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**RE Division**  
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Dated: 1st March, 2017

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Sub: Reconstitution of Monitoring Committee under the Notification No. S.O. 133 (E) dated the 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2003 (Matheran Notification) declaring Matheran and surrounding region in the State of Maharashtra as Eco-sensitive Zone.**

In pursuance of the Notification S.O. No. 133 (E) dated the 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2003 (Matheran Notification) declaring Matheran and surrounding region in the State of Maharashtra as eco-sensitive zone, and under the provisions of sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) the Government of India, in the Ministry of Environment & Forest hereby reconstitutes the Monitoring Committee comprising of the following:-

1	Shri Wasudeo. G. Gorde, IAS, (Retd.) 603, Neelsagar, Bandra Reclamation, Bandra (West), Mumbai	Chairman
2	Representative of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Member
3	Representative of Central Pollution Control Board, New Delhi	Member
4	Representative of Department of Environment, Government of Maharashtra.	Member
5	Representative of Urban Development Department, Government of Maharashtra.	Member
6	Prof. Sanjay Deshmukh, Vice Chancellor, University of Mumbai, M.G. Road, Fort, Mumbai- 400 032	Member
7	Dr. Erach K Bharucha	Member

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	Director, Bharati Vidyapeeth Institute of Environment Education and Research, Katraj - Dhankawadi Campus, Pune - Satara Road, Pune 411 043	
8	Dr. Pallavi R Latkar Founder and Director, GRASSROOTS, 13, Castle House, Plot # 56, Sher-e-Punjab Housing Society, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400 093	Member
9	The District Collector, Raigad	Member Secretary

2. The terms of reference of the Monitoring Committee are as follows:-

(i) To ensure monitoring of compliance of the provisions of the (Matheran Notification) declaring Matheran and surrounding region in the State of Maharashtra as Eco-Sensitive Zone published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary Part II Section (3) Sub-Section (ii), S.O. No. 133 (E) dated 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2003.

(ii) To discharge the functions specifically enumerated in the Notification and do all things incidental thereto (except the functions as are required to be performed by the Central Government under the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification of 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 as amended from time to time).

3. The Committee or any officer or member of the Monitoring Committee authorized by the Committee shall file complaints under Section 19 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if offences under the said Act came to the notice of the Committee.

4. The orders/directions issued by Hon'ble NGT/Supreme Court/ High Court/District Court as the case may be from time to time w.r.t. Matheran Eco-sensitive zone shall be complied with by the State Government and the Monitoring Committee.

5. The tenure of the Committee is for a period of two years and can be subsequently extended by the Government of India, if necessary.

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6. The expenditure on the Monitoring Committee shall be met by the Government of Maharashtra.
7. The Monitoring Committee shall meet at least once in a month and dispose of its assignments within a period of 90 days.
8. The quorum for the Monitoring Committee shall not be less than five members including the Chairman.
9. TA/DA to the non-official members of the Committee shall be met by the Government of Maharashtra as per the State Government rules.

  
(Lalit Kapur)  
Advisor

**To,**

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai.
2. The Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.
3. The Secretary, Department of Forests, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400 032.
4. The Secretary, Department of Urban Development, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.
5. The Chairman and the Members of the Monitoring Committee.
6. Guard File.

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2. PPS to Secretary (EF&CC).
3. PPS to SS (SK).