कार्यालय प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (वन्यजीव) एवं मुख्य वन्यजीव अभिरक्षक, मध्य प्रदेश

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प्रति,

1. अपर मुख्य सचिव, मध्यप्रदेश शासन, वन विभाग, मंत्रालय, वल्लभ भवन, भोपाल।
2. अपर मुख्य सचिव, (पंचायत एवं ग्रामीण विभाग), मध्यप्रदेश शासन, मंत्रालय, वल्लभ भवन, भोपाल।
3. अपर मुख्य सचिव, किसान कल्याण एवं कृषि विकास विभाग, मध्यप्रदेश शासन, वन विभाग, मंत्रालय, वल्लभ भवन, भोपाल।
4. अपर मुख्य सचिव (वित्त), मध्यप्रदेश शासन, वल्लभ भवन, भोपाल, म.प्र.।
5. अपर मुख्य सचिव (जल संसाधन), मध्यप्रदेश शासन, वल्लभ भवन, भोपाल, म.प्र.।
6. अपर मुख्य सचिव / प्रमुख सचिव, वन विभाग, उत्तर प्रदेश शासन, लखनऊ।
7. अपर मुख्य सचिव (वित्त विभाग) उत्तर प्रदेश शासन, लखनऊ।
8. अपर मुख्य सचिव (जल संसाधन विभाग) उत्तर प्रदेश शासन, लखनऊ।
9. प्रमुख सचिव (पंचायत राज विभाग) उत्तर प्रदेश शासन, लखनऊ।
10. प्रमुख सचिव (ग्रामीण विकास) उत्तर प्रदेश शासन, लखनऊ।
11. संयुक्त सचिव (PP&RD), DOWR, RD & GR, MoJS, भारत सरकार, जल शक्ति मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली।
12. सदस्य सचिव, राष्ट्रीय व्याघ्र संरक्षण प्राधिकरण, भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली।
13. संचालक, भारतीय वन्यजीव संस्थान, देहरादून, उतराखंड।
14. वन महानिदेशक (वन्यप्राणी) भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली।
15. मुख्य कार्यपालन अधिकारी, केन बेतवा लिंक परियोजना प्राधिकरण, जल शक्ति मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली।
16. प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक एवं वन बल प्रमुख, मध्यप्रदेश, वन भवन, भोपाल।
17. मुख्य वन्यप्राणी अभिरक्षक, उत्तर प्रदेश, लखनऊ।
18. प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (वन्यजीव) एवं मुख्य वन्यजीव अभिरक्षक, मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल।
19. आयुक्त, सागर संभाग, सागर (म.प्र.)।
20. कलेक्टर, जिला पन्ना।
21. कलेक्टर, जिला छतरपुर।
22. प्रभारी अधिकारी, इन्ट्रीगेटेड रिसर्च एण्ड लर्निंग सेंटर, पन्ना (म.प्र.)।
23. मुख्य वन संरक्षक (क्षेत्रीय) रीवा।
24. मुख्य वन संरक्षक (क्षेत्रीय) छतरपुर।
25. क्षेत्र संचालक, पन्ना टाइगर रिजर्व, पन्ना।

विषय :– ग्रेटर पन्ना लैण्ड स्केप काउंसिल की तृतीय बैठक दिनांक 02.11.2026 का कार्यवाही विवरण।

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उपरोक्त विषयांतर्गत भारत सरकार, जल शक्ति मंत्रालय नई दिल्ली द्वारा केन–बेतवा लिंक परियोजना के संबंध में गठित ग्रेटर पन्ना लैण्डस्केप समिति (GPLC) की तृतीय बैठक मुख्य सचिव, मध्यप्रदेश शासन की अध्यक्षता में दिनांक 02.11.2026 को उनके प्रतिकक्ष, मंत्रालय वल्लभ भवन, भोपाल में सम्पन्न हुई। उक्त बैठक का शासन से अनुमोदित कार्यवाही विवरण संलग्न कर आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु प्रेषित है।

