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S/o Sh. Man Phool Godara,
VPO Bhana, Hisar Member

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13. Sh. Ram Phal,
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 18. Principal Secretary to the State Govt.,
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 19. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Haryana, Panchkula. Member
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 27. Director, Wildlife Institute of India
Dehradun or his representative. Member
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 29. Officer Incharge, Zoological survey of Member

India, Dehradun or representative.

30. The Chief Administrator ,
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PWD (B & R), Department,
Chandigarh.
33. Principal Secretary to Govt. of Haryana
Urban Estate Department,
Chandigarh.
34. Chief General Manger,
BSNL, Haryana Circle, Amabla.
35. Project Director,
National Highways Authority of India,
Project Implementation Unit, Chandigarh,
Bays No. 35-38, Sector-4, Panchkula.

Subject: Proceeding of the 1st Meeting of State Board for Wildlife.

The Proceeding of the 1st Meeting of the State Board for Wildlife held on 20-02-2014 at 04:00 PM under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana in Main Committee Room, 4th Floor, Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh is enclosed herewith.

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Member Secretary,
State Board for Wildlife,
and Addl. P.C.C.F. (Wildlife)
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3. OSD to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana for information of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana.
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5. All CDs / DWDs
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Dated 28/4/14

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Member Secretary,
State Board for Wildlife,
and Addl. P.C.C.F. (Wildlife)
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Haryana, Panchkula.

Proceedings of the 1st Meeting of State Board for Wildlife, Haryana, held on 20-02-2014 under the chairmanship of Shri Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana.

1st meeting of State Board for Wildlife, Haryana was held at 4:00 PM on 20-02-2014 in the Committee Room of Haryana Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh under the chairmanship of Shri Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana. The list of members / officers who attended the meeting is attached as Annexure-I.

Principal Secretary to Govt. of Haryana, Forest & Wildlife Department, Smt. Dheera Khandelwal IAS, welcomed the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana and other members / officers. Chief Wildlife Warden, Haryana, gave a brief presentation about the necessity of holding this meeting and the agenda items to be discussed.

Following agenda items were discussed and decisions taken thereon:-

1. Proposal for denotification of Abubshehar Wildlife Sanctuary, Distt. Sirsa

Abubshehar Wildlife Sanctuary, Distt. Sirsa, was notified by State Government vide notification No. S.O. 129/C.A.53/72/S.18/87 dated 27-11-1987, having an area of 28492 acres comprising eleven villages. The village panchyats of all the eleven villages (Chautala, Teja Khera, Assa Khera, Bharu Khera, Jandwala Bisnoian, Ganga, Gidar Khera, Sukhera Khera, Abub Shehar, Lakhuana and Sakta Khera) have given a resolution to denotify the Sanctuary in 2009.

Keeping in view the hardship faced by the local people and the administrative difficulty by the Wildlife staff in implementing the provisions of Sanctuary in the area, it is essential and desirable that Abubshehar Wildlife Sanctuary spread over in eleven villages may be denotified. So accordingly in the 16th meeting of the Haryana State Wildlife Advisory Board held on 18th January, 1999 under the chairmanship of Sh. Subhash Chaudhary, Hon'ble State Minister for Environment, Wildlife and Co-operation, the Board approved the denotification proposal of Abubshehar Wildlife Sanctuary.

The case of denotification of Abubshehar Wildlife Sanctuary was placed in the meeting of Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife held on 04-09-2013. The members of this Committee observed that this case was recommended by the State Board for Wildlife in 1999, it needs to be re-examined.

The actual area of the eleven villages is 70596 acres but the area notified as Sanctuary is 28492 acres. The intention regarding extent of Sanctuary area was to declare all the area of eleven villages as Wildlife Sanctuary, but inadvertently the area mentioned in notification was

shown in acres whereas it should have been in hectares. If the area had been in hectares, all the land of these eleven villages would have coincided with the village boundaries of peripheral Sanctuary villages. On account of this typing mistake, instead of whole village area only partial area got notified. This led to uncertainty in identifying the Sanctuary boundaries within the notified villages. Black buck is the main species found in the area which is being protected by the local population of Bishnoi community.

