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1. श्री प्रशांत कुमार दीक्षित
मुख्य कार्यपालन अधिकारी,
केन-बेतवा लिंक परियोजना प्राधिकरण, जल संसाधन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली।
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3. क्षेत्र संचालक,
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विषय :- ग्रेटर पन्ना लैण्डस्केप काउंसिल (GPLC) की उपसमिति की बैठक दिनांक 17.10.2023 का कार्यवाही विवरण।

केन-बेतवा लिंक प्रोजेक्ट अंतर्गत Integrated Landscape Management Plan (ILMP) के क्रियान्वयन हेतु ग्रेटर पन्ना लैण्डस्केप काउंसिल (GPLC) की उपसमिति की बैठक दिनांक 17.10.2023 को आयोजित की गई थी। उक्त बैठक का कार्यवाही विवरण आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु संलग्न प्रेषित है। कृपया उक्त बैठक में लिये गये निर्णय अनुसार संबंधित एजेन्सी द्वारा आवश्यक कार्यवाही किये जाने हेतु अनुरोध है।
संलग्न :- उपरोक्तानुसार।


16.11.23

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Proceedings of Sub-Committee Meeting of Greater Panna Landscape Council (GPLC) held on 17th October 2023

Background: The **Integrated Landscape Management Plan (ILMP)** for Greater Panna Landscape, involving 11 Districts in the State of Madhya Pradesh (08 Districts) and Uttar Pradesh (03 Districts), has been prepared by **Wildlife Institute of India (WII)**, as per the direction of **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)**, Government of India.

Based on a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by Madhya Pradesh Forest Department, Uttar Pradesh Forest Department, National Water Development Agency, WII and NTCA, the ILMP is focused on various concerns raised by different agencies/ conservationists and has a timeline of 10-year period (2023/24 to 2032/33) with a total budget outlay of Rs. 3186 Crores. The ILMP has been approved by the Government of India. It is to be implemented under the guidance of the **Greater Panna Landscape Council (GPLC)** chaired by the Chief Secretary, Government of Madhya Pradesh. First meeting of GPLC was held on 05th September 2023 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary of Madhya Pradesh.

During the first meeting of GPLC, several decisions were taken regarding implementation of ILMP and establishment of Integrated Research and Learning Centre (IRLC), that will also serve as secretariat for GPLC. To move forward quickly, the GPLC also suggested a sub-committee involving Madhya Pradesh Forest Department, Ken Betwa Link Authority (KBLA) and WII. The sub-committee would coordinate with different stakeholders of the Greater Panna Landscape and look into the implementation of different aspects of this Integrated Landscape Management Plan(ILMP).

In this context, the GPLC Sub-committee meeting was convened on 17th October, 2023 (virtually). The meeting was attended by following representatives:

1. Shri Satyanand, APCCF (Wildlife), Madhya Pradesh Forest Department - Convener
2. Shri Prashant Kumar Dixit, CEO, Ken Bethwa Link Project Authority- Member
3. Dr. K. Ramesh, Scientist-F/Professor, Wildlife Institute of India- Member
4. Shri Brajendra Jha, Field Director, Panna Tiger Reserve- Member
5. Dr. Ashish Kumar Dash, ACEO (Environment RR & LA), KBLPA- Invitee
6. Shri P.K. Rathore, EE, KBLP- Invitee
7. Shri Amar Shri Nayak, Consultant, KBLPA- Invitee
8. Shri H.K. Pandey, Consultant, KBLPA- Invitee



Agenda: The following was the agenda for the meeting:

1. Initiation of ILMP implementation strategy and release of funds (i.e. 5 crores) for the financial year 2023-24 for priority activities.
2. Initiate IRLC establishment and other preliminary activities, as identified during the 1st meeting of GPLC.

Deliberations: The Convener (undersigned) provided the context and background, highlighting the decisions taken in the 1st meeting of the GPLC. He also informed that as per the decision of the GPLC, establishment of IRLC is a priority for effective implementation of ILMP. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) of IRLC is to be placed in the next council meeting.

Following these introductory remarks, Dr. K. Ramesh, Scientist-F, WII and Principal Investigator of the Panna Landscape Management Plan Project briefed on the IRLC strategies and presented immediate activities for 2023-24 period. He also indicated various administrative and manpower mechanism for IRLC but stressed that a dedicated DPR for IRLC would be required to bring better clarity and direction. Hence, qualified professions or firm may be hired to develop the DPR.