संलग्न :– उपरोक्तानुसार।

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प्रतिलिपि :–

1. वरिष्ठ निज सहायक, मुख्य सचिव, मध्यप्रदेश शासन, मंत्रालय वल्लभ भवन, भोपाल।
2. सचिव, मध्यप्रदेश शासन, वन विभाग, मंत्रालय वल्लभ भवन, भोपाल।

की ओर कार्यवाही विवरण की छायाप्रति सहित सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु प्रेषित।

संलग्न :– उपरोक्तानुसार।

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Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Greater Panna Landscape Council (GPLC) held on 02.11.2026 for Implementation of the Integrated Landscape Management Plan (ILMP) of the Ken-Betwa Link Project

As a part of the Ken-Betwa Link Project (KBLP), an Integrated Landscape Management Plan (ILMP) has been prepared by the Wildlife Institute of India as per the direction of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA). To drive the implementation of the ILMP, the Greater Panna Landscape Council (GPLC), headed by the Chief Secretary, Government of Madhya Pradesh, was notified. The 1st meeting of the GPLC was held at Bhopal on 05.09.2023 and the 2nd meeting on 20.11.2025.

The 3rd meeting of the GPLC was convened on 2nd November 2026 at 03:00 PM in the Ante Chamber of the Chief Secretary, Mantralay, Vallabh Bhawan, Bhopal, under the chairmanship of Shri Ashok Barnwal, Chief Secretary, Government of Madhya Pradesh. The list of participants has been given in Annexure-1.

Proceedings:

The Member Secretary, GPLC welcomed the Chairman, the members. The Member Secretary presented a brief introduction to the Greater Panna Landscape, the functions of the Greater Panna Landscape Council (GPLC) and the details of the Integrated Landscape Management Plan (ILMP) and presented the agenda items. The following points were discussed and decided:

Agenda 3.1 – Action Taken Report on the decisions of the 2nd GPLC meeting held on 20.11.2025

Member Secretary presented the action taken report on the decisions of the 2nd meeting. The Council took note of the action taken report.

S.no.	Relevant Agenda Item	Compliance Report	Remark
1	**Action Taken Report:** Details of the action taken report, as per the directions of the 1st GPLC meeting held on 05.09.2023, were presented with specific points. The GPLC confirmed and approved the action taken report presented in the meeting. **(Action: MPFD, KBLPA and WII)**	Complied with.	-
2	**Agenda-wise Discussion and Approval:** Shri Ashok Barnwal, ACS Forest, briefed the Chairman on the background, role of GPLC and objectives of the meeting. The Member Secretary of the GPLC initiated the presentation with background details on the Greater Panna Landscape and the implementation modality of ILMP (Integrated Landscape Management Plan), as per the Government of India order specifying the constitution, role and funding of GPLC for implementing ILMP.	Complied with.	-
2.2	**Budget for Annual Plan of Operations of Forest Department and IRLC (Integrated Research and**	1. KBLPA has made available ₹13.1106 crore for Panna Tiger Reserve and ₹35.8894 crore for IRLC, amounting to a	Council requested the KBLPA

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<tr><td></td><td>Learning Centre): With reference to the Ministry of Jal Shakti letter dated 16.10.2023, KBLPA (Ken–Betwa Linking Project Authority) indicated that funding would be provided for activities in Panna Tiger Reserve and IRLC activities under ILMP. For other areas covered under ILMP, funding would be borne by the concerned authorities through various State and Central schemes. The details of possible funding sources for ILMP were presented. Accordingly, the Member Secretary, GPLC, presented the budget requirements, indicating budget planning for various administrative units (2 TR and 11 Territorial Divisions) and IRLC for the total amount Rs 98.68 Cr during the financial years 2025–26 and 2026–27.</td><td>total of ₹49 crore.

