

**MINUTES OF THE 9th MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD FOR WILDLIFE HELD IN THE
CONFERENCE HALL OF THE CHIEF MINISTER'S OFFICE, DISPUR ON 20.09.2016.**

19/11/2016

Members present: List enclosed as Annexure 1.

The meeting started with the arrival of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam and Chairperson of the State Board for Wildlife, Assam. After the felicitation of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson and other dignitaries on the Dias, the Members introduced themselves.

The Minister Environment and Forests etc. Government of Assam & Vice Chairperson welcomed the chairperson, Dignitaries on the dais along with all the members of the State Board for Wildlife present in the meeting.

With the permission of the Chairperson the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam, and Member Secretary SBWL presented issues listed in the Agenda for discussion.

(a) Leave of absence :

- (1) Sjt. Tuliram Ronghang, CEM, Karbi Anglong, Autonomous Council, Diphu.
- (2) Sjt. K. Borgoyari, Dy. CEM & EM i/c Forest, BTC, Kokrajhar.
- (3) Sri Thaneswar Basumatary, MLA, Chapaguri.
- (4) Sri Pradan Borua, MLA, Dhemaji
- (5) Managing Director, Assam Tourism Development Corporation.
- (6) Secretary, WPT & BC Department, Assam.
- (7) Representative of Armed Forces (Govt. of India to nominate)
- (8) Director, Department of A.H. Veterinary, Assam
- (9) Sri A.B. Goswami, Hony. Wildlife Warden, Guwahati.(Application submitted)
- (10) The Director, Wildlife Preservation, Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi.
- (11) The Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, Uttaranchal.
- (12) The Director, Botanical Survey of India, Kolkatta, West Bengal.
- (13) The Director, Zoological Survey of India, Kolkatta, West Bengal.
- (14) Araynaya Suraksa Samitee
- (15) Dr. K.K. Sarma, Professor, College of Veterinary Science, Assam
- (16) Sri Pronay Bordoloi, Journalist

(b) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 8th Meeting of the SBWL held on 19.09.2015 : The minutes of the 8th Meeting of SBWL was taken up for discussion. The minutes had already been circulated to all the Hon'ble Members of the Board by the Member Secretary. The Minutes were confirmed and recommended by the Board.

(c) The action taken report on the recommendation of the 8th Meeting of the SBWL were circulated to all and were open for discussion.

3. Diversion proposals of North Eastern Coalfields, Coal India Ltd.

- The Expert committee constituted vide this office Order No.440, dtd. 06.07.2015 has submitted the report recommending the proposal for approval by the Board subject to compliance of the set of mitigation measures suggested by the committee.

The Expert Committee report is placed before the Board during its 9th meeting and Board has recommended the project subject to implementation of the mitigation measures suggested by the expert committee.

4. Diversion of 98.59 ha in Saleki PRF under Digboi Division for Tikok OCP Coal mining project by North Eastern Coal fields, Coal India Limited, Assam.

- The Expert committee has submitted the report and has recommended the proposal subject to implementation a set of mitigation measures.
- The Member Secretary stated that the then DFO, Digboi Division vide his letter No. A/G-42/1501-40, dtd. 30.08.2013 reported CF, EAC, Jorhat that the Diversion of 98.59 ha. Of Forest land for Tikok open cast project in Seleki PRF under Digboi Division is outside 10 Kms. Radius of Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary. Hence, after discussion of the proposal, the member of the board suggested for verification and authentication of the distance by a Senior Forest Officer and on obtaining confirmation of the distance of the project area beyond 10 kms from Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary, the Chief Wildlife Warden will accepted the proposal for further processing and forward to Govt. of India.