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अधिसूचना

नई दिल्ली, 30 जून, 2015

का.आ. 1777(अ).—निम्नलिखित प्रारूप अधिसूचना, जिसे केन्द्रीय सरकार, पर्यावरण (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1986 (1986 का 29) की धारा 3 की उपधारा (2) के खंड (v) और खंड (xiv) तथा उप-धारा (3) के साथ पठित उप-धारा (1) द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए, जारी करने का प्रस्ताव करती है, पर्यावरण (संरक्षण) नियम, 1986 के नियम 5 के उपनियम (3) की अपेक्षानुसार, जनसाधारण की जानकारी के लिए प्रकाशित की जाती है; जिनके उससे प्रभावित होने की संभावना है, और यह सूचना दी जाती है कि उक्त प्रारूप अधिसूचना पर, उस तारीख से, जिसको इस अधिसूचना वाले भारत के राजपत्र की प्रतियां जनसाधारण को उपलब्ध करा दी जाती हैं, साठ दिन की अवधि की समाप्ति पर या उसके पश्चात् विचार किया जाएगा :

ऐसा कोई व्यक्ति, जो प्रारूप अधिसूचना में अंतर्विष्ट प्रस्तावों के संबंध में कोई आक्षेप या सुझाव देने में हितबद्ध है, इस प्रकार विनिर्दिष्ट अवधि के भीतर, केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा विचार किए जाने के लिए, आक्षेप या सुझाव सचिव, पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, इंदिरा पर्यावरण भवन, जोर बाग रोड, अलीगंज, नई दिल्ली-110003 या ई-मेल पते: esz-mef@nic.in पर लिखित रूप में भेज सकेगा ।

प्रारूप अधिसूचना

महाराष्ट्र सरकार ने अपनी राजपत्र अधिसूचना में सं. डब्ल्यू एल पी - 10.07/सीआर 297 /एफ-1, तारीख 27 दिसंबर, 2007 द्वारा महाराष्ट्र राज्य में निम्नलिखित राष्ट्रीय उद्यानों और अभयारण्यों से मिलकर बनने वाले मेलघाट बाघ आरक्षिती को वन्यजीव (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1972 की धारा 38 (फ) के उपबंधों के अधीन महत्वपूर्ण पर्यावास घोषित किया है, अर्थात्:-

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(1)

- (i) गूगामल राष्ट्रीय उद्यान (36128.06 ha), जिला अमरावती,
- (ii) वन वन्यजीव अभयारण्य (21100.70 ha), जिला अमरावती,
- (iii) मेलघाट वन्यजीव अभयारण्य (78875.24 ha), जिला अमरावती,
- (iv) नरनाला वन्यजीव अभयारण्य (1235.07 ha), जिला अकोला, और
- (v) अंबावर्वा वन्यजीव अभयारण्य (12711.42 ha), जिला बुलघाना ;

और महाराष्ट्र सरकार ने अपनी राजपत्र अधिसूचना में सं. डब्ल्यू एल पी - 10-10/सीपी 139 /एफ-1, तारीख 29 सितंबर, 2010 द्वारा वन्य जीव (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1972 की धारा 38 (V) के अधीन 1268.03 वर्ग कि.मी. (920.65 वर्ग कि.मी. वन क्षेत्र और 347.38 वर्ग कि.मी. गैर वन क्षेत्र) को मेलघाट बाघ आरक्षिती के बफर जोन के रूप में घोषित किया है;

और, इस क्षेत्र में प्राणियों और वनस्पतियों की विविधता है तथा इसमें बाघ, तेंदुआ, बाइसन, स्लोथ भालू, वन आउलैट जैसे बड़ी संख्या में वन्य प्राणी पाये जाते हैं तथा बाघ आरक्षिती के वनों में विविधता और समृद्धता है तथा उन्हें चैंपियन और सेठ के वर्गीकरण के अनुसार समूह 5 - उप समूह - 5क - दक्षिणी उष्ण कटिबंधीय शुष्क पर्णपाती वन के रूप में वर्गीकृत किया गया है ;

और, यह बाघ आरक्षिती महत्वपूर्ण नदियों जैसे तापी, गडगा, सिपना, वन का वाटर शेड है और इसमें आदिवासीयों की बहुत आबादी आदिवासी गाँवों में रहती है;

और, मेलघाट बाघ आरक्षिती के बफर जोन को उसके वन्य प्राणियों या उसके पर्यावरण को समृद्ध और विकसित करने की दृष्टि से पारिस्थितिकी और पर्यावरणीय दृष्टि से संरक्षित करने के लिए परीक्षित करने की अपेक्षा है;

और, पूर्वोक्त वर्णित राष्ट्रीय उद्यानों और अभयारण्यों जो मेलघाट बाघ आरक्षिती का गठन करते हैं, की मानव पर्यावास और चालू विकास कार्यकलापों से अति निकटता उचित सुरक्षोपायों और ऐसे कार्यकलापों पर समुचित नियंत्रण की अपेक्षाओं को आवश्यक बनाती है;

और अब इस क्षेत्र का परिरक्षण और संरक्षण करना आवश्यक है तथा जिसकी सीमाओं को इस अधिसूचना के पैरा 1 में मेलघाट बाघ आरक्षिती के महत्वपूर्ण बाघ पर्यावास के चारों ओर पारिस्थितिकीय संवेदी जोन के रूप में विनिर्दिष्ट किया गया है और पर्यावरण की दृष्टि से उद्योगों या उद्योगों के वर्ग को तथा उनकी संक्रियाओं और प्रक्रियाओं को उक्त पारिस्थितिकीय संवेदी जोन में प्रतिषिद्ध करना आवश्यक है;

