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विषय :- वन विभाग के डिजीटल मानचित्रों में सुधार बाबत। संदर्भ :- शाखा द्वारा जारी परिपत्र क्रमांक/सू.प्री./776 दिनांक 4.6.2016

उपरोक्त विषयांतर्गत कृपया संदर्भित परिपत्र का अवलोकन करने का कष्ट करें। सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी शाखा द्वारा जीआईएस डेटा के निर्माण, संधारण, उपयोग एवं आरकाइव की प्रक्रिया का निर्धारण संदर्भित परिपत्र के माध्यम से किया गया था। उक्त परिपत्र के अनुक्रम में डेटा एट्रीब्यूट दर्ज करने एवं भारत शासन द्वारा निर्धारित डिसीजन सपोर्ट सिस्टम के लिए डेटा उपलब्ध करने के संबंध में निम्नानुसार व्यवस्था निर्धारित की जाती है :--

- (1) कार्य आयोजना अधिकारियों द्वारा जीआईएस डेटा शाखा में भेजा जा रहा है इस में ब्लाक, कम्पार्टमेन्ट, प्रशासनिक सीमायें, कार्य आयोजना संबंधी जानकारी उपलब्ध कराई जाती है। इस डेटा को डेटाबेस में व्यवस्थित रूप से भंडारित करने के लिए परिशिष्ट-1 में संलग्न एट्रीब्यूट टेबल निर्धारित किये गये हैं। जीआईएस की MDB files भेजने के दौरान कार्य आयोजना अधिकारी द्वारा संबंधित फाईल में निर्धारित प्रपन्न अनुसार एट्रीब्यूट भरे जाना सुनिश्चित किया जायेगा।
- (2) भारत शासन द्वारा कार्य आयोजना अनुमोदन के पूर्व डिसीजन सपोर्ट सिस्टम के माध्यम से परीक्षण की व्यवस्था रखी गई है। वन एवं पर्यावरण मंत्रालय द्वारा जारी परिपत्र कार्य आयोजना अधिकारियों की सुविधा की दृष्टि से परिशिष्ट-2 पर संलग्न हैं। भविष्य में DSS के लिए डिजीटल डेटा भारत सरकार को उपलब्ध कराना होगा। कृपया देख लें कि ब्लाक के अलावा कम्पार्टमेन्ट, बीट, रेन्ज, डिवीजन एवं कार्य आयोजनाओं से संबंधित सभी जानकारियां जीआईएस के डेटाबेस में उपलब्ध होना चाहिए ताकि कार्य आयोजनाओं का अनुमोदन सरल बनाया जा सके एवं भारत सरकार द्वारा चाही गई सभी जानकारी उन्हें

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Office- Memorandum

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The undersigned is directed to enclose a copy of the record of discussions in a meeting held under Chairmanship of the Director General of Forests and Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change at 11:00 AM on Thursday the 21st April 2016 to review Working of Regional Offices of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for information and necessary action of all concerned.

Encl.: As above.

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- All Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.
- 2. Director General, Forest Survey of India, Dehradun.
- 3. Guard file.

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- A. Officers present in the Meeting

 As per details given in the annexure.
- B. Summary of deliberations and decisions taken
- Presentation of GIS Base: Decision Support System (DSS) for Forest Clearances by FSI.
 - (i). All Regional Offices will collect details of officers up to the rank of Divisional. Forest Officer (D-FO) in the State Forest Departments (SFDs) in the States/ UTs falling under their jurisdiction and provide the same to the FSI for their necessary action to create login IDs and password for each such officer to facilitate them to access the GIS based DSS. Details of all officers up to the rank of DCF/Scientist-B in the Regional Offices (ROs) will also be provided to the FSI for similar action. The process to provide login ID and password to all officers up to the rank of DFO/Scientist B will be completed within 45 days.
 - (ii). The FSI will obtain data on coastal areas available with the National Coastal Zone Management Authority (NCZMA) and will incorporate the same in the DSS within 30 days.
 - (iii). The FSI will obtain from the RE Division in the Ministry/WII/ States/ UTs the details/ geo-referenced maps of eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) of protected areas, wherever final notification for such areas have already been issued and incorporate the same in the DSS.
 - (iv). The FSI in consultation with the NIC will take necessary action to integrate GIS based DSS with the web portal for online submission and monitoring of forest clearance proposals.
 - (v). The FSI will initiate measures to prepare a NPV layer as per the proposal for revision of NPV rates. The same will however, be incorporated in the DSS only after the proposal for revision of NPV rates is duly approved and notified by the Ministry.
- 2. Skatus of operationalization of DSS in Regional Offices.
 - It was informed by Head of Regional Offices that DSS has become operational. in all Regional Offices of the Ministry.
 - (ii). Regional Offices will utilise services of Technical Assistants/Expert appointed by FSI at each Regional Office to prepare shape files of forest land diverted for non-forest purposes in the past and the land identified for creation of