Generally Sanctuaries are on Govt. land where all the above conditions have to be enforced. However, Abubshehar Wildlife Sanctuary is in common/private area and under agriculture. Since total area is privately owned and is full of rights of the people, hence the activities prohibited in this Wildlife Sanctuary are not enforceable till the area is acquired. But acquiring the total land of these 11 villages of this Sanctuary is neither feasible nor practicable. Similarly, cases dealing with diversion of Sanctuary land for non-forestry purposes are also difficult to handle in the present circumstances.

As Abubshehar Wildlife Sanctuary falls in the common/private land and agricultural land falling therein is currently being cultivated by land owners, therefore in absence of settlement of rights and demarcation of Sanctuary, it is practically impossible to implement the provisions of Sanctuary under Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 in this area.

After thorough deliberation, this agenda was approved and it was decided to send the case for denotification of Abubshehar Wildlife Sanctuary, Distt Sirsa and its notification as "Community Reserve" to Standing Committee on National Board for Wildlife, Govt. of India.

2 Proposal for Wildlife clearance to setting up of Solid Waste Management Plant at village Jhuriwala in Panchkula District.

A proposal has been received from Executive Engineer, HUDA, Div-III, Panchkula vide his Memo No. 21534 dated 22-11-2012 for submission of the proposal to the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife for clearance of the project.

An area of about 5.35 ha has been diverted by Forest Department for this purpose. This area is about 140 metres from the boundaries of the Khol-hi-Raitan Wildlife Sanctuary.

The house was informed about the pendency of this case in the National Green Tribunal and complaints of citizens of Panchkula to MoEF & office of Chief Wildlife Warden. Sh. Jai Tirath Dahiya, MLA, Rai constituency, District Sonapat also informed about the grievances of citizens of Sector-25, Panchkula and recommended for alternative.

As per MoEF, Govt. of India guidelines dated 19-12-2012, in case any project requiring Environmental Clearance, is located within the Eco Sensitive Zone around a Wildlife Sanctuary or National Park or in absence of delineation of such a zone, within a distance of 10 kms from its boundaries, the User agency/Project Proponent is required to obtain recommendation of the State Board for Wildlife and after that Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife.

After thorough deliberations, this agenda was approved and it was decided to send the case for setting up of Solid Waste Management Plant at village Jhuriwala in Panchkula District to Standing Committee on National Board for Wildlife, Govt. of India.

3 Proposal for Wildlife clearance to four laning of Yamunanagar – Panchkula Section of National Highway No. 344 (old NH No. 73)

A Proposal has been received from Project Director, National Highways Authority of India, Project Implementation Unit, Chandigarh vide his letter No. PIU/CHD/11162/Y-P/Forest/26 dated 15-05-2013.

The Project road starts from km. 71.640 & ends at 179.249 km. covering a total length of 108.5 km. and proposed designed length 104.414 km. The road falls in Yamunanagar, Ambala & Panchkula districts in the state of Haryana. The road passes through Khol-Hai-Raitan Wildlife Sanctuary from 2.5 km. to 2.910 km. and 4 km. to 4.650 km., an area of about 2.34 Km.

As per decision taken in Indian Board for Wildlife (IBWL) during the meeting of 14th October 2011, in National Parks and Sanctuaries, “No widening of existing roads shall be permitted and the status of finishing of the surface of the repaired road(s) shall remain same as that of the original road(s), i.e., untarred roads shall remain untarred after repairs, and only originally tarred roads shall be repaired and tarred.”

Recently, MoEF, Govt. of India has sent recommendations of the Sub-Committee on Guidelines for Roads in Protected Areas, that in planning roads, within and in the vicinity (defined here as roads that are situated inside and within 1 km radial distance) of protected areas, we recommend that following fundamental principles must be followed in order of priority : Avoidance, Realignment, Restoration.

After thorough deliberation, this agenda item was approved and it was decided to send the case for Wildlife clearance of four laning of Yamunanagar – Panchkula Section of NH 344 (old NH 73) to Standing Committee on National Board for Wildlife, Govt. of India.