अतः, अब, केन्द्रीय सरकार, पर्यावरण (संरक्षण) नियम, 1986 के नियम 5 के उपनियम (3) और पर्यावरण (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1986 (1986 का 29) की धारा 3 की उप-धारा (2) के खंड (v) और खंड (xiv) के साथ पठित और उप-धारा (1) द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए, महाराष्ट्र राज्य में गूगामल राष्ट्रीय उद्यान, वन वन्यजीव अभयारण्य, मेलघाट वन्यजीव अभयारण्य, नरनाला वन्यजीव अभयारण्य, अंबावर्वा वन्यजीव अभयारण्य की सीमा से 10 किलोमीटर तक के विस्तारित क्षेत्र को मेलघाट बाघ आरक्षिती पारिस्थितिकीय संवेदी जोन (जिसे इसमें इसके पश्चात् पारिस्थितिक संवेदी जोन कहा गया है) के रूप में अधिसूचित करती है, जिसका विवरण निम्नानुसार है, अर्थात् :-

1. पारिस्थितिक संवेदी जोन का विस्तार और उसकी सीमाएं--(1) पारिस्थितिक संवेदी जोन 126803.67 हेक्टेयर के क्षेत्र में फैला हुआ है और जिसमें अमरावती, अकोला और बुलघाना के चिकलधारा, अकोट, तेलहारा और संग्रामपुर तालुका है और पारिस्थितिक संवेदी जोन की सीमा का विवरण उपाबंध I पर दिया गया है ।

(2) पारिस्थितिक संवेदी जोन के भीतर आने वाले ग्रामों अक्षांश और देशान्तर की सूची उपाबंध-II के रूप में उपाबंध है।

(3) पारिस्थितिक संवेदी जोन का मानचित्र अक्षांश और देशान्तर के साथ उपाबंध III पर उपाबंध है ।

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 30th June, 2015

S.O. 1777(E).—The following draft of the notification, which the Central Government proposes to issue in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1), read with clause (v) and clause (xiv) of sub-section (2) and sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) is hereby published, as required under sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, for the information of the public likely to be affected thereby; and notice is hereby given that the said draft notification shall be taken into consideration on or after the expiry of a period of sixty days from the date on which copies of the Gazette containing this notification are made available to the Public.

Any person interested in making any objections or suggestions on the proposals contained in the draft notification may forward the same in writing, for consideration of the Central Government within the period so specified to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-110 003, or send it to the e-mail address of the Ministry at: - esz-mef@nic.in

Draft Notification

WHEREAS, Government of Maharashtra vide its Gazette Notification No.WLP-10.07/C.R.297/F-1, dated the 27th December, 2007, has declared 1500.49 square kilometer area of Melghat Tiger Reserve as critical tiger habitat under the provisions of section 38 (V) of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 comprising of the following National Parks and Sanctuaries in the State of Maharashtra namely:-

- (i) Gugamal National Park (36128.06 ha), District Amravati,
- (ii) Wan Wildlife Sanctuary (21100.70 ha), District Amravati,
- (iii) Melghat Wildlife Sanctuary (78875.24 ha), District Amravati,
- (iv) Namala Wildlife Sanctuary (1235.07 ha), District Akola and
- (v) Ambabarwa Wildlife Sanctuary (12711.42 ha), District Buldhana;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Maharashtra vide its Gazette notification No. WLP-10-10/CP-139/F-1 Dated the 29th September, 2010, declared 1268.03 square kilometers (920.65 square kilometers forest area and 347.38 square kilometer non forest area) as a buffer zone of Melghat Tiger Reserve, under section 38 (V) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972;

AND WHEREAS, the area has a very high faunal and floral diversity and supports large number of wild animals such as Tiger, Leopard, Bison, Sloth bear, Forest owlet and that the forests of the Tiger Reserve are varied and rich and are classified as Group-5 – Sub-Group 5A-Southern Tropical Dry deciduous forest as per Champion and Seth classification;

AND WHEREAS, the tiger reserve area is catchment of important rivers such as Tapti, Gadga, Sipna, Wan and has tribal villages having major population of tribals;

AND WHEREAS, the buffer zone of Melghat Tiger Reserve is required to be conserved from ecological and environmental point of view, to protect, propagate and develop wildlife therein or its environment;

AND WHEREAS, the extremely close vicinity of the above-mentioned National Parks and Sanctuaries which constitute the critical tiger habitat of Melghat Tiger Reserve to human habitation and ongoing developmental activities, necessitate the requirement of proper safeguards and control over such activities;

AND WHEREAS, it is necessary to conserve and protect the buffer area the extent and boundaries of which is specified in paragraph 1 of this notification around the critical tiger habitat of Melghat Tiger Reserve as Eco-sensitive Zone from ecological and environmental point of view and to prohibit industries, or class of industries and their operations or processes in the said Eco-sensitive Zone;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) read with clause (v) and clause (xiv) of sub-section (2) and sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) and sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, the Central Government hereby notifies an area to an extent of up to 10 kilometers from the boundary of Gugamal National Park, Melghat Sanctuary, Wan Sanctuary, Ambabarwa Sanctuary and Namala Sanctuary in the state of Maharashtra as the Melghat Tiger Reserve Eco-Sensitive zone (hereinafter referred to as the Eco-sensitive Zone) details of which are as under, namely:-

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1. Extent and boundaries of Eco-sensitive Zone.- (1) The Eco-Sensitive Zone is spread over an area of 126803.67 hectare including villages in Dharni, Chikhaldara, Akot, Telhara, and Sangrampur Talukas of Amravati, Akola and Buldhana Districts and the boundary description of such Zone is given in **Annexure I**.

(2) The list of the villages falling within the Eco-sensitive Zone along with co-ordinates of the prominent points is annexed as **Annexure II**.

(3) The map of the Eco-sensitive Zone is annexed to this notification as **Annexure III**.

(4) The Eco-sensitive Zone includes both forest and non-forest areas as per details given below:

Sr. No.	District	Forest Area in ha.	Non Forest Area in ha.
1	Amravati	86696.56	12860.54
2	Akola	1932.43	15967.48
3	Buldhana	3436.50	5910.16
	Total	92065.49	34738.18

2. Zonal Master Plan for the Eco-sensitive Zone.-

(1) The State Government shall, for the purpose of effective management of the Eco-sensitive Zone, prepare a Zonal Master Plan, within a period of two years from the date of final publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, in consultation with local people and adhering to the stipulations given in this notification.

