

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment & Forests**  
**(FC Division)**

**Proceedings of the Forest Advisory Committee Meeting Held on 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
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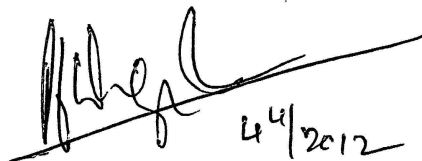
**Agenda No. 1: Diversion of 135.82 hectares of forest land in favour of the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited for construction of 400 KV Double Circuit Silchar-Imphal Transmission line (File No. 8-76/2011- FC)**

The FAC after examination of the proposal observed as below:

- (i) Legal status of forest land proposed for diversion is Reserved Forest: 19.39 hectares, Protected Forest: 9.09 hectares and Unclassed Forest: 107.34 hectares;
- (ii) The forest land proposed for diversion contains 3,157 trees and 2,000 bamboo culms. Number of trees and bamboo culms actually required to be felled for construction of transmission line have however, not been indicated in the proposal;
- (iii) Crown density of the vegetation available in the forest land proposed for diversion varies from 0.20 to 0.45;
- (iv) The transmission line indicated in the extant proposal is a part of the transmission system associated with Pallatana Gas Based Power Project located in Tripura and Bongaigaon Thermal Power Station located in Assam;
- (v) The proposed alignment of the transmission line passes through eleven patches of Reserved Forests and Unclassed Forests and eleven patches of habitations/cultivation areas;
- (vi) Documentary evidence pertaining to settlement of rights in accordance with the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as stipulated by this Ministry vide its letter dated 3.8.2009 have not been submitted by the State Government, so far; and
- (vii) No protected area is located within 10 km distance from boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion.

The FAC after detailed deliberations recommended that the State government of Manipur may be requested to submit following information/documents:

- (i) Number of trees and bamboo culms actually required to be felled for construction of transmission line; and
- (ii) Documentary evidence pertaining to recognition of rights in accordance with the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as stipulated by this Ministry vide their letter No. 11-9/1998-FC (pt.) dated 03.08.2009 in respect of the forest land proposed for diversion.

  
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**Agenda No. 2: Diversion of 87.612 hectares of forest land in favour of M/s. South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) for their Dhanpuri-D opencast coal mining project located in Anuppur district of Madhya Pradesh. (File No. 8-47/2010-FC)**

FAC after examination of the proposal observed as below:

- (i) Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion is Reserved Forest;
- (ii) Forest land proposed for diversion contains Sal forest of class III and IV having crown density from 0.40 to 0.50.
- (iii) Forest land proposed for diversion contains 3,965 trees of above 60 cm girth. Details of trees of below 60 cm girth available in the forest land proposed for diversion are not provided in the proposal.
- (iv) Compensatory afforestation is proposed to be undertaken on degraded forest double in extent to the forest land proposed for diversion at an estimated outlays of Rs. 84,64,500/-.
- (v) Out of the 87.612 hectares of forest land proposed to be diverted, 78.00 hectares of forest land is proposed to be utilised for opencast mining, 5.612 hectares for construction of a road, 2.00 hectares for diversion of a stream and 2.00 hectares for construction of a transmission line.
- (vi) The forest land proposed for diversion is located in two leases - 79.412 hectare in first lease having 3,992.70 acre area and 17.200 hectare in second lease having 915.51 acres area. Details of actual use for mining and other purposes of the forest and non-forest land located within these mining leases have not been provided in the proposal
- (vii) Documentary evidence pertaining to settlement of rights in accordance with the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as stipulated by this Ministry vide its letter dated 3.8.2009 have not been submitted by the State Government, so far.
- (viii) Project does not involve displacement of any family or person.
- (ix) Details of protected area, if any, located within 10 Kilometer distance from boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion has not been provided by the user agency.

The FAC after detailed deliberations recommended that the State Government of Madhya Pradesh may be requested to submit following information/ documents to the Ministry:

- (i) A map indicating location and boundary of protected area, if any, located within 10 kilometer distance from the forest land proposed for diversion;
- (ii) Girth-class wise and species-wise details of trees below 60 cm girth available in the forest land proposed for diversion;
- (iii) Detailed layout and present utilization pattern of the nala/stream proposed to be diverted.
- (iv) Documentary evidence pertaining to recognition of rights in accordance with the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as stipulated by this Ministry vide its letter No. 11-9/1998-FC (pt.) dated 03.08.2009.

