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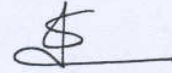
OFFICE MEMORANDAM

Sub: Constitution of a Committee for appraisal of impact of mining, road and rail construction on tiger conservation.

Several intensive landuse practices like mining, construction of road and railway lines affect the tiger habitat and corridors. Accordingly, with the approval of the competent authority, a Committee is hereby constituted as below, to draw upon the best practices in other countries in this context, while suggesting ecological compatible synergy between conservation and development:

1. Dr. M.K. Ranjit Singh, Member, NBWL
 2. Dr. Asha Rajwanshi, Scientist, WII, Dehradun
 3. Shri V.K. Sharma, CGM, NHAI, New Delhi
 4. Dr. M. Firoz Ahmed, Member, NTCA
 5. Dr. T. Chandni, Director (IA), MoEF
 6. Shri H.K. Chowdhury, AIG (FC), MoEF
 7. Nominee of the Ministry of Railways
 8. Nominee of the Coal India Limited
 9. Shri Qamar Qureshi, Scientist, WII, Dehradun
 10. Shri S.P. Yadav, DIG (NTCA) - Member Convener
2. The terms of reference of the Committee are as below:
- (i) Country level appraisal of the extent of tiger habitat, corridors and other crucial areas for conservation, based on the recent all India tiger estimation (2010).
 - (ii) Appraisal of the ongoing demand for diversion of habitat areas towards infrastructure projects in tiger range States.

- (iii) Appraisal of the global best practices adopted to safeguard conservation vis-à-vis intensive land use.
 - (iv) General recommendations for harmonizing such land uses vis-à-vis tiger conservation in the Indian context.
3. The Committee would submit its report within a period of 6 (six) months.
4. The non-official members would be paid TA / DA as per rules, from the Grant-in-aid to NTCA.



(S.P. Yadav)

Deputy Inspector General (NTCA)

Distribution:

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- vii) The Secretary, Ministry of Railways – with a request to nominate one senior officer to represent the Ministry of Railways.
- viii) The Managing Director, Coal India Limited – with a request to nominate one senior officer to represent the Coal India Ltd.
- ix) Shri Qamar Qureshi, Scientist, WII, Dehradun

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4. PPS to ADG (WL), Ministry of Environment and Forests.
5. PPS to ADG (FC), Ministry of Environment and Forests.
6. Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.