(2) The said Plan shall be approved by the Competent Authority in the State Government.

(3) The Zonal Master Plan for the Eco-sensitive Zone shall be prepared by the State Government in such manner as is specified in this notification and also in consonance with the relevant Central and State laws and the guidelines issued by the Central Government, if any.

(4) As the buffer zone of the Melghat Tiger Reserve is part of the Eco-sensitive Zone, the Tiger Conservation Plan relating to the buffer zone shall also be taken into consideration during the preparation of the Zonal Master Plan.

(5) The Zonal Master Plan shall be prepared with due involvement of all concerned State Departments, namely:-

- (i) Environment,
- (ii) Forest,
- (iii) Urban Development,
- (iv) Tourism,
- (v) Municipal,
- (vi) Revenue,
- (vii) Agriculture
- (viii) Maharashtra State Pollution Control Board,
- (ix) Irrigation
- (x) Public Works Department

for integrating environmental and ecological considerations into it.

(6) The Master Plan shall not impose any restriction on the approved existing legal land use, infrastructure and activities, unless so specified in this notification and the Zonal Master Plan shall factor in improvement of all infrastructure and activities to be more efficient and eco-friendly.

(7) The Zonal Master plan shall provide for restoration of denuded areas, conservation of existing water bodies, management of catchment areas, watershed management, groundwater management, soil and moisture conservation, needs of local community and such other aspects of the ecology and environment that need attention.

(8) The Zonal Master Plan shall demarcate all the existing worshipping places, village and urban settlements, types and kinds of forests, agricultural areas, fertile lands, green area such as parks and like places, horticultural areas, orchards, lakes and other water bodies.

(9) The Zonal Master Plan shall regulate development in Eco-sensitive Zone so as to ensure eco-friendly development for securing livelihood of local communities.

3. **Measures to be taken by State Government.**-The State Governments shall take the following measures for giving effect to the provisions of this notification, namely:-

(1) **Land use.** - Forests, horticulture areas, agricultural areas, parks and open spaces earmarked for recreational purposes in the Eco-sensitive Zone shall not be used or converted into areas for commercial or industrial related development activities:

Provided that the conversion of agricultural lands within the Eco-sensitive Zone may be permitted on the recommendation of the Monitoring Committee, and with the prior approval of the State Government, to meet the residential needs of local residents, and for the activities listed against serial numbers 10, 16, 22, 28, and 31 in column (2) of the Table in paragraph 4, namely:-

- (i) Eco-friendly cottages for temporary occupation of tourists, such as tents, wooden houses, etc. for Eco-friendly tourism activities,
- (ii) Widening and strengthening of existing roads and construction of new roads,
- (iii) Small scale industries not causing pollution,
- (iv) Rainwater harvesting, and
- (v) Cottage industries including village industries, convenience stores and local amenities:

Provided further that no use of tribal land shall be permitted for commercial and industrial development activities without the prior approval of the State Government and without compliance of the provisions of article 244 of the Constitution or the law for the time being in force, including the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007):

Provided also that any error appearing in the land records within the Eco-sensitive Zone shall be corrected by the State Government, after obtaining the views of Monitoring Committee, once in each case and the correction of said error shall be intimated to the Central Government in the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change:

Provided also that the above correction of error shall not include change of land use in any case except as provided under this sub-paragraph:

Provided also that there shall be no consequential reduction in green area, such as forest area and agricultural area and efforts shall be made to reforest the unused or unproductive agricultural areas as per buffer zone management plan of the Melghat Tiger Reserve.

(2) **Natural springs.**-The catchment areas of all natural springs shall be identified and plans for their conservation and rejuvenation shall be incorporated in the Zonal Master Plan and the guidelines shall be drawn up by the State Government in such a manner as to prohibit development activities at or near these areas which are detrimental to such areas.

(3) **Tourism.**- (a) The activity relating to tourism within the Eco-sensitive Zone shall be as per Tourism Master Plan, which shall form part of the Zonal Master Plan.

(b) The Tourism Master Plan shall be prepared by Department of Tourism, Government of Maharashtra in consultation with Department of Revenue and Forests, Government of Maharashtra.

(c) The activity relating to tourism shall be as under, namely:-

(i) all new tourism activities or expansion of existing tourism activities within the Eco-sensitive Zone shall be in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Central Government in the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change and the eco-tourism guidelines issued by National Tiger Conservation Authority, (as amended from time to time) with emphasis on eco-tourism, eco-education and eco-development and based on carrying capacity study of the Eco-sensitive Zone;

(ii) new construction of hotels and resorts shall not be permitted within one kilometer from the boundary of the Gugamal National Park, Melghat Sanctuary, Wan Sanctuary, Ambabarwa Sanctuary and Narnala Sanctuary except for accommodation for temporary occupation of tourists related to Eco-friendly tourism activities:

Provided that beyond the distance of one kilometer from the boundary of the Sanctuary till the extent of the Eco-sensitive Zone, the establishment of new hotels and resorts shall be permitted only in designated areas for Eco-tourism facilities as per Tourism Master Plan;

(iii) till the Zonal Master Plan is approved, development for tourism and expansion of existing tourism activities shall be permitted by the concerned regulatory authorities based on the actual site specific scrutiny and recommendation of the Monitoring Committee.

(4) **Natural heritage.**- All sites of valuable natural heritage in the Eco-sensitive Zone, such as the gene pool reserve areas, rock formations, waterfalls, springs, gorges, groves, caves, points, walks, rides, cliffs, etc. shall be identified and preserved and plan shall be drawn up for their protection and conservation, within six months from the date of publication of this notification and such plan shall form part of the Zonal Master Plan.

(5) **Man-made heritage sites.**- Buildings, structures, artefacts, areas and precincts of historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural significance shall be identified in the Eco-sensitive Zone and plans for their conservation shall be prepared within six months from the date of publication of this notification and incorporated in the Zonal Master Plan.