compensatory afforestation in lieu of such forest land by using Survey of India (Sol) toposheets indicating location of such areas available in the proposals seeking prior approval of Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of such forest areas. A copy of the shape files will be provided to the FSI for incorporation in the DSS. Monthly report on submission of shape files to the FSI for incorporation in the DSS will be submitted to the Ministry.

- Review of updating of status of proposal on the web portal for Forest Clearance proposals and uploading a copy of the Stage-I and Stage-II FCs on the said portal.
 - (i). Regional Offices will examine status of each proposal pertaining to States/UTs under their jurisdiction available in the Forest Clearance web portal and update the same within 10 days. Thereafter, Head of each Regional Office will undertake weekly review of proposals which, as per the said portal, are pending before the Regional Office, and will update the status thereof. From the month of June, 2016 onwards, reply to all VIP references and Parliament Questions relating to status of FC proposals will be prepared on the basis of details available in the web portal. The Head of the concerned Regional Office will be responsible for any discrepancy in reply to VIP references and parliament questions due to non-updating of the status of such proposals on the web portal.
 - (ii). To ensure compliance of directions issued by Supreme Court, NGT and the CIC, Regional Offices will ensure that a copy of a stage-I FC, shage-II FC and all clarification/corrigendum issued by them is uploaded at designated place in the web portal for online submission and monitoring of forest clearance proposal, within 30 days.
- Status of reconciliation with States/UTs the FCs accorded and the land transferred and mutated in favour of SFDs for raising CA.
 - (i) Regional Office will complete the reconciliation with States/UTs the FCs accorded in respect of the States/ UTs falling in their jurisdiction till 30.03.2016. A copy of State/UT-wise list of FCs accorded till 30.06.2016 duly signed by the Head of the concerned Regional Office and Nodal Officer, FC Act of the concerned State/UT will be submitted to the Ministry on or before 31.07.2016. In case it is not feasible for the ROs to reconcile some of the FCs, details of the same along with the reasons for non-reconciliation and actions taken by the ROs to complete reconciliation shall be submitted to the Ministry on or before 31.07.2016.





- (ii). Similar information in respect of the land identified for CA including transfer and mutation in favour of SFD and notification as RF/PF shall also be submitted to the Minkstry on or before 3T.07.2016.
- Status of preparation of State-wise folders containing copy of Forest and Environmental Clearances (including, any modification, withdrawal, revocation, restoration etc.) arranged in a chronological order.

It was agreed that one of the main functions of the ROs is to monitor status of compliance of conditions stipulated in the Forest and Environmental Clearances to projects falling in the States/UTs under their jurisdiction. Availability of a copy of these approvals arranged in a *systematic manner with the ROs is the basic requirements for monitoring of the status of compliance to these conditions. Accordingly, it was agreed that each RO will prepare State/UT-wise folders containing copy of Forest and Environmental Clearances (including, any modification, withdrawal, revocation, restoration etc.) arranged in a chronological order for each State/UT falling under their jurisdiction. A copy of these folders will also be uploaded on the respective web portal for online submission and monitoring the status of applications for Forest and Environmental Clearances within 60 days.

- Status of preparation of geo-referenced maps of areas which are 'forest' for the purpose of the FC Act and incorporation of the same in GIS based DSS, the States/ UTs falling under jurisdiction of ROs and efforts made by the ROs to expedite preparation of such maps.
 - (i) It was observed that inspite of clear direction from the Hon'ble Supreme Court in their judgment dated 6th July 2011 in the Lafarge matter, progress of preparation of geo-referenced maps of areas which are 'forest' for the purpose of the FC Act is rather slow. In none of the States/ UTs such maps for all the areas which are 'forest' for the purpose of the FC Act have been prepared. In 18 States these maps have been prepared for areas which are directly under administrative control and management of the State Forest Department (SFD). The FSI will incorporate these maps in the PS5.
 - (ii) The Head of each RO will regularly pursue the concerned States/UTs to expedite preparation and submission of these maps to the FSI for incorporation in the GIS based DSS. They will also request the States/ UTs to include amounts required for preparation of these maps in the APOs for utilization of CAMPA funds. Each RO will submit a monthly report on progress in



preparation of these maps by the States/UTs falling under their jurisdiction to the Ministry.

