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(Project Elephant Division)

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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Constitution of the Committee to provide more strengthening to Elephant Reserves/Elephant Corridors.**

As per decisions in the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of NBWL, a committee for strengthening the Elephant Reserves/Elephant Corridors for the better management and conservation of Wild Elephants has been constituted. The composition is as follow:

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| (i) Shri Vinod Rishi, Ex-ADG (WL)                       | - | Chairman        |
| (ii) Shri M. D. Madhusudan, Member of SC of NBWL        | - | Member          |
| (iii) Shri J. D. Sharma, Chief Wild Life Warden, Odisha | - | Member          |
| ✓(iv) Shri Sanjay Upadhayaya, Advocate, Supreme Court   | - | Member          |
| (v) Shri Ajay Desai, Elephant Conservation Expert       | - | Member          |
| (vi) IGF & Director, Project Elephant                   | - | Member Convener |


**1. The committee shall have following Terms and Conditions:**

- (i) The committee will have a period of one year to complete the task including field visits, examination and providing recommendations
- (ii) The committee can engage consultants/experts if it is not possible to engage consultants/experts for each State, the services of consultants/experts can be taken for a cluster of States (3 States)
- (iii) The Committee can compile and correlate all reports restricting its field visits to a bare minimum.
- (iv) The travelling allowance and daily allowances will be payable to Non-official members of the Committee as admissible to Grade-I officers of the Government of India.

**2. The committee shall have following Terms of Reference:**

- (i) To examine whether the existing network of Elephant Reserves adequately and exhaustively covers the potentially viable elephant populations and elephant habitats in the country

- (ii) To review the composition and management of the existing Elephant Reserves in consultation with the State Forest Departments and make recommendations for streamlining and strengthening the same.
- (iii) To review the management of the recognised Elephant Corridors in consultation with the concerned State Forest Departments; identify other potential Elephant Corridors in need of management; and make recommendations for streamlining and strengthening the management of recognised and potential Elephant Corridors.
- (iv) To examine the existing legal coverage available under various laws (including WLPA-1972, IFA-1927, State Forest Acts and EPA-1986] for protection and management of existing and potential Elephant Reserves and Elephant Corridors in the country and suggest ways for extending and strengthening such legal coverage as recommended by the ETF report.
- (v) To assess the impact on communities living inside or utilising the land inside the Elephant Reserves and Elephant Corridors on the protection and management of elephants and make suitable recommendations for mitigating the adverse impacts.
- 3. This issues with the approval of the Hon'ble Minister of Environment and Forests (Independent Charge).**

  
(A.M. Singh)

**IGF & Director (Project Elephant)**

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