(6) **Noise pollution.**- The Environment Department of the State Government shall draw up guidelines and regulations for the control of noise pollution in the Eco-sensitive Zone in accordance with the provisions of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 (14 of 1981) and the rules made thereunder.

(7) **Air pollution.**- The Environment Department of the State Government shall draw up guidelines and regulations for the control of air pollution in the Eco-sensitive Zone in accordance with the provisions of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 (14 of 1981) and the rules made thereunder.

(8) **Discharge of effluents.**- The discharge of treated effluent in Eco-sensitive Zone shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 (6 of 1974) and the rules made thereunder.

(9) **Solid wastes.** - Disposal of solid wastes shall be as under:-

(i) the solid waste disposal in Eco-sensitive Zone shall be carried out as per the provisions of the Municipal Solid Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000 published by the Government of India in the erstwhile Ministry of Environment and Forests *vide* notification number S.O. 908 (E), dated the 25th September, 2000 as amended from time to time;

(ii) the local authorities shall draw up plans for the segregation of solid wastes into biodegradable and non-biodegradable components;

(iii) the biodegradable material shall be recycled preferably through composting or vermiculture;

(iv) the inorganic material shall be disposed of in an environmentally acceptable manner.

(10) **Bio-medical waste.**- The Bio-medical waste disposal in the Eco-sensitive Zone shall be carried out as per the provisions of the Bio-Medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998 published by the Government of India in the erstwhile Ministry of Environment and Forests *vide* notification number S.O. 630(E), dated the 20th July, 1998 as amended from time to time.

(11) **Vehicular traffic.** - The vehicular movement of traffic shall be regulated in a habitat friendly manner and specific provisions in this regard shall be incorporated in the Zonal Master Plan till the Zonal Master Plan is approved by the Competent Authority in the State Government, the Monitoring Committee shall monitor compliance of vehicular movement under the relevant Acts and the rules and regulations made thereunder.

4. **List of activities prohibited or to be regulated within the Eco-sensitive Zone.**- All activities in the Eco sensitive Zone shall be governed by the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) and the rules made thereunder, and be regulated in the manner specified in the Table below, namely:-

TABLE

S.No.	Activity	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)
Prohibited activities		
1.	Commercial Mining, stone quarrying and crushing units.	(a) New mining (minor and major minerals), stone quarrying and crushing units shall be prohibited with immediate effect except for the domestic needs of <i>bona fide</i> local residents with reference to digging of earth for construction or repair of houses and for manufacture of country tiles or bricks for housing for personal consumption. (b) The mining operations shall strictly be in accordance with the interim order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 04.08.2006 in the matter of T.N. Godavarman Thirumulpad

		Vs. UOI in W.P.(C) No. 202 of 1995 and order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 21.04.2014 in the matter of Goa Foundation Vs. UOI in W.P.(C) No.435 of 2012.
2.	Setting up of saw mills.	No new or expansion of existing saw mills shall be permitted within the Eco-sensitive Zone.
3.	Setting up of industries causing water or air or soil or noise pollution.	No new or expansion of polluting industries in the Eco-sensitive Zone shall be permitted.
4.	Commercial use of firewood.	Prohibited (except as otherwise provided) as per applicable laws.
5.	Establishment of new major hydroelectric projects.	Prohibited (except as otherwise provided) as per applicable laws.
6.	Use or production of any hazardous substances.	Prohibited (except as otherwise provided) as per applicable laws.
7.	Discharge of untreated effluents and solid waste in natural water bodies or land area.	Prohibited (except as otherwise provided) as per applicable laws.
8.	Undertaking activities related to tourism like over-flying the National Park Area by aircraft, hot-air balloons	Prohibited (except as otherwise provided) as per applicable laws.
Regulated activities		
9.	New wood based industry.	No establishment of new wood based industry shall be permitted within the limits of Eco-sensitive Zone: Provided that new wood-based industry may be set up in the Eco-sensitive Zone using 100 % imported wood stock.
10.	Establishment of hotels and resorts.	No new commercial hotels and resorts shall be permitted within one kilometer of the boundary of the protected area except for accommodation for temporary occupation of tourists related to eco-friendly tourism activities: Provided that beyond one kilometer and upto the extent of the Eco-sensitive Zone all new tourism activities or expansions of existing activities should be in conformity with the Tourism Master Plan and National Tiger Conservation Authority guidelines.
11	Construction activities	(a) No new commercial construction of any kind shall be permitted within one kilometer from the boundary of the protected area: Provided that local people shall be permitted to undertake construction in their land for their residential use including the activities listed in sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 3. (b) The construction activity related to small scale industries not causing pollution shall permitted, as per applicable rules and regulations, if any, with the prior permission from the competent authority. (c) Beyond one kilometer and upto the extent of Eco sensitive Zone, construction for bona fide local needs shall be permitted and other commercial (d) construction activities shall be in confronting with the Zonal Master Plan.
12.	Felling of trees.	(a) There shall be no felling of trees on the forest or Government or revenue or private lands without prior permission of the competent authority in the State Government. (b) The felling of trees shall be regulated in accordance with

