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F. No. 8/9/2023-24/EI-SD
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Statistics Division)

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Date: November 4, 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Annual Report of the Ministry for 2024-25: Information/Inputs from all divisions.

The Annual Report 2024-25 of the Ministry is required to be submitted to the Departmentally Related Standing Committee and to both Houses of the Parliament.

2. Accordingly, all divisions and respective autonomous institutions, attached/subordinate offices of the Ministry are required to provide necessary complete write up pertaining to their areas of responsibility for the time period 1/1/2024 to date to be included in the Annual Report. In order to make the presentation effective, requisite good quality charts/maps/photographs/tables etc. may be supplemented with the information. A structure of the write-up is attached at Annexure-I.

3. The information should not be a repetition of the material provided in the previous years. Only those photographs/charts/tables etc. may be sent to this division which are clear, readable and replicable. Historic information may be avoided if not relevant to the current reference period. However, time series data including the reference period may be given in the form of table or graphs. Each Division/Organisation may restrict their material as per the number of words/photographs/charts mentioned in Annexure-II.

4. The write up and photographs/charts with the approval of the Head of the Division may be sent in soft copy to the undersigned to email id stats-moef@gov.in, positively by **November 8, 2024**. A hard copy of the material also may be forwarded. The approval of Divisional head may be specifically mentioned in the communication.

5. The text inputs are to be provided in **word format** only and pictures may be shared in jpeg or pdf format.

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*5/11/2024
Sr. Consultant (IT)*

Anchal Jain
(Anchal Jain)
Assistant Director

To,

1. All Divisional Heads of the MoEF&CC
2. Director (IT) for uploading on e-office portal of MoEF&CC

Copy for information to:

1. PSO to Secretary, EF&CC/ PSO to DGF, PPS to SS/PPS to chairman CPCB
2. PPS to AS(NPG)/ PPS to AS (AG), PPS to AS&FA / PPS to ADGF (FC)/ PPS to ADGF (WL)/ PPS to Sr. EA

Structure of the Write up for Annual Report

1. Name of the Division:

- a. Brief introduction, objectives and functions of the Division
- b. Important activities undertaken during the reference period (i.e. 1/1/2024-up-to date) (preferably in bullet points).
- c. Progress/Innovations for the reference period especially can be highlighted prominently.
- d. Important Cumulative achievements can be highlighted.
- e. Promulgation of new Acts/ Rules, if any, along with the details along with major amendments/deletions.
- f. Continuing committees/commissions-their work during the year and present position.
- g. Important Conferences organized in India or international conferences- nature of participation, subjects discussed, implementation-action taken.
- h. MEAs, Agreement with countries, international organizations, compliance.
- i. List of major publications brought out- brief purpose of each, wherever necessary.

2. (For each Scheme/Programme under the Division)

Name of the Scheme/Programme and its objectives: Input, Output and Outcome variables of the program may be specified

- j. Progress/Achievements both cumulative and for the reference period.

3. Autonomous bodies- appraisal of the functioning of each of the autonomous bodies/institutions in relations to their objectives.

4. Grant-in-aid released to Institutions/organisations including NGOs.

S. No.	Name of Organisation	Purpose	Total Amount Released	Status of third party evaluation	Remarks

Annexure-II						
S.No.	Section/Content Name	Max. No of Words	Max. No of Pictures			Max. No. of Graphs/table's /figure's
			Large	Medium	Small	Small
Mission LIFE						
1.1	Life Style for Environment	1200	2	5	10	1
1.2	Ek ped maa ke naam	800	1		2	1
1.3	Merilife Portal	500	0	1	3	0
1.4	Green Credit Program	300	0	0	2	1
Environment - Abatement of Pollution, Policy and Law						
2.1	Control of Pollution	3000	0	0	1	2
2.2	Central Pollution Control Board	1500	0	1	1	1
2.3	Hazardous Substances Management	2000	0	0	1	2
2.4	Policy and Law	150	0	0	0	0
2.5	National Green Tribunal (NGT)	250	0	0	0	0
2.6	Eco-labelling	100	0	0	0	0
Environmental Impact Assessment and Clearance						
3.1	Environmental Impact Assessment	1200	0	0	1	2
3.2	Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ)	700	0	1	1	1
Conservation - Biodiversity						
4.1	Biodiversity	1000	1	0	1	1
4.2	Biosafety	600	0	0	1	1
4.3	Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)	800	1	0	1	1
4.4	Botanical Survey of India (BSI)	1000	0	1	1	1
4.5	Assistance to Botanical Gardens	500	0	1	1	1

4.6	Biosphere Reserves	900	0	0	2	0
4.7	Eco-Sensitive Zone	500	0	0	0	2
Wetlands & Coastal Ecosystem						
5.1	National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Eco-System (NPCA)	1000	0	1	1	1
5.2	Sustainable Coastal Management (SCM)	500	1	0	1	2
5.2.3	NCSCM	800	0	1	1	1
Conservation-Forest						
6.1	Forest Conservation	500	0	1	1	1
6.2	Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA)	600	0	1	1	2
6.3	Forest Establishment	700	0	1	1	1
6.4	Forest Policy	800	1	0	1	1
6.5	Forest Protection	600	0	1	1	1
6.6	Survey and Utilization	2500	1	2	10	4
6.7	Forestry Research	5000	1	3	15	3
6.8	National Afforestation and Eco-development Board (NAEB)	500	0	0	0	0
6.9	National Green India Mission	350	0	0	0	2
Conservation-Wildlife						
7.1	Wildlife Conservation	1500	1	2	4	1
7.2	Wildlife Crime Control Bureau	800	0	0	1	1
7.3	Central Zoo Authority	300	0	1	1	1
7.4	Project Elephant	1000	1	1	1	1
7.5	Project Tiger/National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)	800	1	1	1	1
7.6	Wildlife Institute of India	1000	1	1	2	1
Climate Change						
8.1	Climate Change	1800	1	1	1	1

