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I am writing this letter indicating the highlights of the achievements and activities of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) during the month of June, 2021:

The World Environment Day (WED) is celebrated globally on 5th June every year. During 2021, the theme of World Environment Day is 'Ecosystem Restoration'. The event was jointly organized by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. Due to pandemic the event was organized virtually. On the occasion, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India released the "Report of the Expert Committee on Road Map for ethanol blending in India 2020-2025" and also launched pilot project of E100 dispensing from three locations at Pune. The then Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Hon'ble Minister for Petroleum and Natural gas, Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport and Highways attended the event along with senior officers and Heads of the autonomous/attached/ subordinate offices of MoEF&CC.

India and Bhutan signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for developing cooperation between the two countries in the areas of Environment, on 18th June 2021. The MoU was signed virtually by Shri Prakash Javadekar, the then Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Information & Broadcasting and Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises from the Indian side and Lyonpo Dr. Tandi Dorji, Hon'ble Minister of Foreign Affairs and Chairperson of the National Environment Commission from the Bhutanese side.

National Museum of Natural History, (NMNH) New Delhi along with RMNH, Mysore and Centre for Conservation of Natural Resources (CCNR), TDU conducted Online National Webinar series on "World Environment Day" (5-6 June, 2021).

Inauguration of the NMNH "GoToMeeting Webinar Platform" and discussion on Proposed Van Mahotsav – 2021(22 July, 2021).

Indian delegation attended the UNFCCC Climate Change Conference of Subsidiary Bodies held virtually during 31st May, 2021 to 17th June, 2021.

The then Hon'ble MEF&CC held meeting with Rt. Hon'ble Alok Sharma, UNFCCC COP 26 President on 8th June, 2021.

The then Hon'ble MEF&CC held virtual meeting with H.E. Mr. Frans Timmermans, Executive Vice President- European Green Deal, European Union on June 28, 2021.

The then Hon'ble MEF&CC gave a Video Address in the Virtual Flagship event of The Economic Times' Energy Leadership Summit, 2021, June 17-18, 2021, Theme: Envisioning the New World Order in Energy, as Guest for Honour on Day 2, 18 June 2021.

The then Hon'ble MEF&CC participated in the 'Bloomberg Summit' virtually on 29.06.2021.

To work out a Joint Plan and Strategy for the G20 extraordinary negotiating session along with the BASIC countries, a virtual coordination meeting held on Friday, 11 June, 2021 along with representatives of BASIC countries and the concerned Ministries/Departments/Divisions.

Virtual Meeting for G 20 ETWG-CSWG Extraordinary Session on draft Joint Ministerial Communique' on 24th June, 2021.

The then Hon'ble MEF&CC held a Virtual Meeting of Industry Consultation on Climate Change on 24th June, 2021.

Virtual Meetings of Quad Climate Working Group for the Pillars on Climate Action & Ambition Track and Clean Energy Innovation & Deployment Track held on 22.06.2021 and 23.06.2021 respectively.

Virtual Meeting of the National Implementation Entity (NIE) Selection Panel for selection of Direct Access Entities to Green Climate Fund held on 25 June, 2021.

Two policy decisions were issued under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 during the month of June 2021 which are as follows:

- i. Extension of date of General Approval for use of forest land non-forestry purpose under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 where the State/ UT have accorded 'in principle'/ State-I approval prior to expiry of validity of General Approval
- ii. Changing NPV at the rate of 50% of total NPV rate in case of underground mining area converted to open cast mining.

Ministry has its own Decision Support System developed by FSI based on combining GISS 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.

Environmental Clearances: Number of projects appraised: During the Expert Appraisal Committee meetings held in **June 2021**, a total of **146 projects** pertaining to different sectors were appraised. **Number of projects cleared:** During the month, **45 projects** were accorded environmental clearance and **81 projects** were prescribed ToRs. Thus, a total of **130 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.*)

Forest Clearances: During the month, **2088.23 ha of forestland** in **155 cases** were approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for use for non-forest purposes. **779.22 ha of non-forest land** and **1789.63 ha of degraded forestland** were earmarked for Compensatory Afforestation (C.A.).

Total Expenditure: An expenditure of **Rs 302.99 Crores (Provisional)** has been incurred until **30th June 2021** against the Net budget estimate of **Rs 3136.58 crores** for FY 2021-22.

Eco sensitive Zone: Out of **662 Protected Areas (PAs)** in the country, the Ministry has issued ESZ Notifications for **572 PAs**, including Draft Notifications for **131 PAs** and Final Notifications for **441 PAs**. Further, ESZ notifications for **15 PAs** have been approved and are under process for publications.

Public Grievances: During the month 364 Public Grievances were redressed and **170 Grievances** were pending.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

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Encl: as above

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The Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, PMO, South Block, New Delhi.

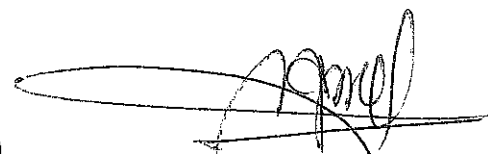
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Status of Environment Clearance and Terms of Reference of Projects for the month of June, 2021

| | 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 | | Industry-(III) | | 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 beginning of the month | 14 | 12 | 17 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 18 | 8 | 11 | 9 | 39 | 14 | 19 | 9 | 20 | 5 | 40 | 4 | 179 | 73 |
| Projects received during the month / respond | 13 | 19 | 14 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 13 | 29 | 9 | 20 | 0 | 6 | 13 | 35 | 64 | 126 |
| Projects cleared during the month | 4 | 13 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 19 | 15 | 45 | 44 |
| 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 |
| Project rejected during the month (on merit) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Project closed during the month (due to non-submission of info.) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Projects withdrawn/ returned/ transferred/ duplicate | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Projects kept in abeyance/ delisted | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 7 |
| EDS raised during the month * | 0 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 16 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 15 | 15 | 40 |
| Pending at PP due to Additional details sought * | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 22 | 15 |
| Projects pending at the end of the month * | 21 | 10 | 19 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 15 | 6 | 7 | 12 | 36 | 26 | 13 | 8 | 16 | 5 | 25 | 16 | 153 | 93 |

* 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.