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भारत

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**12<sup>th</sup> May, 2017**

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 **April, 2017**:

1. **Rules/Notifications/Policy Decisions: NIL**
2. **Conferences/Workshops/Seminars and other activities**
  - 2.1 XIX<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Forestry Conference was hosted by Forest Research Institute, Dehradun during 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2017. The theme of the conference was 'Forest for Prosperity and Posterity'. Majority of the International Forestry organization like FAO, IUFRO, CIFOR, ICRAF, CFA, ICIMOD, Kenya Forestry Research Institute, GIZ, UBC, USAID, etc. were represented at the Conference.
  - 2.2 National Stakeholder Consultation and Validation Workshop for Biodiversity Finance Initiative (BIOFIN) was held on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 in New Delhi by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
  - 2.3 UNESCO Category 2 Centre on World Natural Heritage Management and Training for Asia and for the Pacific Region at Wildlife Institute of India (WII) celebrated World Heritage Day by organizing a series of events.
  - 2.4 To Commemorate Earth Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2017, the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) organized an Exhibition on the theme "Environmental and Climate Literacy". Events of poem writing and essay writing competitions were held on the occasion of the Earth Day.



## 2.5 Eco Sensitive Zones

Of a total of **648 Protected Areas (PAs)** in the country, ESZ proposals for **315 PAs have been received** in ESZ Division. Of the 315 proposals, Draft Notifications have been published for 216 PAs and Final Notifications have been published for 191 PAs. ESZ proposals of 27 PAs are under various stages of notification.

## 2.6 Environmental Clearances

During the month, a total of **216 projects** pertaining to different sectors were appraised, **25 projects were accorded environmental clearance** and **51 projects were prescribed TORs**. The status of environmental clearance and TOR of Projects for the month of April, 2017 is at **Annexure-I**.

## 2.7 Forest Clearances

During the month, **1378.32** ha of forest land in **38** cases were approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. **1109.36** ha of non-forest land and **341.8964** ha of degraded forest land were earmarked for Compensatory Afforestation (C.A.).

## 2.8 Plan Expenditure

The Plan Expenditure against Umbrella Schemes being administered by the Ministry incurred till **30<sup>th</sup> April, 2017** was **Rs. 22.30 crore** against the revised budget estimates for 2016-17 of **Rs. 2682 crore**.

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

4. Compliance of COS decisions:

No. of CoS decisions pending for compliance	Proposed action plan/time lines for compliance of CoS decisions	Remarks
1	Ministry has decided to <b>withdraw</b> the proposal for entering of subject "Bamboo" to the name of MoEF&CC through amendment of Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961.	--

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
4154	2722

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
732	639

Yours sincerely,

Encl: As above

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