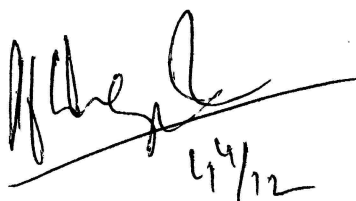
  
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**Additional Agenda Item: Clarification on MoEF's circular dated 03.08.2009 regarding settlement of rights in accordance with the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 on the forest land proposed for diversion**

Taking a note of certain newspaper reports regarding settlement of rights in accordance with the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 on the forest land proposed for diversion, FAC examined MoEF's circular dated 03.08.2009 on the matter and observed that the above circular provides that to formulate unconditional proposals under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, the State/ UT Governments are, wherever the process of settlement of Rights under the FRA has been completed or currently under process, required to enclose evidences for having initiated and completed the above process, especially among other Sections, Sections 3 (1) (i), 3(1) (e) and 4(5). The State /UT Governments, where process of settlement of Rights under the FRA is yet to begin, are required to enclose evidences supporting that settlement of rights under FRA 2006 will be initiated and completed before the final approval for proposals.

The FAC therefore, recommended that to ensure compliance with the above circular in its letter and spirit, in case of proposals from states where the process for settlement of rights under the FRA has been initiated, stage-I approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 may be recommended by the FAC only after receipt of documentary evidences, as stipulated in the MoEF's said circular, of having initiated and completed the above process. Similarly, in case of the proposals from states where the process for settlement of rights under FRA has not been initiated, stage-I approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 may be recommended by the FAC only if a certificate from a competent authority in the State Government, in support thereof, is enclosed with the proposal. The MoEF may include submission of the above evidences/certificate in its check list to assess completeness of the proposals and intimate the same to all State/ UT Governments.

No project proposal will be considered complete until these documents are submitted as required under rules and circulars under the terms of the aforesaid enactment of 2006. These documents are to be given in complete and full form at Stage-I of the process of consideration and clearance and need to be in accordance with the said circular in all respects State governments may be advised to take cognizance of the circular and ensure compliance in all respects to ensure protection of the rights of the Scheduled Tribes, of the Traditional Forest Dwellers and especially so of the Primitive Tribal Groups. The Gram Sabha resolutions complete



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in every respect are required for those who depend on or are resident in a forest area. The FAC was unanimous that the Circular dated 3 August 2009 leaves no scope for ambiguity.

*(not present in the meeting)*

(Dr. Ullas Karanth)

Member

(Dr. Amita Baviskar )

Member

*Mahesh Rangarajan*

(Dr. Mahesh Rangarajan)

Member

*(not present in the meeting)*

Addl. Commissioner (MoA)

Member

*A.K. Srivastava*

(A.K. Srivastava)

IGF (FC)

Member-Secretary

*(not present in the meeting)*

(A.K. Bansal)

Addl. DGF (FC)

Member

*P.J. Dilip Kumar*

(Dr. P.J. Dilip Kumar)

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Chairman

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**Subject:** Re: Draft Minutes of FAC meetng held on 2nd April 2012.  
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Dear Dr Dilip Kumar and colleagues,  
The changes as made by Dr Baviskar are acceptable to me.  
best wishes,  
Mahesh Rangarajan

On Tue, Apr 3, 2012 at 8:30 PM, Amita Baviskar <amita.baviskar@gmail.com> wrote:  
Dear Harishji,

I hereby confirm the minutes (attached here with minor corrections).

Best,  
Amita

On Tue, Apr 3, 2012 at 6:08 PM, Harish Choudhry <harishcc@yahoo.com> wrote:  
Respected Sir/ Me'm,

Kindly find attached herwith draft minutes of the FAC meetingng held on 2nd April 2012. The same may kindly be confirmed with appropriate modifications/amendments, if any.

