

D.O.No.2411/5/2022-GC

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Dear Sir,

The following are the highlights of the achievements and activities of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) during the month of ~~FEBRUARY 2022~~

1. Climate Change

- The Fourth meeting of the Green Climate Fund Empowered Committee was held in February and five projects pertaining to equity fund for adaptation, marshland rejuvenation etc. were recommended to the GCF Board for approval.

2. Wetlands

- The World Wetlands Day 2022 was celebrated on February 2, at Sultanpur National Park, Haryana. Shri Bhupender Yadav, Hon. Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, and Labour & Employment, Government of India was the Chief Guest for the event, which was presided over by Shri Manohar Lal, Hon. Chief Minister of Haryana.
- The National Wetlands Decadal Change Atlas, a space based observation of Indian Wetlands comparing the 2017-2018 data with the previous National Atlas which used 2005-2006 data, was released on the occasion. Further, two new Ramsar sites, namely Khijadia Wildlife Sanctuary (Gujarat) and Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary (Uttar Pradesh) were also announced and Brochures on the two new Ramsar sites as well as on Sultanpur and Bhindawas sites in Haryana were released.

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3. Environment Clearances

- A total of 300 EC proposals and 95 ToR proposals under the EIA 2006 were carried forward from the previous months. 158 EC proposals and 78 TOR proposals were received in the month of February 2022. A total of 164 proposals were appraised and 45 EC proposals and 33 ToR proposals were cleared during the month.

4. Environment Regulations

- The Environment (Protection) Amendment Rules, 2022 were notified wherein strict standards for stack height have been set for brick kilns having particulate matter in stack emission 250mg/Nm³. Henceforth, all new brick kilns would be allowed only with zig-zag technology or vertical shaft or use of Piped Natural Gas.
- Taking into account the representation from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, that since Ropeways are an important component of the transport network of the country, hence these projects may be excluded from the requirement of Environmental Clearance, the matter was referred to the concerned Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) in the Ministry. Thereafter, a draft notification to exclude Ropeways from the purview of EC was published.
- A draft notification was issued for regulating emissions from DG sets.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

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