2. Funds have not been made available for other protected areas/forest divisions/district administrations as envisaged under ILMP by KBLPA.</td><td>to fund all the activities proposed in the ILMP</td></tr>
<tr><td>2.2 (cont.)</td><td>The Member Secretary, GPLC, also shared the budget requirements submitted by the Uttar Pradesh Forest Department, specifically for the areas falling within the Greater Panna Landscape and covered under ILMP, as follows:
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<tr><th>Sl. No.</th><th>Name of Protected Area/Administrative Unit</th><th>Proposed Amount (₹ lakh)</th></tr>
<tr><td>1</td><td>Bundelkhand Circle (Jhansi/Lalitpur)</td><td>446.25</td></tr>
<tr><td>2</td><td>Chitrakootdham Circle, Banda</td><td>32.36</td></tr>
<tr><td>3</td><td>Ranipur Tiger Reserve</td><td>1117.20</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>Grand Total</td><td>1595.82</td></tr>
</table></td><td>Funds have not been made available for other protected areas/forest divisions/district administrations as envisaged under ILMP by KBLPA.</td><td>Council requesteded the KBLPA to fund all the activities proposed in the UP state under ILMP</td></tr>
<tr><td>2.2 (cont.)</td><td>For IRLC, against the total requirement of ₹357.42 crore as per the DPR, the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) sought approval for the release of funds for two years, 2025–26 and 2026–27, including ILMP implementation costs:
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<tr><th>Head</th><th>Total Cost for 10 Years (₹ crore)</th></tr>
<tr><td>Land Procurement and Management</td><td>2.80</td></tr>
<tr><td>Physical Infrastructure</td><td>113.76</td></tr>
<tr><td>Interior and Office/Lab Equipment</td><td>22.40</td></tr>
<tr><td>Equipment</td><td>20.00</td></tr>
<tr><td>Manpower/Human Resource</td><td>119.28</td></tr>
</table></td><td>WII asked for Rs 35.89 Cr. as the first instalment.</td><td>-</td></tr>
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	Recurring Management Cost	24.66		
	Total	**302.90**		
	Professional Fee/Tax	54.52		
	Grand Total	**357.42**		
2.2(A)	The Council approved the APOs and DPR of IRLC and the related budget requirements. The Chairman advised reducing the budget release for the first two years, keeping in view practicality and efficient financial progress. KBLPA had agreed to release ₹49 crore for the current financial year. Accordingly, the Council approved ₹13.11 crore for Panna Tiger Reserve (PTR) and ₹35.89 crore for the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) for the establishment of IRLC, along with ILMP implementation, to be funded by KBLPA. **(Action: KBLPA)**	Complied with. **Institution** / **Sanctioned Amount (₹ cr)** / **Exp. (₹ Cr.)** / **Balance (₹ Cr.)** PTR, MP / 13.11 / 13.11 / 0 WII, India / 35.89 / 3.00 / 32.89 **Grand Total** / **49.00** / **16.11** / **32.89** WII, Dehradun, has yet to fully utilize the allocated budget.	The council requested WII Dehradun to speed up the activities of IRLC and to achieve the financial targets on time.
2.2(B)	The ILMP budget proposals for PTR and IRLC for the next financial year, 2026–27, shall be submitted by PTR and WII by January for approval by GPLC. Accordingly, KBLPA should provide for fund allocation in its annual budget planning as per ILMP, so that funds can be distributed smoothly. **(Action: MPFD, KBLPA and WII)**	For implementation of the Integrated Landscape Management Plan (ILMP) of the Ken–Betwa Link Project during FY 2026–27, a revised APO of ₹56.1848 crore for Panna Tiger Reserve has been prepared in the prescribed formats and submitted. The Wildlife Institute of India has also prepared and submitted an APO of ₹12.56 crore. A copy is enclosed.	-
2.2(C)	The Council took note of the final FCA approval issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division), Government of India, dated 3 October 2023. As per conditions 14, 16 and 40 imposed by the Ministry while according final approval to KBLPA, the entire ILMP cost shall be borne by KBLPA. The Council observed that KBLPA's position of financing only the project costs related to PTR and IRLC was not correct. Considering the various budget provisions for different activities discussed in the Council, the Chairman directed that the Ken–Betwa Link Project Authority be approached for allocation of the entire funding requirement under ILMP, amounting to ₹3186.40 crore, as approved by the Government of India and GPLC. **(Action: MPFD and KBLPA)**	KBLPA has indicated that funds would be made available only for Panna Tiger Reserve and IRLC for implementation of ILMP. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Madhya Pradesh, has written through office letters No. 4030 dated 05.05.2026 and No. 4913 dated 01.06.2026, requesting that funds from the total ILMP budget of ₹3186 crore also be made available to other protected areas/forest divisions/district administrations. The matter was discussed under Agenda Item 9.13 in the 9th meeting of KBLPA held on 21.07.2026. A decision is awaited.	This issue has been discussed in the agenda point no 3.5 and asked KBLPA for funding of all the activities of ILMP