4. Proposal for establishing Petrol Pumps :

Following 8 proposals for establishment of petrol pumps in Abubshehar Wildlife Sanctuary, district Sirsa have been received as under :-

- (i) Diversion of 0.02521 Ha. of forest land for access to IOCL Retail outlet along Chautala – Rattanpura road MDR No. 105 KM 2-3 R/side at village Chautala.
A Proposal has been received from Ms. Saveta, W/o Sh. Vijay Kumar, VPO Chautala, Tehsil Mandi Dabwali, Distt. Sirsa, Haryana vide their letter dated 03-07-2013.
- (ii) Diversion of 0.1251 Ha. of forest land for access to proposed Retail Outlet Dealership at “Chautala on Sangaria Bypass Road”, District Sirsa, Haryana Under Open Category.
A Proposal has been received from Sh. Deepak Jain, S/o Sh. Prem Chand, Main Bazar, VPO Chautala, Tehsil Mandi Dabwali, Distt. Sirsa, Haryana vide their letter No. HDO/R/DS-5 dated 15-02-2012.
- (iii) Diversion of 0.1698 Ha. of Wildlife Sanctuary Land for access to HPCL retail Outlet along Dabwali-Sangaria Road MDR No. 105 Km. 12-13 R/side at Village Abubshehar.
A proposal has been received from Sh. Pawan Kumar S/o Sh. Budh Ram VPO Chautala, Tehsil Mandi Dabwali, Distt. Sirsa vide their letter No. PRO/APS/CO/2010/101/8 dated 14-07-2012.
- (iv) Diversion 0.08103 Ha of forest land for access to LOCL Retail Outlet along Goriwala-Chautala road km 6-7 L/side at village Ganga.
A proposal has been received from Sh. Baldev Singh S/o Sh. Dhan Singh, VPO-Ganga, Tehsil-Dabwali, Distt. Sirsa vide their letter No. HDO/R/DS-04-02-2013.
- (v) Diversion of 0.1308 Ha. of Wildlife Sanctuary Land for access to LOCL Retail Outlet along Chautala-Rattanpura road Km 3-5 at Village Chautala.
A proposal has been received from Smt. Rachna W/o Sh. Anjani Kumar, Ward No. 10, Ellenabad, Distt. Sirsa vide their letter No. HDO/R/DS-5 dated 25-01-2013.
- (vi) New Retail Outlet at Village –Ganga, Khasra No. 293/7/2, 293/8 Khewat No. 1546, Khatoni No. 2451 on Ganga Munnawali Road, Tehsil Dabwali.

A proposal has been received from Smt. Kaushalya Devi, W/o Shri Angat Kumar, R/o Village-Ganga, Tehsil Dabwali, District-Sirsa, Haryana vide their letter No. NRO. Ganga (Sirsa) dated 28-07-2011.

- (vii) Diversion of 0-131644 Ha. of forest land for access to BPCL Retail Outlet along Dabwali-Hanumangarh Road at Village Chautala km. 3.50 L/side from village Chautala.

A proposal has been received from Sh. Sunil Kumar S/o Sh. Jai Chand R/o Raheja House, 151, Friend Colony, Mandi Dabwali, Distt. Sirsa, Haryana vide their letter No. RT.NRO.Chautala Bypass dated 23-07-2012.

- (viii) Diversion of 0.1482 ha. of forest land for access to IOCL Retail Outlet along Dabwali-Chautala Road (MDR-105) Tehsil Dabwali, Distt. Sirsa.

A proposal for establishment of petrol pump in Abubshehar Wildlife Sanctuary has been received from Sh. Kishan Lal S/o Sh. Goma Ram, Village Sukhera Khera, Distt. Sirsa vide their letter dated 02-01-2014.

All these sites fall under the undecided boundaries of Abubshehar Wildlife Sanctuary. The Abubshehar area is an ideal habitat for black bucks and large number of black bucks are there in the area. Thus keeping in view the sentiments of local community, the intention was to notify whole of the area of eleven villages but inadvertently the area in notification has been notified in Acres instead of Hectares by Govt. of Haryana through the notification No. S.O. 129/C.A.53/72/S.18/87 dated 27th November 1987. Due to this inadvertent error in non-specific area the demarcation of the Sanctuary is not possible. The proposed petrol pumps are situated in the periphery of villages notified in Sanctuary. The whole area of Sanctuary is owned by the local people as the rights in the Sanctuary land have not been settled. The people have right to cultivate their own lands. No compact Govt. Forest exists in the Sanctuary area.

