guidance "Eco-Friendly Measures to Mitigate Impacts of Linear Infrastructure on Wildlife"** was released by Wildlife Institute of India on 16th December, 2016.
- 2.3 Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change inaugurated the Landscape Ecology and Visualization Laboratory at WII, Dehradun on 17th December, 2016.
- 2.4 Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) conducted Wildlife Crime Sensitization Programmes for Panchayati Raj Institutions and other stakeholders living around Protected Areas especially Tiger Reserves, on issues related to Wildlife crimes.

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- 2.5 One day National workshop on '**Role of Indigenous Knowledge in Biodiversity Conservation with respect to Wayanad**' was organized on 22nd December, 2016 by Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH), Mysore to promote the understanding and diffusion of the knowledge accumulated by the tribes for the modern day needs.
- 2.6 A taxidermy mounted specimen of Leopard Cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*) from the reserve collection was displayed as exhibit of the month by RMNH, Mysore. The display panel was supplemented with colourful photo depicting the habitat of Leopard Cat and label containing information on distribution, IUCN status, habit and habitat.
- 2.7 Various competitions and creative sessions were held for differently abled children on **International Day for Disabled** on 3rd December, 2016 at headquarter and various regional offices of National Museum for Natural History(NMNH).

2.8 Eco Sensitive Zones

Of a total of **648 Protected Areas (PAs)** in the country, ESZ proposals for 445 PAs have been received in ESZ Division. Of the 445 proposals, Draft Notifications have been published for 231 PAs and Final Notifications have been published for 171 PAs. ESZ proposals of 14 PAs are under various stages of notification and proposals of 29 PAs are under examination.

2.9 Environmental Clearances

During the month, a total of **331 projects** pertaining to different sectors were appraised, out of which **27 projects were accorded environmental clearance** and **29 projects were prescribed TORs** in various meetings of Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC). So, a total of **56 proposals** were cleared during the month. The status of environment clearance and Terms of Reference of various projects is at **Annexure-I**.

2.10 Forest Clearances

During the month, **1336.11** ha of forest land in **89** cases were approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. **685.37** ha of non-forest land and **1335.94** ha of degraded forest land were earmarked for Compensatory Afforestation (C.A.).

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2.11 Plan Expenditure

The Plan Expenditure against the 9 Umbrella Schemes being administered by the Ministry incurred till **31st December, 2016** was **Rs.1327.76 crore** against the budget estimates for 2016-17 of **Rs.2000.00 crore**.

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
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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
50,000 approx	23,806

8. Status of Public Grievances:

No. of Public Grievances redressed during the month	No. of Public Grievances pending at the end of the month
810	1089

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9. 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,

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Status of Environment Clearance and Terms of Reference of Projects for the month of December, 2016

	Industry-(I)		Industry-(II)		Thermal		River Valley & Hydro-Electric		Mining (Coal)		Mining (Non-Coal)		Infrastructure-I		Infrastructure-II		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 of the beginning month	50	47	112	73	5	8	23	18	28	16	134	58	56	15	69	21	15	00	492	256
Projects received during the month/ reopened	0	5	17	13	2	0	0	1	02	0	20	26	3	2	33	14	00	03	77	64
Projects cleared during the month	5	3	14	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	8	4	3	01	00	27	29
Projects converted from EC to TOR due change of scope	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Projects exempted during the month	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Projects rejected during the month (on merit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Projects closed during the month (due to non-submission of Inf.)	-	-	-	-	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	-	-	-	-	2	0
Projects withdrawn/ Transferred/Returned/Duplicate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Projects kept in abeyance/delisted	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	92	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	97	55
Projects pending at the end of the month	45	49	110	74	6	8	23	19	30	16	62	26	55	9	98	32	14	03	443	236