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		the provisions of the concerned Central or State Act and the rules made thereunder.
13.	Commercial water resources including ground water harvesting.	(a) The extraction of surface water and ground water shall be permitted only for <i>bona fide</i> agricultural use and domestic consumption of the occupier of the land. (b) extraction of surface water and ground water for industrial or commercial use including the amount that can be extracted, shall require prior written permission from the concerned regulatory authority; (c) No sale of surface water or ground water shall be permitted. (d) Steps shall be taken to prevent contamination or pollution of water from any source including agriculture.
14.	Erection of electrical cables and telecommunication towers.	Promote underground cabling.
15.	Fencing of existing premises of hotels and lodges.	Regulated under applicable laws.
16.	Widening and strengthening of existing roads and construction of new roads.	Shall be done with proper Environment Impact Assessment and mitigation measures, as applicable.
17.	Movement of vehicular traffic at night.	For commercial purpose, under applicable laws.
18.	Introduction of exotic species.	Regulated under applicable laws.
19.	Protection of hill slopes and river banks.	Regulated under applicable laws.
20.	Discharge of treated effluents in natural water bodies or land area.	Recycling of treated effluent shall be encouraged and for disposal of sludge or solid wastes shall be in confronting with the applicable.
21.	Commercial Sign boards and hoardings.	Regulated under applicable laws.
22.	Small scale industries not causing pollution.	Non polluting, non-hazardous, small-scale and service industry, agriculture, floriculture, horticulture or agro-based industry producing products from indigenous goods from the Eco-sensitive Zone, and which do not cause any adverse impact on environment shall be permitted.
23.	Collection of Forest produce or Non-Timber Forest Produce (NTFP).	Regulated under applicable laws.
24.	Air and vehicular pollution.	Regulated under applicable laws.
25.	Fencing premises of hotels and lodges.	Regulated under applicable laws.
26.	Use of polythene bags.	Regulated under applicable laws.
Promoted activities		
27.	Ongoing agriculture and horticulture practices by local communities along with dairies, dairy farming, aquaculture and fisheries.	Permitted under applicable laws.
28.	Rain water harvesting.	Shall be actively promoted.
29.	Organic farming.	Shall be actively promoted.
30.	Adoption of green technology for all activities.	Shall be actively promoted.
31.	Cottage industries including village artisans, etc.	Shall be actively promoted.
32.	Use of renewable energy sources	Bio gas, solar light etc shall be promoted.

5. Monitoring Committee:-

(1) The Central Government hereby constitutes a Monitoring Committee, for effective monitoring of the Eco-sensitive Zone, which shall comprise of the following, namely:-

- (a) Collector, Amravati - Chairman
- (b) Representative of Collector, Akola - Member
- (c) Representative of Collector, Buldhana.- Member
- (d) A representative of Non-governmental Organizations working in the field of environment (including heritage conservation) to be nominated by the Government of Maharashtra for a term of one year in each case - Member
- (e) Regional Officer, Maharashtra State Pollution Control Board, - Member
- (f) Senior Town Planner of the area - Member
- (g) A representative of the Department of Environment, Government of Maharashtra - Member
- (h) One expert in the area of ecology and environment from reputed Institution or University of the State to be nominated by the Government of Maharashtra for a term of one year in each case- Member
- (i) Deputy Conservator of Forests, West Melghat Division -Member
- (j) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Akot Wildlife Division -Member
- (k) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Akola Division -Member
- (l) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Buldhana Division -Member
- (m) Representative of Field Director, Melghat Tiger Reserve - Member
- (n) Deputy Conservator of Forests, East Melghat Division -Member Secretary.

Terms of Reference:

- (2) The Monitoring Committee shall monitor the compliance of the provisions of this notification.
 - (3) The activities that are covered in the Schedule to the notification of the Government of India in the erstwhile Ministry of Environment and Forests number S.O. 1533 (E), dated the 14th September, 2006, and are falling in the Eco-sensitive Zone, except for the prohibited activities as specified in the Table under paragraph 4 thereof, shall be scrutinised by the Monitoring Committee based on the actual site-specific conditions and referred to the Central Government in the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change for prior environmental clearances under the provisions of the said notification.
 - (4) The activities that are not covered in the Schedule to the notification of the Government of India in the erstwhile Ministry of Environment and Forests number S.O. 1533 (E), dated the 14th September, 2006 and are falling in the Eco-sensitive Zone, except for the prohibited activities as specified in the Table under paragraph 4 thereof, shall be scrutinised by the Monitoring Committee based on the actual site-specific conditions and referred to the concerned Regulatory Authorities.
 - (5) The Member Secretary of the Monitoring Committee or the concerned Collector(s) or the concerned park Deputy Conservator of Forests or the Field Director, Melghat Tiger Reserve shall be competent to file complaints under section 19 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 against any person who contravenes the provisions of this notification.
 - (6) The Monitoring Committee may invite representatives or experts from concerned Departments, representatives from Industry Associations or concerned stakeholders to assist in its deliberations depending on the requirements on issue to issue basis.
 - (7) The Monitoring Committee shall submit the annual action taken report of its activities as on 31st March of every year by 30th June of that year to the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State as per pro forma appended at Annexure IV.
 - (8) The Central Government in the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change may give such directions, as it deems fit, to the Monitoring Committee for effective discharge of its functions.
6. The Central Government and State Government may specify additional measures, if any, for giving effect to provisions of this notification.
7. The provisions of this Notification shall be subject to the orders, if any, passed, or to be passed, by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India or the High Court or National Green Tribunal.

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ANNEXURE I

Limits and boundaries of the proposed Eco-sensitive Zone of Melghat Tiger Reserve