5 (a) Proposal for Wildlife clearance for Plots located in IT Park, Sector-22, Distt. Panchkula, Haryana.

- (i) M/s Rajkamal Overseas Pvt. Ltd. have planned IT Park located Plot No. – 12, Sector-22, HSIIDC, Panchkula, Haryana. The total plot area is 7575.24 sq.mts. The maximum permissible ground coverage is 40%, however proposed and sanctioned is 3000 sq. mts. 39.6%. The total FAR is 2.5 which is equivalent to 18,938 sq. mts. The total sanctioned FAR of their IT Park is 18,634 sq. mts. It is a 7 floor high structure with a terrace level at 33.150 metres above road level and Mumty level at 37.350 metres above road level.

This site is at a distance of 510 mtr. at North side, 355 mtr. at North-East side (Middle) and 405 mtr. at other side from Khol-hi-Raitan Wildlife Sanctuary.

(ii) M/s Rolling Construction Company Pvt. Ltd. have planned IT Park located Plot No. – 1, Sector-22, HSIIDC, Panchkula, Haryana. The total plot area is 37380 sq. mts.

This site is at a distance of 800 mt. from Khol-hi-Raitan Wildlife Sanctuary.

After thorough deliberations, this agenda item was approved and it was decided to send these cases for diversion of forest land for setting up of Petrol pumps to Standing Committee on National Board for Wildlife, Govt. of India.

5 (b) Proposal for Wildlife clearance for residential township in Sector-3, 4 & 4A, village Islamnagar, Distt. Panchkula.

Residential township project area is 198.801 acres in village Islamnagar, in Sector 3, 4 & 4A, Panchkula. The proposed township is located 2.72 km & 1.8 km away from Bir Shikargah Wildlife Sanctuary & Khol-hi-Raitan Wildlife Sanctuary.

The prior clearance from the Standing Committee of NBWL is needed for the proposed project as project site is located within 10 km. from the boundary of Bir Shikargah Wildlife Sanctuary & Khol-hi-Raitan Wildlife Sanctuary.

After thorough deliberation, this agenda item was approved and it was decided to send these cases for approval to Standing Committee on National Board for Wildlife, Govt. of India.

6 Proposal for Wildlife clearance to laying of Optical Fiber Cable from Telephone Exchange Yamuna Nagar to Paonta (Kaleshwar/Lal Dhang) on NH-73 A.

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (A Govt. of India Enterprise) decided to lay Optical Fiber Cable from Telephone Exchange Yamuna Nagar to Telephone Exchange Paonta via Chhachhrauli and Khizrabad along NH- 73A. The Kalesar National Park falls on this Road from KM 37 to KM 48.

To provide better Telecom services (i.e. Broadband, Mobile services etc.) to the public of Paonta Sahib, Yamuna Nagar and villages falling on the route. Moreover the said route will act as an alternate route for connecting the four states Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh. Single PLB will be laid in the whole route with 24 Fiber Optical Cable inside the PLB at extreme edge of NH boundary in open area. The road berm (slope) will be used to lay the

cable within the National Park area. No vegetation cleaning and displacement is involved in the execution of work.

However, the prior clearance from the Standing Committee of NBWL is needed for the proposed project as project site is located within 10 km. from the boundary of Kalesar National Park & Wild Life Sanctuary.

After thorough deliberationss, this agenda item was approved and it was decided to send this case for approval to Standing Committee on National Board for Wildlife, Govt. of India.

7 Proposal for exclusion of Neel Gai and Common Monkey from the preview of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 received from Sh. Abhishek Kadian, Member, State Board for Wildlife.

Neelgai is included in Schedule III and Common monkey is included in Schedule II, Part 1 of Wildlife Protection Act. Any addition or deletion of species under Wildlife Protection Act is the prerogative of Central Govt.

After thorough deliberation, this agenda item was not approved.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.