2.2(D)	The Council took note of the final FCA approval condition stipulating that 5% of the project cost corresponding to the area affected within the Protected Area is to be paid by the user agency for wildlife management activities. KBLPA has deposited only ₹221.732 crore against a total of ₹782.80 crore. The Council discussed the issue and asked KBLPA to deposit the remaining ₹561.07 crore with the Madhya Pradesh Forest Department. This amount shall be utilised for activities mentioned under the "Other Protected Areas" category of ILMP. **(Action: MPFD, MS-GPLC and WII)**	The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Madhya Pradesh, through letter No. 112 dated 05.01.2026, requested KBLPA to make available the remaining ₹561.08 crore, out of the ₹782.80 crore representing 5% of the project cost, under the CAMPA head. A reminder was also sent through letter No. 4915 dated 01.06.2026. The Authority has not made the remaining amount available so far. The matter was discussed under Agenda Item 9.13 in the 9th meeting of KBLPA held on 21.07.2026. A decision is awaited.	This issue has been discussed under agenda point no. 3.4 and asked KBLPA for funding of all the activities of ILMP
2.2(E)	The Chairman directed the Member Secretary, GPLC, and WII to calculate the budget requirements for Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh separately, as per the ILMP document. **(Action: MPFD, KBLPA, MS-GPLC and WII)**	As indicated by the Ken–Betwa Link Project Authority, Ministry of Jal Shakti, KBLPA has agreed to provide the proposed budget/funds only for Panna Tiger Reserve and IRLC. Once funds are made available for other protected areas/forest divisions/district administrations, action will be taken to determine State-wise budget allocations in proportion to the district-wise area.	Shall be done once the budget is received from KBLPA for UP
2.3	Detailed Project Report of IRLC: Since the 1st GPLC meeting had emphasised a separate presentation on the structural and functional aspects of IRLC, Dr. K. Ramesh, Scientist-F, Wildlife Institute of India, and Principal Investigator of the ILMP implementation project in GPL, made a detailed presentation on the DPR of IRLC and its functional modalities. The Council approved the DPR of IRLC.	Complied with.	-
2.3(A)	The Chairman sought clarification on ownership and execution modalities, including establishment in the form of a society and the planning of a national institute. He strongly advised that efforts should be made from the beginning to establish it as a National Institute, with an appropriate name reflecting the ideas and functions of the diverse components envisaged under ILMP, as well as national requirements. **(Action: MPFD and WII)**	Under the process by Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun.	Requested the WII Dehradun to make more efforts in this context.
2.3(B)	The Council also suggested extending ILMP activities to include planning for urban areas. The Chairman further recommended integrating local communities into the establishment and functioning of IRLC, for example,	These points shall be covered in the implementation of ILMP and in establishing IRLC at Panna by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun.	Shall be covered as per the decision