Warm Regards,

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**MINUTES OF THE FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON**

**2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2012**

Sr. AIGF (SPS)

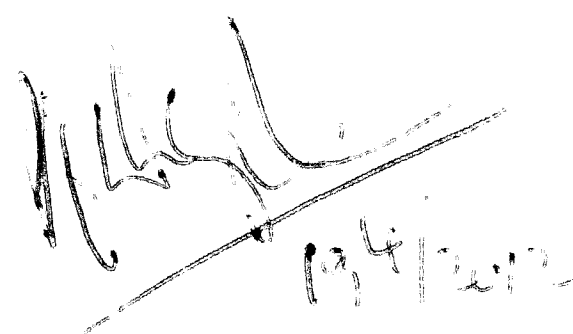
Sl. No.	File No.	Name of the proposal	State	Category	Area (ha)
1.	8-251/1986	Diversion of 635.986 ha of forest land of Duarguiburu Iron ore lease (total lease area 1443.756 ha) for iron ore mining in favour of M/s Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) in Saranda Forest Division in West Singhbhum district of Jharkhand.	Jharkhand	Mining	635.986

The Committee discussed the proposal for diversion of 635.986 ha of forest land of Duarguiburu Iron ore lease (total lease area 1443.756 ha) for iron ore mining in favour of M/s Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) in Saranda Forest Division in West Singhbhum district of Jharkhand. The Committee noted that the proposal was discussed earlier and it had recommended that the wildlife management plan may first be submitted by the State Government and the Ministry may then seek views of the WII and Dr. R.K. Singh on the plan. The Committee noted that the draft wildlife management plan prepared by the Committee constituted by the State Government has been submitted and the draft plan has been sent by the Ministry to WII and Dr. R.K. Singh. Comments on the draft plan are awaited from WII and preliminary comments have been received from Dr. R.K. Singh. The Committee desired that the views of the State Government on the draft plan may also be sought.

The Committee also heard representatives from the User Agency. The Committee noted that the Ministry while according approval for another year on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010 had mandated that the State Government constitute a team to look into the ecological, wildlife and indigenous population aspects to identify those contiguous parts of Saranda forest which need to be kept free of mining leases. The Committee noted that the State Government had failed to identify such areas even though a proposal in this regard had apparently been submitted by RCCF, Jamshedpur, long back.

The Committee perused the preliminary comments submitted by Dr. R.K. Singh on the draft wildlife plan and observed that, while the draft plan reflects the good intentions of the State Government in protecting the ecology and biodiversity of the Saranda area, it fails to specify the precise measures to be taken by the State Government and user agencies to translate good intentions into practice on ground. The plan does not indicate inviolate areas in relation to mining blocks. Further, the criteria on the basis of which these proposed inviolate areas were delineated is not clear in scientific and ecological terms. Who will monitor and assess the remedial measures is also unclear. The MOS order in the Chiria case in 2011 had asked for a comprehensive wildlife, forest and ecology plan for Saranda as a whole. This was to be prepared by experts from WII, WTI and WWF and funded by SAIL. Any action in this case needs to be dovetailed as part of such a wider plan. The ecological significance of the Saranda sal forest, among India's finest, and the presence of a large Scheduled Tribe population makes it all the more imperative that the highest standards of forest conservation be maintained here.

The Committee desired the User Agency to come up with site specific implementable plan with concrete measures, time schedules and details of responsibilities for various levels. They should also specify the positive actions proposed to protect the biodiversity of the area and core area in general. They should also spell out and implement good practices to minimize the impact of mining, including stopping mining and closure of roads at night, switching off lights in non-working hours,

  
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avoiding blasting, controlling dust and its run-off to water sources, and erosion and run-off from mine product as well as dumps. The Committee also desired presentation from the State Government on identification of proposed inviolate areas, including criteria used for their determination, as well as the overall mining scenario, mines working as well as likely to come up for consideration in Saranda. The Committee desired to discuss these aspects with Principal Secretary (Mines), PCCF, Jharkhand, PCCF (Wildlife), Jharkhand, and accordingly, they may be invited in the next meeting of the FAC.