Shri Prashant Kumar Dixit, who recently joined as CEO of KBLPA appreciated the efforts made by the State Government and Wildlife Institute of India for preparing such a comprehensive IMLP. He also desired that the efforts to be implement the same be expedited, with whatever support that may be extended by KBLPA.

Dr. Ashish Kumar Dash, ACEO (Environment RR & LA), KBLPA, highlighted that the ILMP covers all conservation aspects and indicated that this may become a model project. It was also discussed that all the correspondence for funds or other matters related to ILMP and GPLC should be addressed to the Executive Engineer of KBLPA, Vishwaswariya Bhawan 2nd floor Link Road 3 Bhopal - 4620042.

Additionally, the KBLPA also pointed out that as per the stage II Forest Clearance condition no.16, it was mentioned that the "Implementation of the provision of ILMP in respect of Forest area will be deposited into the account of State CAMPA managed by the National Authority (CAMPA)". Establishment of IRLC in Panna District and other GPLC activities would not come under the purview of above condition. Hence, KBLPA can directly disburse funds required for IRLC to concerned agencies, as indicated by GPLC. Other funds required for implementation of ILMP may be deposited with State CAMPA fund and/or sourced from other agencies by stakeholders.

Actions/Approval: Based on the deliberations, the following decision(s)/recommendation(s) were taken by the sub-committee:



1. To start on-field execution of ILMP, KBLPA needs to release the 1st instalment of Rs. 05 Crore to Field Director, Panna Tiger Reserve as decided by the GPLC in its first meeting.
2. As immediate steps to implement ILMP and establishing IRLC, the following activities need to be taken up:
 - a. Preparation of Detailed Project Report(DPR) for IRLC needs to be steered by Wildlife Institute of India. This will have to be done by engaging qualified professionals/firms with estimated budget of **Rs.30.00 lakhs.**
 - b. Field Director, Panna Tiger Reserve needs to approach District Collector, Panna for land identification for IRLC in coordination with Dr. K. Ramesh, Wildlife Institute of India and get the identified land transferred to Forest Department.
 - c. IRLC would be managed by a Society comprising of representatives of various stakeholders and government. with FD, Panna TR as Member Secretary of the society. FD, Panna should prepare draft bye laws of the Society with the help of a professional.
 - d. ILMP and constitution of GPLC are unique for taking forward a balance approach of development and conservation. Hence, for taking inputs for effective implementation of ILMP, a national level experts consultations/workshop can be organized at Panna or Bhopal. This needs to be steered by Field Director, Panna Tiger Reserve and Wildlife Institute of India, with budget estimate of **Rs. 40 lakhs.**
 - e. ILMP also includes District Landscape Committee which has been approved by GPLC. Hence, to sensitize all the line agencies in the districts covered under the ILMP, series of workshop at district level needs to be organised with focus on explaining the ILMP and the follow-up actions needs to be considered in each district. This again needs to be steered by Field Director PTR and Wildlife Institute of India, with budget estimate of approx. **Rs. 220 lakhs.**
 - f. A documentary film on ILMP, elaborating the concept of Landscape level planning and management, as approved by GPLC, needs to be prepared under the guidance of Wildlife Institute of India in coordination with NWDA and FD, Panna. Madhya Pradesh Madhyam may be approached by Forest Department for a shorter version of the film with estimated budget of **Rs.10.00 Lakhs. (FD, Panna).**
 - g. Tiger, Vulture and Gharial are key species to be addressed under ILMP and a dedicated Toolkits have been prepared for these species. During the financial year 2023-24, preparatory activities for

implementation of ILMP for these species need to be initiated. This includes identification and implementation of priority actions/sites required for these activities. These are to be steered by FD, Panna Tiger Reserve, Wildlife Institute of India and other line agencies. FD, Panna should prepare species-wise action plan with budget estimates.

- h. There is a need to begin various activities under IRLC and hence, initial set of manpower needs to be engaged so that specific activities can be taken up seamlessly. This also includes manpower for MPFD and KBLPA Headquarters for coordination purpose. The budget estimate for this is **Rs. 60 lakhs** and to be hired by Wildlife Institute of India.
- i. There are various other activities and expenditure incurred for organising GPLC and other meetings, and also for coordination at the level of APCCF(WL) and hence, a miscellaneous budget provision of **Rs. 40 lakh** needs to be provided to MPFD HQ for the coordination purpose, including hiring of office assistant for the purpose.

In line with ILMP details and as approved by GPLC, the above listed activities are required to be taken up with immediate effect. Accordingly, NWDA/KBLPA is requested to release funds for the above purposes to the concerned agencies. This needs to be expedited to avoid further loss of time for ILMP implementation.

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