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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly report for the month of June, 2016.

Reference is invited to D.O. letter No. 502/1/2014-CA-V dated 5th August, 2014 from Cabinet Secretary addressed to Secretary (EF&CC) regarding furnishing of information on important issues in the prescribed format.

2. In so far as this Ministry is concerned, the requisite information has been filled in the monthly report format and is sent herewith. Information has also been e-mailed at cabinetsy@nic.in and also at subhag@nic.in.

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Format for providing monthly information (To be sent at e-mails cabinetsy@nic.in and subhag@nic.in)

Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month :

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

1. Rules/Notifications/Policy Decisions

- 1.1 A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Govt. of India and the Govt. of the United States of America was approved by Cabinet Committee on 1st June, 2016 and signed by the Indian Ambassador to United States of America, Washington on 2nd June, 2016 at Washington D.C. The MoU seeks to enhance co-operation on Wildlife Conservation and Combating Wildlife Trafficking.

2. Conferences/Workshops/Seminars

- 2.1 The first in a series of five awareness workshops on Guidelines for Access to Biological Resources under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 was organized on 13 June 2016 by the National Biodiversity Authority in cooperation with the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), with the objective of creating awareness regarding the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act (BDA) 2002 in respect of the recently notified Guidelines 2014.
- 2.2 An interactive media workshop on 'Biodiversity connect media workshop' was also organised on 7 June 2016 by the Centre for Environmental Communication, which was supported by the National Biodiversity Authority. The workshop was organised to engage the media on discourses on National Biodiversity Targets and Biological Diversity Act.
- 2.3 In the occasion of World Environment Day (5th June 2016), an On-the-spot Painting Competition for children was organized by the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH), New Delhi on the theme "**Go Wild for Life - Zero Tolerance for the Illegal Wildlife Trade**". NMNH also organized Summer Vacation Programme-2016 for Green Teens {SVP (GT) -2016} for children from 6th to 17th July, 2016 in New Delhi. World Environment Day was also organized by G. B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment & Sustainable Development (GBPNIHESD), Almora.
- 2.4 International Yoga Day was celebrated by MoEF&CC on 21-23 June, 2016. Special Yoga Session was conducted for women employees in MoEF&CC.
- 2.5 A meeting to discuss 'Preparation of Regional Action Plan for Management and Conservation of Elephants in East-Central Region, with special emphasis to Human Elephant Conflicts' was held on 6th June, 2016 in New Delhi.
- 2.6 Workshops for 'Knowledge of official language Act, 1963 and other rules and their implementation' and 'Bilingualism of Computer System' were organised by MoEF&CC.