2.	8-120/2011	Diversion of 380.5223 ha. of forest land for establishment of Central University in Himachal Pradesh in favour of HP Education Department in Dehra and Dharamshala Forest Divisions in Kangra District of Himachal Pradesh.	Himachal Pradesh	others Central University	380.5223
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The Committee discussed the proposal for diversion of 380.5223 ha. of forest land for establishment of Central University in Himachal Pradesh in favour of HP Education Department in Dehra and Dharamshala Forest Divisions in Kangra District of Himachal Pradesh. The Committee noted that the proposal appears to be a non-site specific requirement and also that the requirement of forest land appears to be excessive. The User Agency should rationalize and minimize the forest land requirement. The Committee also felt that many non-essential items have been included in the requirement of forest land like provision for future expansion of many facilities and science, technology and innovation park. Rational land use will not be served by denuding such substantial area of forest land.

The Committee also recommended that the Ministry request the Ministry of Human Resources Development to constitute a Joint Committee with the representative from Ministry of Environment & Forests to formulate guidelines for use of forest land for setting up of educational institutions with a view to minimize loss of forests.

3.	8-17-2011	Diversion of 4.8725 ha of additional forest land for construction of support infrastructures in village Dhar Taloh in favour of M/s Jaypee Himachal Cement Plant in Bilaspur Forest Division in Bilaspur district of Himachal Pradesh.	Himachal Pradesh	Support Infra for Mining	4.8725
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The Committee discussed the proposal for diversion of 4.8725 ha of additional forest land for construction of support infrastructures in village Dhar Taloh in favour of M/s Jaypee Himachal Cement Plant in Bilaspur Forest Division in Bilaspur district of Himachal Pradesh. The Committee noted that the proposal for diversion of 10.5794 ha of forest land for similar facilities was rejected earlier. In spite of this, the User Agency had constructed all the facilities in gross violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980. The proposal for diversion of 4.8725 ha of forest land for all these constructed facilities was considered by the Committee on 11-12 January 2012 and in view of the violations, had desired the status report from the Regional Office of the Ministry.

The Committee discussed the status report submitted by the Regional Office and noted that the User Agency could not give any satisfactory reply for willful encroachment of the forest land and that they have found no reason for construction of structures like helipad and temple etc. Accordingly, the Committee recommended that the proposal be rejected. The Committee, taking note of the blatant violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 also recommended that criminal proceedings under applicable Acts be initiated against the User Agency and the land be restored to Forest

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Department. Also, the State Government should fix responsibility on the concerned officials for their failure to prevent this encroachment.

4.	8-40/2010	Diversion of 137.213 ha of forest land for construction of 400 KV D/C Transmission Line from Banala to Amritsar in favour of M/s Power Grid Corporation of India Limited within the jurisdiction of Mandi, Jogindernagar, Suket, Hamirpur & Una Forest Divisions, Districts Mandi, Hamirpur & Una of Himachal Pradesh	Himachal Pradesh	Transmission Line	137.213
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The Committee discussed the proposal for diversion of 137.213 ha of forest land for construction of 400 KV D/C Transmission Line from Banala to Amritsar in favour of M/s Power Grid Corporation of India Limited within the jurisdiction of Mandi, Jogindernagar, Suket, Hamirpur & Una Forest Divisions, Districts Mandi, Hamirpur & Una of Himachal Pradesh. The Committee observed that the User Agency has submitted a revised proposal with a revised alignment of the transmission line in order to avoid forest land falling in Nargu Wildlife Sanctuary. The Committee also discussed with User Agency the alternative alignments. The Committee noted that there are 25,825 trees in the right of way, the User Agency informed the Committee that the actual felling will be about 4,325 trees as the felling will be limited to 3 meter width below heat conductor and another about 16,000 will be affected by lopping or pruning. The User Agency further informed that actual felling/ lopping/ pruning is likely to be further reduced as trees located in deeper valleys of the hilly terrain where sufficient clearance may be available, will not be affected.

The Committee observed that the State Government has initiated the settlement of rights under Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 and that the certificate required as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry has not been submitted. The Committee will consider the proposal after the requisite documents are submitted by the State Government.