North :	Tapi river Maharashtra – Madhya Pradesh boundary from compartment Nos. 567 up to compartment No. 457 near Sumita village, thereafter along the northern boundary of compartment 457,459,460,462 and 463 and along Khandu river, northern and eastern boundary of compartment 466,477 and 479 and northern boundary of compartment 420,419,418,327,329,330,333, western boundary of compartment 334,403,402,400,398, northern and eastern boundary of compartment No. 398 and 399 north eastern boundary of 336, northern north eastern, eastern and southern boundary 338, of multiple use area of existing melghat tiger reserve. Northern boundary of compartment NO. 1220,1218,1217,1216, western boundary of compartment Nos. 1298,1289,1290 near village Chendo, northern boundary of village Ranigaon and Kanjoli and northern boundary of compartment Nos. 1172,1151,1152,1154,1155,1164 western boundary compartment Nos. 1163, 1209 and northern boundary of compartment No. 1209,1210,1212,1213 and 1214 of west melghat forest division. All the compartments mentioned above along the boundary, are wholly included in the Melghat Eco-sensitive Zone.
East :	Eastern boundary of compartment Nos. 318,317 and 313 and 310 north and eastern boundary of compartment No. 309 eastern boundary of compartment No. 308 then along Madhya Pradesh border from Compartment Nos. 307,306,305,304,303,301,300,299,201,200,199 of east Melghat forest division and Compartment Nos. 77,82,81,80,55,54 eastern, south eastern and southern boundary of compartment No.53 southern boundary of compartment No. 49 eastern boundary of compartment No. 47,46 eastern, South eastern and southern boundary of compartment NO. 22 eastern boundary of compartment No. 26, eastern and southern boundary of compartment No. 27 of east melghat division. All the compartment mentioned above along the boundary, are wholly included in the Melghat Eco-sensitive Zone.
South :	Along with Wastapur to Khongada road, eastern boundary of compartment Nos. 950 of east melghat forest division and southern boundary of compartment No. 950 of east melghat forest division eastern and southern boundary of compartment No. 951 and east melghat division southern boundary of compartment No. 952 and west melghat division compartment Nos. 958,957,956,963,962,964,971,970 eastern boundary of 1020, 1021 and along with Pather nala upto village Popatkhed and southern village boundaries of village Popatkhed, Malkapur (Bhil), Khasgaon, Dharur (Ramapur), Sarfabad, Kasod (Shivpur), Alampur, Pimpri (Khurd), Yadlapur, Khairkhed, Chitalwadi, Khandala, Boradi, Karla, Batkhed, upto wan river of Akola forest division of Akola district, eastern village boundary of Pingli, Saikhed southern boundary of Alewadi, Vasali, Hadyamal, Shivani along with southern boundary of compartment No. 365 of Buldhana forest division of Buldhana District. All the compartments mentioned along the boundary are wholly included in the Melghat Eco-sensitive Zone.
West :	Western boundary of compartment No. 365, and northern boundary of compartment Nos. 364,363 of Buldhana forest division and western boundary of 362,360,359,352 of Ambabarwa Wildlife Sanctuary, compartment Nos. 1219,1220 of west Melghat forest division, Existing outer boundary of Melghat Tiger Reserve along with compartment No. 895,741,740,739,737,738,734,748,846,845,836,835,754,753,749 and boundary along with river Sipna from compartment Nos. 635 to 657 and western boundary of compartment Nos. 658,664,663,662,590,578,577,576,569,568 and 567 near village Rangubeli. All the compartment mentioned along the boundary are wholly included in the Melghat Eco-sensitive Zone.

List of Village along with latitudes and longitudes

Annexure II

Sr.No.	Name of Division	Taluka	Name of Village	Longitude			Latitude		
				Deg.	Min.	Sec.	Deg.	Min.	Sec.
1	Sipna Wildlife Division Paratwada	Chikhaldara	Ghana	E 77	28	37	N 21	34	21
2			Khandukheda	E 77	27	08	N 21	34	45
3			Chunkhadi	E 77	24	59	N 21	34	31
4			Khadimal	E 77	25	47	N 21	36	32
5			Awagad	E 77	27	50	N 21	35	54
6			Mehrium	E 77	27	26	N 21	37	04
7			Jarida	E 77	29	00	N 21	38	18
8			Kamida	E 77	29	05	N 21	38	54
9			Barugavhan	E 77	29	52	N 21	40	14
10			Marita	E 77	23	16	N 21	40	04
11			Surita	E 77	18	25	N 21	44	04
12			Ektai	E 77	20	50	N 21	44	25
13			Simori	E 77	2	02	N 21	42	29
14			Chilati	E 77	18	54	N 21	42	13
15			Ruipathar	E 77	16	49	N 21	42	20
16			Sarwarkheda	E 77	19	00	N 21	40	38
17			Hatru	E 77	19	14	N 21	41	33
18			Kuhi	E 77	16	16	N 21	41	09
19			Domi	E 77	16	45	N 21	43	01
20			Bhutrum	E 77	15	48	N 21	39	30
21			Khokmar	E 77	12	45	N 21	40	19
22			Khamda	E 77	09	22	N 21	40	39
23			Kund	E 77	10	50	N 21	43	16
24			Rangubeli	E 77	08	00	N 21	42	57
25			Ghokda	E 77	09	15	N 21	41	36
25 Villages									
26	Gugamal Wildlife Division Paratwada	Chikhaldara	Tarubanda	E 77	08	41	N 21	27	57
27			Keli	E 77	10	48	N 21	29	30
28			Chikhali	E 77	07	33	N 21	30	20
29			Patkahu	E 77	07	01	N 21	28	58
30			Harisal	E 77	06	40	N 21	32	06
31			Tangada	E 77	05	22	N 21	35	45
32			Chaurakund	E 77	06	26	N 21	36	34
33			Raksha	E 77	06	01	N 21	27	39

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Sr.No.	Name of Division	Taluka	Name of Village	Longitude			Latitude		
				Deg.	Min.	Sec.	Deg.	Min.	Sec.
34			Bhiroja	E 77	09	22	N 21	30	09
35			Ghadgabhandum	E 77	00	23	N 21	26	40
36			Sawarya	E 77	02	20	N 21	26	07
37			Bhandum	E 77	01	04	N 21	25	30
38			Kesarpur	E 77	08	21	N 21	30	04
39			Dabhiya	E 77	59	51	N 21	25	31
14 Villages									
40	West Melghat Division Paratwada	Chikhaldara	Khatkali	E 77	05	58	N 21	15	53
41		Chikhaldara	Ahad	E 77	05	07	N 21	13	23
42		Dharni	Golai	E 76	53	11	N 21	18	45
43		Dharni	Mothkheda	E 76	51	27	N 21	18	57
44		Dharni	Bhiroti	E 76	40	12	N 21	19	08
45		Dharni	Dhulghat	E 76	44	11	N 21	17	41
46		Chikhaldara	Amona	E 76	59	40	N 21	13	33
47		Chikhaldara	Talai	E 76	48	41	N 21	15	35
48		Dharni	Palaskundi	E 76	43	29	N 21	17	16
49		Dharni	Ranigao	E 76	46	26	N 21	18	02
50		Dharni	Kanjoli	E 76	49	54	N 21	19	00
51		Dharni	Chendo	E 76	43	29	N 21	18	20
12 Villages									
52	East Melghat Division Chikhaldara	Chikhaldara	Amzari	E 77	20	07	N 21	26	06
53		Mariumpur	E 77	18	59	N 21	24	53	
54		Khatkali	E 77	19	04	N 21	25	40	
55		Chikhaldara	E 77	19	41	N 21	24	03	
56		Shahapur	E 77	20	06	N 21	25	03	
57		Bori	E 77	20	27	N 21	26	50	
58		Tetu	E 77	20	27	N 21	26	50	
59		Mozari	E 77	18	23	N 21	22	27	
60		Baglinga	E 77	20	57	N 21	21	32	
61		Jamunnala	E 77	23	32	N 21	25	50	
62		Lawada	E 77	20	16	N 21	23	46	
63		Aladoh	E 77	20	22	N 21	24	06	
64		Pandhari	E 77	20	16	N 21	23	45	
65		Girguti	E 77	12	24	N 21	19	11	
66		Ambapati	E 77	13	58	N 21	19	43	
67		Jamling	E 77	15	41	N 21	20	11	
68		Khongda	E 77	11	14	N 21	18	54	
69		Lonazari	E 77	20	17	N 21	28	24	