- 7. Status of submission of shape files of mining leases to facilitate satellite based monitoring of mining projects including reclamation of mined out areas
 - (i) To facilitate satellite based monitoring of adherence to approved land use plan and rechmanion or minus our areas, Ministry has advised States/ UTs to provide shape files of approved land use and reclamation plans of mining projects to the FSI for incorporation in the DSS. Progress in supply of these maps to the FSI is rather slow.
 - (ii) It was therefore agreed that the ROs shall pursue the States/UTs falling under their jurisdiction to expedite submission of these maps to FSI. They will also take up the matter directly with the project proponents of the concerned mining projects in the States/UTs under their jurisdiction to which EC or FC have been accorded by the Ministry so as to ensure that afore-mentioned maps of these areas are submitted to the FSI within two months. Details of all such mines which fails to provide a copy of the approved land-use/ reclamation maps to the FSI within 60 days along with details of action taken or proposed to be taken by the ROs to obtain such maps will be provided to the Ministry within 75 days.
- 8. Status of monitoring undertaken during the year 2015-16 and follow up actions initiated by the ROs in cases where non-compliance or partial compliance to conditions stipulated in FC/EC have been detected.
 - (i) Summary of monitoring of conditions slipulated in the EC and FC undertaken by each RO is as below:

Regional Office	No of projects during 2014-15	monitored	No of projects monitored during 2015-16			
	EC	FC.	EC	FC		
Northern Zone, Chandigarh	204	41	173	105		
North Central Zone, Dehradun	10	0	58	20		
Central Zone, Lucknow	256	127	224 .	190		
Western Zone, Bhopal	128	88	150	125		



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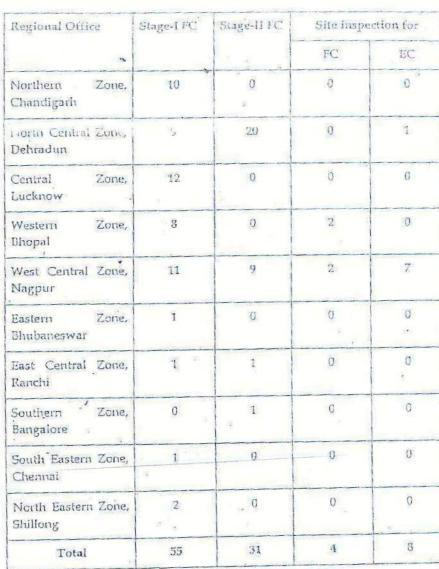
(ii) Chairman expressed concern over the quality of monitoring of conditions stipulated in the ECs and FCs. To ensure monitoring of conditions stipulated in the ECs and FCs in an effective, unbiased and transparent manner, the Chairman desired that the committee constituted under Chairmanship of Shri M.K. Singh to formulate criteria and methodology for selection of projects for monitoring and to formulate draft SoP to report and deal with instance of non-compliance/violations observed during monitoring shall within 60 days circulate first draft of its report to the ROs for comments.

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- (iii) Till finalization of the afore-mentioned criteria, methodology and SoP, the monitoring targets for each Regional Office will be minimum 5 EC per scientist per month and 4 FC per IFS Officer per month. The APCCFs of the ROs will ensure that projects are selected in an unbiased and scientific manner.
- (iv) Regional Offices will submit detailed proposals to engage independent monitors on contract basis. These proposals shall inter-alia contain powers & functions, essential & desirable qualification, estimated monthly remuneration and number of monitors proposed to be engaged by the each RO.
- Status of projects pending for Stage-I FC, Stage-II, Site inspection for FC and Site inspection for EC.
 - (i) It was reported by the APCCFs present in the meeting that the proposals as per details given below were pending before the ROs for grant of stage-I FC, stage-II FC and site inspections:





- (ii) ROs-will-strive-to adhere to time-lines stipulated in the Forest-(Conservation)
 Rules, 2003 for disposal of proposals seeking stage-I FC, Stage-II FC and site
 inspections.
- (iii) Head of each RO will review on weekly basis adherence to time lines stipulated for processing of proposals received by the RO for Stage-I FC, Stage-II FC and site inspections.
- (iv) The NIC will incorporate appropriate features in the web-portals for Forrest and Environmental Clearance to facilitate:



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- (a) Online request from FC Division in the Ministry to concened ROs for prior site inspection for FC;
- (b) Online request from IA Division in the Ministry to concened ROs for prior site inspection for EC.
- (c) Display of the real-time summary of status of FC proposals which were submitted in the off line mode before the web portal for online submission and monitoring of forest clearance proposals became operational.
- (d) Display, of the real-time list of proposals which are pending before the Ministry and ROs for a period more than the period stipulated in the FC Rules.
- 10. Details of Working Plans/ Working Schemes pending before ROs for approval.
 - (i) It was reported that the Working Plans/ Working Schemes as per details given below were pending before various ROs:

Regional Office	Working Plans	Working Schemes	Total	
Northern Zone, Chandigarh	2 ,	0	2	
North Central Zone, Dehradun	1	0	1	
Central Zone, Lucknow	. 12	0	12	
Western Zone, Bhopal	7	0	- 7	
West Central Zone, Nagpur	ź	0	7	
Eastern Zone, Bhubaneswar	0	0	0	
East Central Zone, Ranchi	12	. 0	12	
Southern Zone, Bangalore	2	0	2	
South Eastern Zone, Chennai	. 0	0	0	
North Eastern Zone, Shillong	2	3	5	
Total	45	3	48	



(iii) Geo-referenced boundaries of Compartments, Beats, Range, and Management
Units/Circles as given in the approved working plan shall be provided to the
FSI for incorporation in the DSS.

11. Details of action taken by the ROs to monitor implementation of Working Plans/Working Schemes.

- of implementation of the Working Plans/Working Schemes. For the said purpose the Ministry in consultation with ROs will formulate a detailed methodology for systematic monitoring of the implementation of Working Plans/ Working Schemes. Methodology shall include the use of DSS for the menitoring purpose.
- (ii) It has been observed that proposals for felling permission are received by the Ministry from only few States. Such proposals are not received from any of the Southern States. The concerned APPCFs informed that Southern States do not need felling permission as none of the approved Working Flans for these States provides for felling of naturally grown trees. All ROs were requested to examine/re-confirm the nature of felling undertaken in the States/UTs under their jurisdiction and ensure that no felling of natural grown trees be undertaken by any of the States/ UTs without obtaining felling permission from the Ministry.

12. Court cases dealt by RO during last two years

(i) Status of filing of reply to court cases pertaining to Forest and Environmental Clearances filed before various courts of Law reported by the ROs is as below:



the SSC. Till names of appropriate persons to till these posts are communicated by the SSC, the newly established ROs at Dehradun, Ranchi, Nagpur and Chernai may be allowed to engage certain persons on contract basis. These ROs may submit to the Ministry proposals indicating number and duration of such persons to be engaged on contract basis, for approval of the competent authority.

- (ii). It was noted with concern that necessary actions to fill posts of MTS have not been taken by the ROs located at Luchnow, Bhubaneswar, Ranchi and Chennai. The APCCFs of these ROs were advised to fill these posts expeditiously. Similarly, it was also observed that in case of the staff car drivers, one post is lying vacant at Bhopal and two posts are lying vacant at Ranchi. The concerned ROs were advised to take necessary action to fill these posts expeditiously.
- (iii). All ROs were advised to complete the process to fill the vacant posts of Pr. Private Secretary to APCCF, Assistant, UDC, LDC and PA/Stenographer Grade-C by appointment on deputation basis. In the cases where adequate number of applications for appointment to these posts have are not been received, posts may be advertised once again.

14. Setting up of Permanent Office and Residential Complex for Regional Offices.

- (i). The APCCF, RO, Ranchi informed that requisition for constructing/ providing suitable office/residential accommodation has already been given to CPWD. The CPWD has informed that they are in the process of constructing general pool office and residential accommodation at Ranchi for Central Government Offices. He further informed that a proposal is also being sent to the Ministry to take up the matter with the Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) of India for allotting a vacant plot of about 25,000 sq. ft. area for construction of office building for RO, Ranchi. The APCCF, Ranchi was advised to finalise the site for office and residential buildings expeditiously.
- (ii). The APCCF, Bangalore informed that approval of the Government of Karnataka to transfer land for construction of residential complex at Bangalore is likely to be received shortly. He was advised to pursue the matter with the Government of Karnataka for early transfer of the said land to the Ministry.
 - (iii). APCCF, Nagpur informed that after the proposed repair, the present office building will serve the purpose of the RO. He further informed that a suitable land for construction of residential Buildings for the Offices and Staff posted at RO, Nagpur is being identified and will be communicated to the Ministry shortly.

