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Date: 15/02/2021

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE HELD ON
12.02.2021 AT 11:00 AM REGARDING THE HON'BLE NGT ORDER DATED
15.01.2021 IN O.A. NO. 58/2013 IN THE MATTER OF SONYA GHOSH VS GNCTD**

First meeting of the Oversight Committee which has been constituted vide order no. F.1(2497)/Legal/HQ/2020-21/10354-66 dated 10.02.20 (annexed at **Annexure-I**) was held on 12.02.2021 under the Chairmanship of Director General Forest and Special Secretary, MoEF&CC, Govt. of India regarding the Hon'ble NGT Order dated 15.01.2021 in O.A. No. 58/2013 in the matter of Sonya Ghosh Vs. GNCTD.

Issues discussed and decisions taken in the meeting are as follows:

1. Progress of notification under section 20 of IFA 1927:

- i) PCCF informed that Divisional Commissioner has taken meeting of all DCs and DCFs and fixed following targets:
 - All the DCFs have been directed to start the procedure of notifying the Reserved Forest under Section 20, IFA, 1927 which are without encroachment or free of encroachment.
 - Sub Divisional Magistrates have been directed to complete all the tatima proceedings within one month.
 - FSOs have been directed to complete all the rights settlement within 45 days. FSOs should take regular hearings on day to day basis and Khasra No. for which rights are settled will be made free of encroachment and will be added in the list of latest notifications.
 - FSO have been directed not to entertain new applications under Indian Forest Act, 1927 as Section 5 of said act, bars accrual of new-rights.
 - District Task Force under Deputy Commissioner shall prepare weekly schedule of removal of encroachment and actions be taken accordingly.
 - Weekly meetings to be held at the level of PCCF/HOD to review the progress of the status.
- ii) Department of Forest and Wildlife, GNCTD conveyed that draft notification is under preparation by them for all khasras identified as forest area with following information:

- a) Khasra no.s with area and all khasras surrounding it,
 - b) Map of village with geo coordinates of corners of each khasra,
 - c) All areas free from settlement proceedings and tatima proceedings,
 - d) All areas having no court cases.
- iii) DDA has been requested to provide list of Khasra no.s which are free of litigation in their possession, ie, Central Ridge, Northern Ridge and South Central Ridge. They are also requested to provide complete list of khasras (in their possession) depicting status of settlement of rights, along with court cases pending in respect of them. Forest settlement Officers also have been advised to not to entertain frivolous cases.
- iv) Joint survey of Revenue Department, Forest Department & other allottee Departments will be done to compile geo coordinates of all the corners of khasra notified under Section 4.
- v) Department of Forest and Wildlife, GNCTD has been directed to start the process of declaration of Reserve Forest under Section 20 immediately.
2. Protection of land made free of encroachment and status of management plan:
- i) It has been conveyed that for this purpose 147 security guards have been engaged under funds available with Delhi Ridge Management Board for securing the Ridge area which are free from encroachment and six vehicles have been procured for regular patrolling of sensitive Ridge area.
 - ii) As temporary fencing is being taken up around land having encroachments, it has also been directed to construct permanent boundary wall around area free from encroachments.
 - iii) It has also been advised to conduct regular encroachment removal drives to thwart any attempt of fresh encroachment.
 - iv) Considering concerns about absence of police during important encroachment removal drives, it is required that representative of police Department of sufficient seniority should represent their Department. They have been directed to continuously provide support during these encroachment removal drives and the matter may be brought in to the notice of Commissioner of Police, Delhi.
 - v) It has been directed to complete all the management plans that are being prepared by Department of Forest and Wildlife, GNCTD, viz. Working Plan and Ecological Restoration of Central Ridge. Wildlife Management Plan also be updated as and when due.

3. Encroachment removal plan:

For removal of encroachment following have been discussed:

- i) DC (S) in coordination with all concerned SDMs is preparing weekly schedule for removal of encroachments.
 - ii) District Task Force is also coordinating with DUSIB for resettlement of displaced encroachers.
 - iii) It has been decided that small encroachments should be taken up on priority and fortnightly progress report will be submitted to Oversight Committee.
4. Director General of Forests, MoEF&CC appreciated the effort of the State for taking up the adequate and necessary steps for declaration of Reserve Forest under section 20 of IFA 1927.
 5. The next meeting of the Oversight Committee will be held within one month.

*** The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair. ***

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.




(Ishwar Singh)
PCCF & HOD, GNCTD

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REVISED OFFICE ORDER

In pursuance of the direction of Hon'ble NGT Order dated 15.01.2021 in O.A No. 58/2013 in the Matter of Sonya Ghosh Vs. GNCTD, an **Oversight Committee (OC)** headed by Director General Forest, MoEF&CC, GOI has been constituted and the composition of the committee is as under:

Composition of the Oversight Committee (OC):

(i)	Director General Forest, MoEF&CC	Chairman
(ii)	Addl. Director General of Forests (FC), MoEF&CC, GOI	Co-opted Member (will act as chairman in absence of DGF and SS)
(iii)	Principal Secretary/ Secretary (Revenue), Govt. of NCT of Delhi	Member
(iv)	Principal Secretary/ Secretary (E&F), Govt. of NCT of Delhi	Member
(v)	Director General (Forest), Forest Survey of India, Dehradun	Member
(vi)	The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of NCT of Delhi	Member (Nodal Agency)
(vii)	Special Commissioner of Police	Members
(viii)	Deputy Commissioner (South)	Member
(ix)	Deputy Commissioner (South-West)	Member
(x)	Deputy Commissioner (New Delhi)	Member
(xi)	Deputy Commissioner (South-East)	Member

The mandate of the Oversight Committee (OC) is mentioned as below:

- (i) To oversee progress with regard to the removal of encroachments from the Ridge;
- (ii) Its protection by way of fencing/boundary wall and preparation of management plan for its restitution.
- (iii) The Nodal agency will be the PCCF, Delhi for coordination and compliance.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours sincerely,

SD/-

(Vipul Pandey, IFS)
DCF (P&M)

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