5.	8-82/2010	Diversion of 313.88 ha of forest land for construction of Tato-II Hydro Electric Project (700 MW) on Siyom river in favour of M/s Tato Hydro Power Private Limited in West Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh.	Arunachal Pradesh	Hydro Electric	313.88
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The Committee discussed the proposal for diversion of 313.88 ha of forest land for construction of Tato-II Hydro Electric Project (700 MW) on Siyom river in favour of M/s Tato Hydro Power Private Limited in West Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh. The Committee noted that the instant proposal was considered by the Committee in its meeting held on 30-31<sup>st</sup> May 2011 and had desired from the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh to carry out studies to assess the cumulative impact of hydro electric projects on the river on endangered and rare species of flora and fauna, fragmentation of forests, landscape level changes and had sought substantial redrafting of the biodiversity plan.

The Committee considered the cumulative impact study of 25 dams on the Siyom conducted by WAPCOS along with North Eastern Hill University (NEHU). The Committee observed that the study report does not address major concerns especially in view of the fact that the forest is a habitat of several taxa including some rare, endangered and endemic Schedule 1 species. The biological

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report is of uneven, even poor quality with general descriptions and highly inadequate data. The assessment of the river basin is purely in terms of hydel power capacity with no reference to the marine and riverine ecosystems, fish and amphibian populations, and the linkages with forest and soil cover. The WAPCOS-NEHU report is therefore inadequate from the point of providing guidelines for conservation. The Committee reiterated the need for the State to provide: (1) a 15-20 year perspective plan for the cumulative development of the river basin, which would include the projected impact of hydro-electric development, ancillary industries/activities, including influx of migrant workers, displacement of local ST populations, etc. on local ecology and biodiversity; and (2) a biodiversity management plan at the landscape level for the Siyom River basin.

On the proposal under consideration, the Committee observed that the project involves felling of about 1,21,000 trees above 60 cm girth. The Committee noted that the comments of the Regional CCF fail to address the implications of forest loss and erosion of biodiversity that may accompany it. The comments and observations are of an extremely general nature and do not provide any assessment from a forest conservation point of view. The FAC places on record its disappointment with such reportage of serious issues. The Committee also desired to have comments of the Divisional Forest Officer and wildlife officers of the area on the report.

Noting the continued absence of a reliable empirical basis on which to ground its decision, the FAC recommended that a committee of reputed biologists and hydrological ecologists be asked to assess the ecological and biodiversity values of the river basin as a whole with special reference to the proposed dam, and suggested the names of various scholars for such a study for the Ministry's consideration. The Committee also decided that a sub-Committee of the FAC may visit the area.

6.	8-72/2008	Diversion of 209.814 ha (now 197.933 ha) of forest land for construction of BG single Railway Line from Tori to Shivpur in Latehar & Chatra districts of Jharkhand.	Jharkhand	Railway Line: waiver of condition	209.814
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The Committee discussed the request for waiver of condition imposed while granting Stage I clearance for diversion of now 197.933 ha of forest land for construction of BG single Railway Line from Tori to Shivpur in Latehar & Chatra districts of Jharkhand. The User Agency has requested for waiver of conditions related to prohibition of movement of rakes through forest area between midnight and 5 a.m. and construction of station/residential building or platform on the entire route length. The Committee noted that prohibition of buildings/stations on the route length was primarily to prevent creation of nuclei of activity ultimately resulting in disturbance to nearby forest areas. The User Agency stated that absence of stations on the entire route length of 44 km will result into bottlenecks to the rail traffic. The Committee desired that the User Agency give plans for stations along with drawings and also try to minimize the number of stations. The stations should not have any platforms. The proposal shall be considered by the Committee on submission of the plans.