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Regional	Suprem	e Court	High C	Courts	NGT		Other courts	
Office	No. of cases	Reply	No. of *	Reply filed	No. of cases	Reply	No. of cases	Reply filed
Northern Zone, Chandigarh	4	4 .	20	20	15	14	5	5
North Central Zone, Dehradun	0	0	23	. 20	2	2	0	0
Central Zone, Lucknow	4	0	21	10	6	2	6	3
Western Zone, Bhopal	4	1	29	15	47	21	0 2	0 -
West Central Zone, Nagpur	1	0	25	10	35	33	0	0 -
Eastern Zone, Bhubaneswar	0 *	0	19	15	2	2	2	0
East Central Zone, Ranchi	0	0	16	13	0	0	1	1
Southern Zone, Bangalore	á	4.	76	36	75 ·	37	1	0
South Eastern Zone, Chennai	0	0	71	0	124	112	0	0
North Eastern Zone, Shillong	20	19	2 .	1	- 11	11	0	0
Total	39	28	302	140	317	234	15	9

- (ii) To facilitate effective dealing of court cases RO located at Chennai and Dehradun, each of these ROs will be allowed to engage one legal consultant on contract basis. The services of the legal consultant-to be engaged at Chennai will be made available to the RO, Bangalore also.
- (iii) Two Legal Assistants will also be engaged at RoHQ Division to expeditiously process draft affidavits/para-wise comments received from the ROs.
- 13. Details of vacant posts along with details of action taken by the ROs to fill such posts in cases where ROs are competent to fill such posts
 - (i). It was informed that all those vacancies in ROs which are to be filled up through Staff Selection Commission (SSC) have already been communicated to

Officers present in a meeting held under meeting held under Chairmanship of the Director General of Forests and Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change at 11:00 AM on Thursday the 21st April 2016 to review Working of Regional Offices of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

- 1. Dr. S.S. Negi, Director General of Forests and Special Secretary, MoEFC, Gol.
- 2. Dr. Anil Kumar, Addl. Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEFCC, Gol.
- Shri Lakhwinder Singh, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (Western Zone), Bhopal, MoEFCC, Gol.
- Shri D.P. Sinha, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (Central Zone), Lucknow, MoEFCC, Gol.
- Sluri Ajay Kumar, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (North Central Zone), Dehradun, MoEFCC, Gol.
- Shri Tejinder Singh, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (Eastern Zone), Bhubaneswar, MoEFCC, Gol.
- Shri Kanwarjit Singh, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (West Central Zone), Nagpur, MoEFCC, Gol.
- Shri Amarnatha Shetty, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (Southern Zone), Bangalore, MoEFCC, Gol
- Shri Harsh Mitter, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (Northern Zone), Chandigarh, MoEFCC, Gol.
- Shri A.N. Sharan, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (East Central Zone), Ranchi, MoEFCC, Gol.
- Dr. M.R.G. Reddy, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (South East Zone), Chennai, MoEFCC, Gol.
- Shri B.S. Kharmawphlang, Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) Regional Office (Northern Eastern Zone), Shillong, MoEFCC, Gol.
- Shri Kamal Jeet Singh, Deputy Director, Forest Survey of India, Dehradun, MoEFCC,
 Gol.
- 14. Dr. A. Mehrotra, Adviser, Regional Office (Western Zone), Bhopal, MoEFCC, Gol.
- 15. Dr. K.K. Garg, Adviser, Regional Office (Central Zone), Lucknow, MoEFCC, Gol.
- Dr. C. Kaliyaperumal. Director, Regional Office (South Eastern Zone), Chennai, MoEFCC, Gol.



- (iv). A committee under Chairmanship of the Addl. Director General of Forests and having Director, Forest Research Institute (FRI) and the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (North Central Zone), Dehradun will be constituted to explore the feasibility to shift the office of the RO, Dehradun to Forest Rangers College Complex, Dehradun city.
- (v). The APCCF, Chennai informed that he has already submitted a proposal to the CPWD for allotment of office and residential accommodation at Chennai. He further informed that he is also pursuing the matter with the State Forest Department, Tamil Nadu for allotment of a suitable plot of forest land for construction of Office and Residential Buildings for RO at Chennai. The APCCF, Chennai was advised to finalise the site for office and residential buildings for RO, Chennai and intimate the same o the Ministry.
- 15. It was agreed that each RO will submit to the Ministry a monthly report on status of implementation of decisions taken during the meeting. It was also agreed that the afore-mentioned activities identified during the meeting will be treated as the formal targets for concerned APCCFS for the purpose of their Annual Performance Appraisal Report (APAR) for the year 2016-17.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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