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<tr><td></td><td>by enabling Eco-Development Committees (EDCs) to recruit support staff. He noted that this would promote a sense of ownership, strengthen engagement and contribute to long-term community empowerment, which is an integral part of the Centre's vision. (Action: MPFD and WII)</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>2.3(C)</td><td>The Council expressed appreciation for the vision, design and proposed functioning of IRLC, noting that it should be developed as a self-sufficient model under the control of the national agency/ministry, as envisaged. (Action: WII, KBLPA, NWDA, MPFD and District Collector, Panna)</td><td>Under the process, the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun.</td><td>-</td></tr>
<tr><td>3</td><td>The Council expressed interest in the community-related recommendations under ILMP and suggested identifying small-tree and large-tree forest areas, referred to in the source as "Chote/Bade Jad ka Jungle", within GPL, considering their ecological value and potential role as wildlife corridors. The Chairman instructed District Collectors and Divisional Forest Officers to identify and incorporate such areas into their planning processes and integrate them into ILMP implementation. (Action: District Collectors/DFOs/MPFD)</td><td>The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Madhya Pradesh, has written to the concerned District Collectors through letters No. 2256 dated 09.03.2026 and No. 3145 dated 10.04.2026, seeking information on small-tree and large-tree forest areas. Information received from Panna, Damoh and Chhatarpur is as follows:
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<tr><th>District</th><th>Small-tree Forests (ha)</th><th>Large-tree Forests (ha)</th><th>Revenue Area (ha)</th></tr>
<tr><td>Panna</td><td>16528.195</td><td>2074.80</td><td>18602.995</td></tr>
<tr><td>Chhatarpur</td><td>1115.392</td><td>–</td><td>1115.392</td></tr>
<tr><td>Damoh</td><td>823.900</td><td>5954.47</td><td>6778.370</td></tr>
<tr><td>Total</td><td>18467.487</td><td>8029.27</td><td>26496.757</td></tr>
</table></td><td>Efforts should be made to get the information from other districts.</td></tr>
<tr><td>4</td><td>Dr. K. Ramesh, in his presentation, requested temporary allocation of the Hinouta Tourism Complex, situated in the core area and not being used for any commercial activities, for IRLC until the new building is constructed and operationalised. The Council advised the Forest Department, Madhya Pradesh, to consider the proposal favourably and take the necessary action at the earliest. (Action: WII/MPFD)</td><td>A request was made to allow the Wildlife Institute of India to use the Hinouta Eco-Tourism Centre until IRLC is constructed. However, the proposed building lies within the core area of Panna Tiger Reserve and is used for training and related activities. Accordingly, Panna Tiger Reserve has expressed its disagreement to hand over the Centre to the Wildlife Institute of India.</td><td>Discussed in the agenda no 3.6(1) and allowed to use as and when required for training.</td></tr>
<tr><td>5</td><td>The Council accepted the proposal to rename IRLC as the Integrated Centre for Landscape Management (ICLM). Necessary action shall be taken by all concerned. (Action: WII/KBLPA/MPFD)</td><td>Compliance is underway.</td><td>-</td></tr>
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6	Any Other Agenda: The Chairman emphasised the need for stronger engagement of the Additional Chief Secretary (Finance), Additional Chief Secretary (Water Resource), and Additional Chief Secretary (Panchayat and Rural Development) in future GPLC meetings, along with their counterparts from Uttar Pradesh, to ensure coordination, financial planning and timely release of funds. These officials should also be included in GPLC, and a proposal shall be sent to KBLPA for necessary action. **(Action: MPFD, UPFD, KBLPA and WII)**	Complied. The Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, New Delhi, issued an order dated 02.03.2026 to include the following members in GPLC: 1.ACS/PS Finance MP/UP 2. ACS/PS.Water Resources MP 3.ACS/PS. I&WRD UP 4.PS. Panchayat Raj UP 5.PS.RD UP	Complied

(Action: MS-GPLC, MPFD, WII, FD Panna Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India/KBLPA)

Agenda 3.2 – Non-forest land received in lieu of 6,017.00 ha of forest land affected by the Ken-Betwa Link Project

The Council was informed that the entire 6,017.00 ha of non-forest land (Government 4,783.190 ha and private 1,233.810 ha) received in lieu of the forest land diverted for the project has been notified as forest land. Of this, possession of 5,222.974 ha has been received by PTR, while 794.026 ha is yet to be handed over; the District Collectors of Panna, Damoh and Chhatarpur have been requested by PTR to get the land free from encroachment and handed over.