Sr.No.	Name of Division	Taluka	Name of Village	Longitude			Latitude		
				Deg.	Min.	Sec.	Deg.	Min.	Sec.
			(Masondi)						
70			Bhawai	E 77	22	53	N 21	29	39
71			Wastapur	E 77	19	49	N 21	21	03
72			Kulangna (kh)	E 77	18	56	N 21	20	59
73			Kulangna (BK)	E 77	18	22	N 21	20	48
74			Chinchkheda	E 77	16	38	N 21	20	26
23 Villages									
75	Buldhana Forest Division Buldhana	Sangrampur	Shioni	E 76	39	31	N 21	07	24
76			Wasali	E 76	38	49	N 21	09	43
77			Nimkhedi	E 76	18	32	N 21	09	35
78			Chichari	E 76	40	41	N 21	09	36
79			Saikhed	E 76	42	48	N 21	08	49
80			Alewadi	E 76	41	04	N 21	10	06
81			Pinglai (BK)	E 76	44	12	N 21	09	36
82			Hadyamal	E 76	39	03	N 21	08	48
83			Kamod (Rith)	E 76	44	31	N 21	10	41
9 Villages									

S. no.	Name of Village	Taluka	Latitude	Longitude
1	Sundharkhed	Buldana	N-20 31 425	E-76.12.370
2	Sawala		N-20 35 417	E-76.13.541
3	Bhadola		N-20 31.141	E- 76.14.163
4	Warand		N-20 30 515	E- 76.16.452
5	Gondhankhed		N-20 31.405	E- 76.18.425
6	Pimparkhed		N-20 32 245	E- 76.16.445
7	Dongarkhandala		N- 20 29 170	E- 76 17 478
8	Hanumantkhed		N- 20 33 329	E- 76 13 407
9	Kherdi		N- 20 28 539	E- 76 16 471
10	Dongarsheoli	Chikhali	N- 20 28 083	E- 76 19 012
11	Vairagad		N- 20 28 475	E- 76 28 070
12	Karwand		N- 20 27 295	E- 76 22 357
13	Takarkhed helga		N- 20 27 334	E- 76 24 557
14	Andhai		N-20 24 459	E- 76.18.498
15	Borala		N- 20 30 539	E- 76 21 070
16	Harni		N- 20 29 309	E- 76 26 208
17	Chandhai	N- 20 25 537	E- 76 18 176	
18	Kotkhed	Motala	N- 20 28 043	E- 76 20 317
19	Taroda		N- 20 35 416	E- 76 15 567
20	Giroli		N- 20 38 362	E- 76 19 355
21	Nimkhedi		N- 20 37 483	E-76 18 327
22	Dhamangaon		N- 20 39 118	E-76 18 120
23	Kothali		N- 20 38 329	E-76 15 563
24	Pimpalgaon nath		N- 20 39 193	E-76 19 563