7.	8-98-2011	Diversion of 187.20 ha of forest land (Surface forest land = 172.25 ha and underground area = 14.95 ha) for construction of Tawang H.E. Project – Stage-I (600 MW) on Tawang Chu River in Tawang District by NHPC.	Arunachal Pradesh	Hydro Electric	187.20
8.	8-99-2011	Diversion of 116.62 ha of forest land (Surface forest land = 96.95 ha and	Arunachal Pradesh	Hydro Electric	116.62

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		underground area = 19.67 ha) for construction of Tawang H.E. Project – Stage-II (800 MW) on Tawang Chu River in Tawang District by NHPC.			
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The Committee discussed the above two proposals for diversion of 187.2 ha and 116.62 ha of forest land for construction of Tawang H.E. Project –Stage-I (600 MW) and Tawang H.E. Project –Stage-II (800 MW) on Tawang Chu River in Tawang District by NHPC. The Committee also heard the User Agency. The Committee observed that the proposal involve felling of about 2,58,000 trees including about 96,000 trees above 60 cm girth. The area is home to several locally threatened plant species like *Rhododendron*, *Taxus*, *Ponirochis*, *Saussurea*, *Obvallata*, *Fritillaria cirrhosa* and *Potentilla* etc. apart from several Schedule I animals like Clouded Leopard, Snow Leopard, Red Panda and Musk Deer, etc. The Committee noted that as per the map of the area there are many hydro electric projects proposed in the basin. The Committee reiterated the need for the State to provide: (1) a 15-20 year perspective plan for the cumulative development of the river basin, which would include the projected impact of hydro-electric development, ancillary industries/activities, including influx of migrant workers, displacement of local ST populations, etc. on local ecology and biodiversity; and (2) a biodiversity management plan at the landscape level for the river basin.

A survey and assessment by experts is necessary at this stage to ascertain the impact of the project on forests, ecological integrity and conservation values if any of the river and the surrounding landscape. This will be with special reference to the conservation values of the riverine and the forest ecosystems, especially endemic and rare fauna and flora. The impact on ecological and landscape integrity is of critical importance and such report will give the FAC adequate and serious empirical basis to make an assessment.

Noting the continued absence of a reliable empirical basis on which to ground its decision, the FAC recommended that a committee of reputed biologists and hydrological ecologists be asked to assess the ecological and biodiversity values of the river basin as a whole with special reference to the proposed dam, and suggested the names of various scholars for such a study for the Ministry's consideration.

9.	8-54-2011	Diversion of 271.1577 ha including 181.5369 ha above ground and 89.6208 ha underground forest land for construction of Luhri Hydro Electric project in Karsog, Ani, Shimla, Rampur and Kotgarh Forest Divisions in Mandi, Kullu and Shimla Districts of Himachal Pradesh in favour of M/s Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd.	Himachal Pradesh	Hydro Electric	271.1577
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The Committee discussed the proposal for diversion of 271.1577 ha including 181.5369 ha above ground and 89.6208 ha underground forest land for construction of Luhri Hydro Electric project in Karsog, Ani, Shimla, Rampur and Kotgarh Forest Divisions in Mandi, Kullu and Shimla Districts of Himachal Pradesh in favour of M/s Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd. This is a run of the river project on Satluj river with an installed capacity of 775 MW. The Dam is proposed at Nirath village and power house is located at Marola village. The twin head race tunnel is 38.14 km long with a 9 m diameter each. The tunnel will be constructed through 8 adits. The forest land requirement includes about 38 ha as submergence, 25 ha for adits and job facilities, 23 ha for quarry, 40 ha for dumping, 34 ha for power house, 3 ha for explosives magazine and 17 ha for roads and bridges. Out of this about 73 ha forest land requirement is temporary and shall be reverted back after the construction. The project involves felling of 64 trees above 60cm girth and 7411 below 60cm girth. There are 468 project

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affected families from whom private land is being acquired. It includes 100 families losing their houses having alternate houses and 37 families becoming homeless. The user agency has submitted the resettlement and rehabilitation plan. The User Agency stated that the land is being acquired through land acquisition officer. They also stated that the State Govt has already commissioned a cumulative impact assessment study for the Satluj river basin. They further informed the Committee that they have proposed a Rim Plantation over a width of 100 m all along the reservoir. The User Agency was advised by the Committee to take up greening the hillock on priority as part of the CAT plan.

The Committee observed that the State Government has initiated the settlement of rights under Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 and that the certificate required as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry has not been submitted. These are required to be complete in every respect at Stage I of the clearance. The 3rd August 2009 circular on the said Act spells out the documents and procedures in extensio. The Committee will only consider the proposal further after the requisite documents required in this regard are submitted by the State Government.