The district-wise status of the land notified in lieu of the affected forest land and its possession is as under:

S. No.	District	No. of villages	Government land (ha)	Private land (ha)	Notified area (ha)	Possession received (ha)	Balance to be taken in possession (ha)
1	Panna	10	912.366	694.129	1,606.500	1,593.020	13.480
2	Chhatarpur	12	3,207.763	539.677	3,747.440	3,164.133	583.307
3	Damoh	10	663.060	0.000	663.060	465.821	197.239
	Total	**32**	**4,783.190**	**1,233.810**	**6,017.000**	**5,222.974**	**794.026**

The Collector, Chhatarpur informed the Council that, of the land yet to be handed over in District Chhatarpur (583.203 ha), keeping in view the nistar requirements of the villagers, 313.00 ha of vacant land in villages Garda, Biharwara and Maharakhuwan has been identified in place of the land allotted earlier and mutated in favour of the Forest Department. However, possession of this land is yet to be handed over to Panna Tiger Reserve, and its notification is under process. Of the remaining 270.203 ha (583.203 – 313.000 ha) in District Chhatarpur, the Collector informed that 200 ha would be handed over within one month.

Decision: The Council took note of the land allotted by the Collector, Chhatarpur and directed that its possession be handed over to Panna Tiger Reserve and the process of its notification as forest land be expedited. The Collectors of Chhatarpur, Panna and Damoh shall ensure that the remaining land is free from encroachment and handed over to Panna Tiger Reserve at the earliest, and Panna Tiger Reserve shall take possession of the same without delay.

(Action: Collectors Chhatarpur, Panna and Damoh, Field Director PTR)

Agenda 3.3 – Approval of the Annual Plans of Operations (APOs) for the financial year 2026-27 for implementation of the ILMP

The Member Secretary, GPLC presented the Annual Plan of Operations (APO) of PTR for 2026-27 amounting to ₹49.21 crore. The component-wise details are as under:

S. No.	Component	APO submitted (₹ crore)
1	Component A – Tiger Conservation Strategies	28.48
2	Component B – Vulture Conservation Strategies	0.10
3	Component C – Crocodilian Conservation Strategies	0.65
4	Component D – Biodiversity Conservation Strategies	8.72
5	Component E – Community Engagement Strategies	9.13
6	Component F – Integrated Landscape Management Strategies	2.13
	Total	**49.21**

The Wildlife Institute of India presented its APO of ₹12.56 crore for research, monitoring, capacity development and ILMP implementation activities.

Decision: The Council approved the APO of PTR for 2026-27 amounting to ₹49.21 crore and the APO of the Wildlife Institute of India amounting to ₹12.56 crore. KBLPA shall release the funds accordingly.

(Action: Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India/KBLPA)

Agenda 3.4 – Release of the balance of ₹561.0779 crore out of 5% of the project cost by KBLPA

Condition No. 18 of the final approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 accorded by the MoEF&CC (Forest Conservation Division), Government of India vide letter No. 8-49/2016-FC dated 03.10.2023 provides that, as per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, 5% of the project cost corresponding to the project area falling inside the Protected Areas shall be paid by the user agency for the development of the concerned National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary, to be used exclusively for the conservation and administrative activities of the Panna Tiger Conservation Landscape. Against the required ₹782.8099 crore, KBLPA has deposited only ₹221.732 crore, and the balance of ₹561.0779 crore is pending despite letters No. 112 dated 05.01.2026 and No. 4915 dated 01.06.2026 of the PCCF (Wildlife).