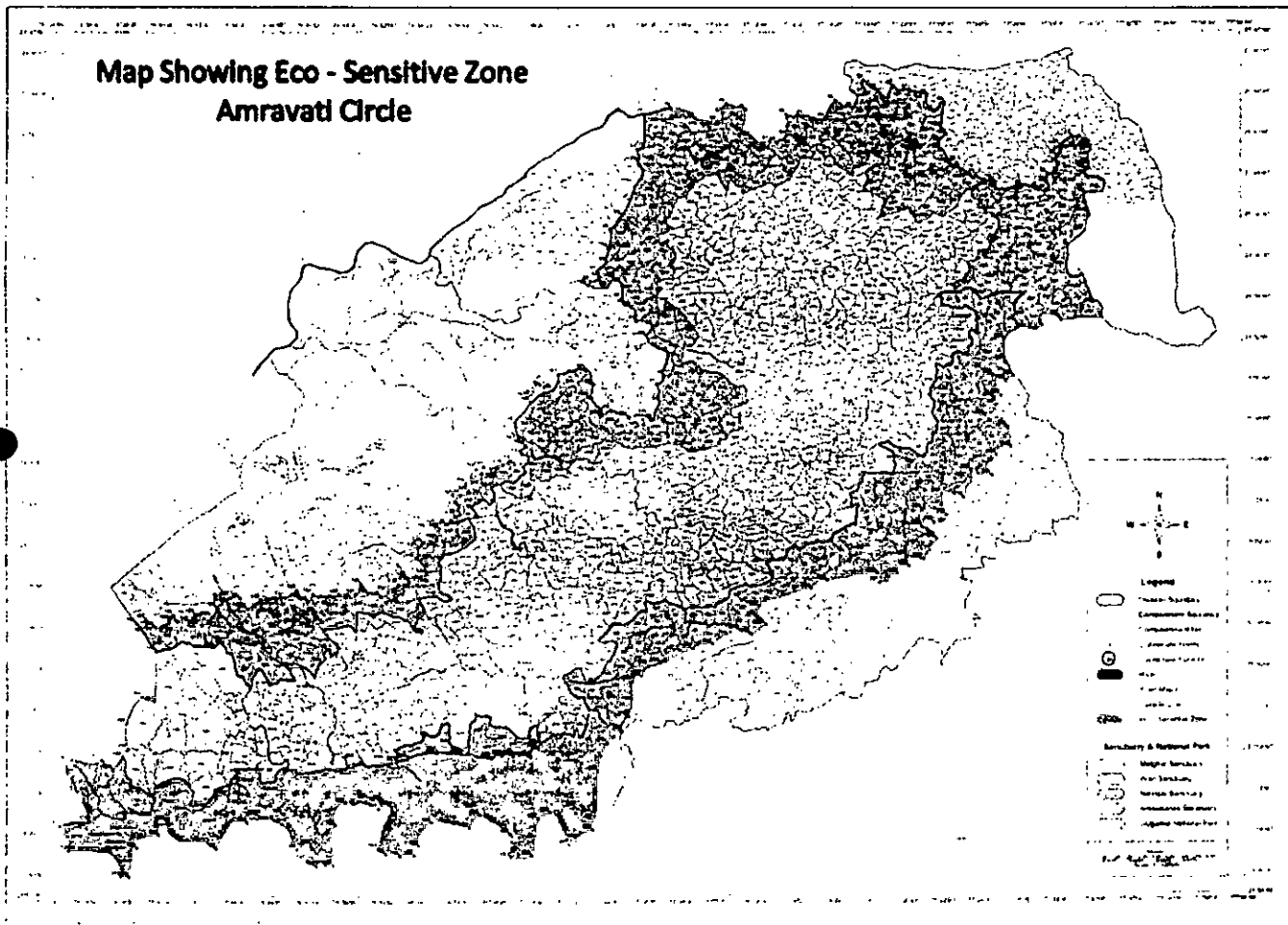
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25	Chinchkhed nath	Khamgaon	N- 20 36 074	E-76 21 311
26	Tarapur		N- 20 36 313	E-76 18 009
27	Khirkhed		N- 20 34 478	E-76 13 350
28	Sahastramuli		N- 20 36 578	E-76 14 32
29	Sarola		N- 20 35 238	E-76 27 544
30	Zhodga		N- 20 31 463	E-76 28 272
31	Ngzari Ku.		N- 20 31 159	E-76 29 185
32	Ngzari Bu.		N- 20 30 254	E-76 29 085
33	Wzhar		N- 20 33 009	E-76 29 151
34	Pimpalechos		N- 20 35 427	E-76 24 003
35	Belkhed		N- 20 35 377	E-76 24 158

Sr. No.	Name of Division	Taluka	Name of Village	Village Point Co-ordinate
1	Akola Forest Division, Akola	Akot	Bhili	N21°11'27.27" E76°54'26.84"
2			Pimpri (Kh)	N21°09'27.41" E76°58'09.58"
3			Yedlapur	N21°09'36.85" E76°56'57.00"
4			Khairkhed	N21°09'57.87" E76°55'54.85"
5			Sahanoor	N21°13'43.91" E77°02'20.54"
6			Karhi (Rupagad)	N21°11'22.98" E76°57'41.03"
7			Aurangabad (Rith)	N21°07'08.62" E77°01'49.92"
8			Alampur (Rith)	N21°10'33.78" E76°59'29.88"
9			Chipi	N21°11'43.49" E76°56'29.72"
10			Dhondakhar	N21°11'15.86" E76°55'40.49"
11			Borwa	N21°11'04.99" E76°53'52.91"
12			Chittalwadi	N21°09'16.00" E76°54'42.14"
13			Boradi (Rith)	N21°09'10.01" E77°01'55.10"
14			Chichari	N21°10'40.10" E76°53'34.73"
15			Diwazari	N21°10'59.92" E76°51'32.66"
16			Zaribajar	N21°11'21.27" E76°50'35.73"
17			Umreshwari	N21°11'23.57" E76°49'59.36"
18			Karla	N21°08'36.14" E76°49'30.83"
19			Piparkhed	N21°08'36.14" E76°49'30.83"
20			Wari	N21°10'39.65" E76°48'02.68"
21			Badkhed	N21°09'34.46" E76°47'59.91"
22			Bhoypani	N21°10'41.60" E76°49'59.38"
23			Khandala	N21°11'08.03" E76°53'29.79"
24			Chandanpur	N21°18'28.72" E76°53'06.25"
25			Rahanapur	N21°12'06.17" E77°02'10.77"
26			Malkapur Gond	N21°13'57.16" E77°03'33.51"
27			Popatkhed	N21°12'22.47" E77°04'30.44"
28			Malkapur Bhil (Rith)	N21°12'57.88" E77°03'10.22"
29			Khasgaon (Rith)	N21°10'42.71" E77°03'10.22"
30			Dharur (Rampur)	N21°09'58.36" E77°02'39.12"
31			Sarfabad (Rith)	N21°01'50.64" E77°24'35.88"
32			Kasod (Shivpur)	N21°10'45.82" E77°00'58.14"
33			Jitapur Bhil	N21°11'19.85" E76°57'24.54"
34			Sahapur	N21°11'13.69" E76°59'37.71"
35			Jitapur Rupagad	N21°11'06.92" E76°58'43.36"

Annexure III

Map of Eco-sensitive Zone of Melghat Tiger Reserve



Annexure IV

Proforma of Action Taken Report: - Eco-sensitive Zone Monitoring Committee.-

1. Number and date of Meetings
2. Minutes of the meetings: Mention main noteworthy points. Attached Minutes of the meeting on separate Annexure.
3. Status of preparation of Zonal Master Plan including Tourism Master Plan
4. Summary of cases dealt for rectification of error apparent on face of land record. Details may be attached as Annexure
5. Summary of cases scrutinized for activities covered under Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006. Details may be attached as separate Annexure.
6. Summary of case scrutinized for activities not covered under Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006. Details may be attached as separate Annexure.
7. Summary of complaints lodged under Section 19 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
8. Any other matter of importance.