10.	8-36-2010	Presentation by State Govt on mining scenario in North Karanpura Coalfields	Jharkhand	Mining	
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No representative from the State Government was present to make the presentation.

*(not present)*  
**(Dr. Ullas Karanth)**  
 Member

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**(Dr. Amita Baviskar)**  
 Member

*Mahesh Rangarajan*  
**(Dr. Mahesh Rangarajan)**  
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Dear Shivpalji,

I hereby confirm the minutes.

With best regards,  
Amita

On Wed, Apr 18, 2012 at 2:35 PM, Shiv <shiv101@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Madam/Sir,

The final Minutes incorporating your suggestions are attached. It is requested that formal confirmation may please be sent.

regards  
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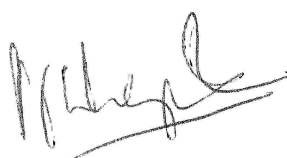
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Sl. No.	Decision of FAC
1.	<p><b>Diversion of 999.328 ha of forest land in favour of Raigad Irrigation Division No.2 for drinking water supply project on Kallu river in district Thane, Maharashtra.</b></p> <p>The Forest Advisory Committee noted that an area of 999.328 ha of forest area is proposed for diversion in the project which is a part of western Ghats and is ecologically sensitive. The FAC observed that eight villages are likely to be submerged fully and another ten villages will be partially submerged along with the connecting village roads in this project. The FAC also took note of the various complaints received in the Ministry against this project, including starting of construction on non-forest land in the absence of forest clearance and observed that the State Government has not yet submitted any report as requested. It was recalled that the State Government has stated while submitting the Shai River Project that "it is not necessary to construct any new source for water supply upto the year 2031" and the Shai River project in the vicinity has been given stage-I approval by the Ministry on this understanding. The State Government has not furnished any justification in this regard while forwarding the current proposal. It has also been brought out in the site inspection of the Ministry that the Kesubhal wildlife Sanctuary is located about 7 Km from the Project area.</p> <p>The FAC noting that the project area was falling under the ecologically sensitive zone of the Western Ghats and also involves the rehabilitation of the villages. observed that the (i) Rehabilitation Plan (ii) Environmental Impact Assessment report (iii) Technical report on wildlife status and management and (iv) The Gram Sabha resolution from the forest dwellers/communities who have been granted rights under the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers Act, 2006 as per MoEF circular dated 03.08.2009 have not been furnished to the Ministry.</p> <p><b>In view of the above, the FAC recommended to close this case.</b></p>
	<p><b>Diversion of 81.423 ha for construction of 220 KV M/C lines on M/C narrow based towers for strengthening of transmission system for Mumbai by using the same corridor in favour of the Executive Engineer, Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Ltd. EHV Construction Division, Airoli, Navi Mumbai.</b></p>

  
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	Deferred due to paucity of time
3.	<b>Diversion of 34 ha of forest land in favour of The Director General of Police, Tripura, Agartala for setting up of HQ of 8th TSR at Mouja Chailengta of Lalcherra under Manu Forest Division.</b>
	Deferred due to paucity of time
4.	<b>Diversion of 196.75 ha of forest land for construction of road from NH-54 to Indo-Myanmar Border under Kaladan Multi-Modal Trade-Route in the State of Mizoram- Report from Wildlife Expert Group</b>
	Deferred due to paucity of time

*Not present*

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Member

*Mahesh Rangarajan*  
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Member


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Member

  
(A.K. Srivastava)  
IGF (FC)  
Member Secretary

*Not present*

(A.K. Bansal)  
ADGF (FC)  
Member

(Vacant)  
Addl. Commissioner  
Soil Conservation  
Member

  
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Sir.  
I too confirm the minutes.  
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On Wed, Apr 4, 2012 at 5:07 PM, Amita Baviskar <amita.baviskar@gmail.com> wrote:  
I confirm the minutes.

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Madam/Sir

The corrected minutes of the FAC meeting held on 2nd April,2012 with respect to my agenda is sent in the attachment for your kind confirmation.

With regards

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