As per the final approval of the MoEF&CC (Forest Conservation Division), Government of India, vide letter No. 8-49/2016-FC dated 03.10.2023, and the letter of the PCCF (Wildlife) No. 112 dated 05.01.2026, the details of the land to be used for the project are as under:

S. No.	Particulars	Area (ha)
1	Total forest/non-forest land to be used for the Ken-Betwa Link Project	11,984.00
2	Affected forest area (diverted for the project)	6,017.00
3	**Land falling within Panna Tiger Reserve**	**5,578.92**
	(a) Core area (Panna National Park)	4,206.50
	(b) Buffer area	1,372.42

The Council clarified that the project area includes the built-up area as well as the submergence area falling within the Protected Area, and that the 5% amount shall be computed on the project cost corresponding to this entire area falling inside the Protected Area, i.e. inside the Panna National Park (4,206.50 ha). CEO KBLPA has raised concern over the calculation of the project cost falling under the Protected Area

(Panna National Park)

Decision: CEO, KBLPA shall have meeting with PCCF (Wildlife) to clarify and verify the project cost corresponding to Protected Area as per Government of India, MOEF&CC letter dated 03-10-23 FCA Stage II.

(Action: CEO, KBLPA, FD Panna, MS-GPLC)

Agenda 3.5 – Release of funds by KBLPA as per the ILMP

The Council noted that the total requirement as per the ILMP is ₹3,186 crore, the agency-wise distribution of which is as under:

S. No.	Implementing agency	Amount (₹ crore)
1	Panna Tiger Reserve	767.00
2	Other Protected Areas	195.88
3	Forest Divisions	342.20
4	District Administration	868.48
5	Greater Panna Landscape Council & IRLC	1,012.44
	Total	**3,186.00**

In its 1st meeting held on 05.09.2023 (Agenda 1.2.1), the Council had in-principle approved the total budget outlay of ₹3,186 crore for implementation of the ILMP. As per the /No.N-67016 (15)/3/2022-BM Section / Government of India जल/ Ministry of Jal Shakti / D/o WR, RD & GR (BM Division) Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg New Delhi Dated 16.10.2023 the expenditure incurred in the implementation of ILMP activities in the PTR shall be borne by KBLPA and rest of the ILMP activities will be borne by concerned authorities of both the states.(Para 10 (i&ii) Accordingly, KBLPA is providing funds only for PTR and IRLC.

However, as per conditions 14, 16 and 40 of the final FCA approval dated 03.10.2023, the cost of implementation of the ILMP is to be borne by the user agency. Further, as per Recommendation No. 4 of the NTCA Office Memorandum F. No. 7-2/2016-NTCA dated 22.08.2016, the Landscape Management Plan (LMP), now the ILMP, shall be prepared by the NTCA and the Wildlife Institute of India with complete funding support by the user agency.

Decision: The Chairman directed that a letter shall be written to the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India and KBLPA for sanction and commitment of ₹3,186 crore for implementation of the ILMP.

(Action: MS-GPLC, MPFD, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India/KBLPA)

Agenda 3.6 – Other items with the permission of the Chairman

(1) IRLC/ICLM land The Collector, Panna, vide order No. 0093/A-20(3)/2023-24 dated 21.03.2024, allotted 9.00 ha of Government land, being part of Khasra No. 84/1 (area 57.354 ha), Mauza Panna, Patwari Halka No. 15, in the name of Panna Tiger Reserve (Forest Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh) for the IRLC. On demarcation of the allotted land on 15.03.2025, the total area was found to be 10.40 ha, of which 0.95 ha is found under revenue allotment dispute and 9.45 ha is available for the IRLC. Panna Tiger Reserve, vide letter No. 6865 dated 22.10.2026, has requested the Collector, Panna to hand over the 0.95 ha land to the IRLC. Dr. K. Ramesh, Scientist-F, Wildlife Institute of India requested that the land allocated for construction of the IRLC/ICLM be handed over. The Collector, Panna informed that the land would be handed soon after due process. After discussion, the following was decided:

(i) The land allocated to the Integrated Research and Learning Centre (IRLC), now named the Integrated Centre for Landscape Management (ICLM), shall be fully secured, including the remaining 0.95 hectare of land. As informed by the Collector, Panna, that the discrepancy being looked into by the revenue department and will be settled shortly as per the applicable rules. A small temporary building may be set up on the site by Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and, on that basis, the process of registration of the ICLM shall be initiated. A portion of the Hinauta facility may be used for training purposes of the ICLM/IRLC as and when required.

