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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change**  
**ESZ- Division**  
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Dated: 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Reconstitution of Interim Monitoring Committee under the Notification No. S.O. 133 (E) dated the 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2003 (Matheran Notification) declaring Matheran and surrounding region in the State of Maharashtra as Eco-sensitive Zone.**

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India vide Notification No. S.O. 133 (E) dated the 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2003 (Matheran Notification) declared Matheran and surrounding region in the State of Maharashtra as Eco-sensitive Zone, under the provisions of sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986). As per the provisions of the Notification, the Monitoring Committee is empowered to discharge functions enumerated in the Notification. The present term of Monitoring Committee expired and reconstitution of Monitoring Committee is pending for want of nominations from the State Government.

2. In the wake of COVID-19, in absence of any proposal for Reconstitution of Monitoring Committee from Government of Maharashtra, and also in compliance of proceedings of Judicature at Bombay Court dated 8th May, 2020, in Writ Petition (ADHOC NO. WP-LD-VC-31 of 2020) regarding ferrying of essential supplies to the core area of the eco-sensitive zone of Matheran, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has decided that till the Monitoring is reconstituted, an Interim Monitoring Committee with the following composition is constituted to attend the immediate requirements:

1	Divisional Commissioner having jurisdiction of District Raigad	Chairman
2	Representative of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Member
3	Representative of Central Pollution Control Board	Member

4	Representative of Department of Environment, Government of Maharashtra	Member
5	Representative of Urban Development Department, Government of Maharashtra	Member
6	The District Collector, Raigad	Member Secretary

3. The terms of reference of the Interim Monitoring Committee are as follows:-

(i) To ensure monitoring of compliance of the provisions of the (Matheran Notification) declaring Matheran and surrounding region in the State of Maharashtra as Eco-Sensitive Zone published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary Part II Section (3) Sub-Section (ii), S.O. No. 133 (E) dated 4th February, 2003.

(ii) To discharge the functions specifically enumerated in the Notification and do all things incidental thereto (except the functions as are required to be performed by the Central Government under the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification of 14th September, 2006 as amended from time to time).

4. The Chairman shall co-opt the domain experts in the field of Eco-sensitive Zone and at least two representatives of non-government organizations working in the field of environment (including heritage conservation) depending on the requirements.

5. The Committee or any officer or member of the Interim Monitoring Committee authorized by the Committee shall file complaints under Section 19 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if offences under the said Act came to the notice of the Committee.

6. The orders/directions issued by the Hon'ble NGT/Supreme Court/High Court/District Court as the case may be from time to time w.r.t. Matheran Eco-Sensitive Zone shall be complied with by the State Government and the Interim Monitoring Committee.

7. The tenure of the Interim Monitoring Committee is for a period of Six Months. The Government of Maharashtra shall submit the proposal for Reconstitution of Monitoring Committee within three months.

8. The expenditure on the Interim Monitoring Committee shall be met by the Government of Maharashtra.



9. TA/DA to the non-official members of the Committee shall be met by the Government of Maharashtra as per the State Government rules.



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**Director**

To

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai.
2. The Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.
3. The Secretary, Department of Forests, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.
4. The Secretary, Department of Urban Development, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.
5. The Chairman and the Members of the Monitoring Committee.
6. Guard File.

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