(Action: Collector Panna, Field Director PTR)

(ii) On the basis of the DPR, and with inputs from the technical experts involved in its preparation, the process of open tendering shall be initiated and the construction activities taken up accordingly.

(Action: Director, Wildlife Institute of India)

(2) Tiger Safari and Rescue Facility Center: The Council accorded in-principle approval to the proposal for the Tiger Safari and Rescue facility center to established at compartment no 300 beat Manor, Range Vishramganj, North Panna Division. The ILMP provides for the establishment of a

Controlled Population Management Facility for animals that may be potential conflict individuals; such animals may also serve local-level population management, reintroduction and tourism purposes. The ILMP also provides for State-of-the-art Conservation and Tourism Management facilities in the form of a Controlled Population Management Facility for tigers. The DPR of the Tiger Safari shall be prepared within three months, and funds for the preparation of the DPR shall be provided under the ILMP APO.

(Action: Field Director PTR, MPFD)

(3) Ken Gharial Sanctuary: Dr. K. Ramesh, Scientist-F, Wildlife Institute of India proposed the development of the Ken Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary. The Council decided that the Ken Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary shall be developed as a world-class, state-of-the-art Interpretation and Public Engagement Centre offering an immersive experience and nature walkways. It shall also include a Gharial nurturing and Breeding Centre. A DPR shall be prepared for this purpose and put up before this Council for approval.

(Action: Wildlife Institute of India, Field Director PTR, MPFD

(4) Next meeting: The Chairman directed that the next (4th) meeting of the GPLC be held in January 2027.

(Action: MS-GPLC)

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman and all the participants.

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Digitally Approved on Dated on 16.11.2026

(Ashok Barnwal)
Chief Secretary,
Government of Madhya Pradesh
& Chairman GPLC

Annexure-1

List of participants – 3rd meeting of the Greater Panna Landscape Council held on 02.11.2026

S. No.	Name and Designation	Role in GPLC	Attendance
1	Shri Ashok Barnwal, Chief Secretary, Government of Madhya Pradesh	Chairman	Physical
2	Shri Manish Rastogi, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh	Member	Physical
3	Smt. Deepali Rastogi, Additional Chief Secretary, Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh	Member	Physical
4	Shri Raghvendra Kumar Singh, Principal Secretary, Forest Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh	Member	Physical
5	Shri Shubhranjan Sen, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Madhya Pradesh	Member	Physical
6	Dr. Sameeta Rajora, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Madhya Pradesh	Member	Physical
7	Shri Nishant Warwade, Secretary, Farmers Welfare & Agriculture Development Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh	Member	Physical
8	Shri Prashant Kumar Dixit, Chief Executive Officer, Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority	Member	Physical
9	Shri Dilip Kumar, Commissioner, Sagar Division, Sagar	Member	Physical
10	Shri Vaibhav Mathur, Inspector General (Wildlife), MoEF&CC (for DGF & Special Secretary)	Member	Online
11	Shri Ramkumar, APCCF (Project Tiger), Lucknow; Shri H.V. Girish, CCF, Bundelkhand Zone, Jhansi; and Shri Mahaveer Koujalagi, CF, Jhansi (for Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttar Pradesh)	Member	Online
12	Shri Ravindra Chaudhary, Additional Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh (for ACS, WRD)	Member	Physical
13	Shri Naresh Singh Yadav, Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Chhatarpur	Member	Physical
14	Shri Anurag Kumar, Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Rewa	Member	Online
15	Shri Harsh Singh, Collector, District Panna	Member	Online
16	Shri Mrinal Meena, Collector, District Chhatarpur	Member	Online
17	Shri Sajid Sultan, Assistant Inspector General, NTCA (for Member Secretary, NTCA)	Member	Online
18	Dr. K. Ramesh, Scientist-F, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun (for Director, Wildlife Institute of India and for Officer In-charge, Integrated Research and Learning Centre, Panna)	Member	Online
19	Shri Beerendra Kumar Patel, Deputy Director, Panna Tiger Reserve	Member	Physical
20	Shri L. Krishnamoorthy, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal	Member Secretary	Physical

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