8.2	Ozone layer Protection	1200	0	2	2	1
8.3	United Nation Convention to Combat Desertification	400	1	2	2	1
International Cooperation						
9.1	International Cooperation	2500	1	4	5	1
9.2	Externally Aided Projects	450	0	1	1	1
Research						
10.1	Research in Environment	400	1	1	0	1
10.2	G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and Sustainable Development	1000	1	1	1	1
10.3	National Mission on Himalayan Studies	300	0	0	2	1
Environmental Information, Education and Awareness						
11.1	Environmental Education, Awareness and Training	500	1	1	1	1
11.2	National Museum of Natural History (NMNH)	500	1	0	0	0
11.3	Media Cell	150	1	0	0	1
11.4	Swachh aur Swastha Bharat Cell	500	1	0	0	0
11.5	Economic Division	1000	1	2	2	1
11.6	Statistics Division	800	0	0	1	3
11.7	Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Cell	150	0	0	1	1
Administration and Civil Construction						
12.1	Administration	500	0	1	1	1
12.2	Indian Forest Service (IFS) Cadre Management	600	0	1	1	1
12.3	Vigilance Division	350	0	1	1	1
12.4	Parliament Section	300	0	1	1	1

12.5	Information Technology and e-Governance	1500	0	1	0	1
12.6	Right to Information Cell (RTI)	120	0	1	1	1
12.7	General Administration (GA) Section	200	0	1	1	1
12.8	Public Grievance Cell	150	0	1	1	1
12.9	Implementation of Official Language Policy	400	0	1	1	1
12.10	Civil Construction Unit (CCU)	250	0	1	1	1
Development Monitoring & Evaluation ,Budget and Accounts						
13.1	Development monitoring & Evaluation Division	300	0	1	1	1
13.2	Budget and Accounts	700	0	1	1	1
Total		53,270	23	54	102	70

Note 1: The large photos are to be used as full size page breakers. It may be ensured that these photos may be specially selected to represent environment, wild life etc. with a positive message.

Photos with persons will not be used as page breakers.

Note 2: Divisions may send additional photographs/charts/graphs which will be included in the report subject to availability of space.

Graphical Representation of the Parliament Questions replied by the Ministry in 2023, during Budget and Monsoon Sessions, both in Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha is given below in Figure 'A' and Figure 'B':

1. Rajya Sabha:

Question	Budget Session	Monsoon Session	Special Session	Grand Total
Starred	16	15	No Question Hour	31
Unstarred	178	132	No Question Hour	310
Total	194	147	No Question Hour	341

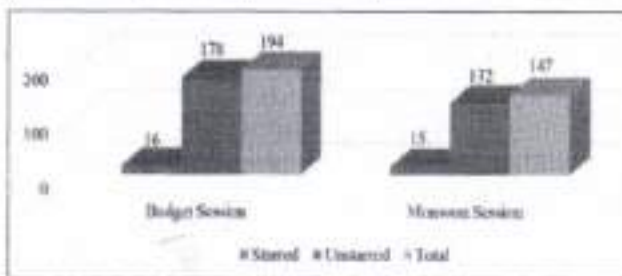


Figure 'A' Number of Questions replied by the MoEF&CC during Budget and Monsoon Sessions of Rajya Sabha during 2023

2. Lok Sabha:

Question	Budget Session	Monsoon Session	Special Session	Grand Total
Starred	14	12	No Question Hour	26
Unstarred	191	90	No Question Hour	281
Total	205	102	No Question Hour	307

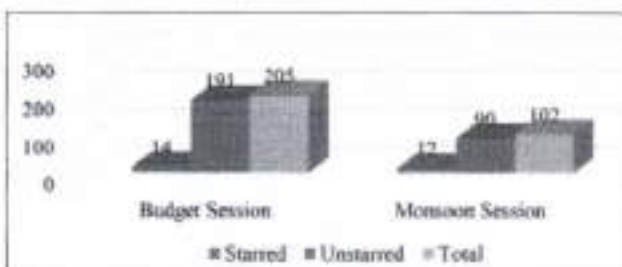


Figure 'B' Number of Questions replied by the MoEF&CC during Budget and Monsoon Sessions of Lok Sabha during 2023

II. Parliamentary Standing Committee and Consultative Committee Meetings:

Parliament Division, during the year 2023, as on 16.11.2023, has coordinated three meetings of the Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science & Technology, Environment, Forest & Climate Change and three meetings of Consultative Committee of the Ministry where following subjects were discussed:

1. Challenges and approaches for sustainable development of National Parks, Sanctuaries, Biosphere Reserves and protection of Marine Bio-diversity
2. Demands for Grants (2023-24)
3. Environment and Public Health: Steps to be taken

The subject matters of three Consultative Committee meetings were: -

1. Project Cheetah
2. 75 @ 75 Ramsar Sites
3. Project Dolphin

13.5 Information Technology and e-Governance:

Government working is based on intensive knowledge and information sharing. Effective communication and sound Information and Communication Technology (ICT) go hand in hand. For speedy implementation and monitoring of various programmes/ schemes and to make most of ICT to secure efficiency in working, Ministry has embarked up on a comprehensive exercise to implement various e-Governance activities/ projects.

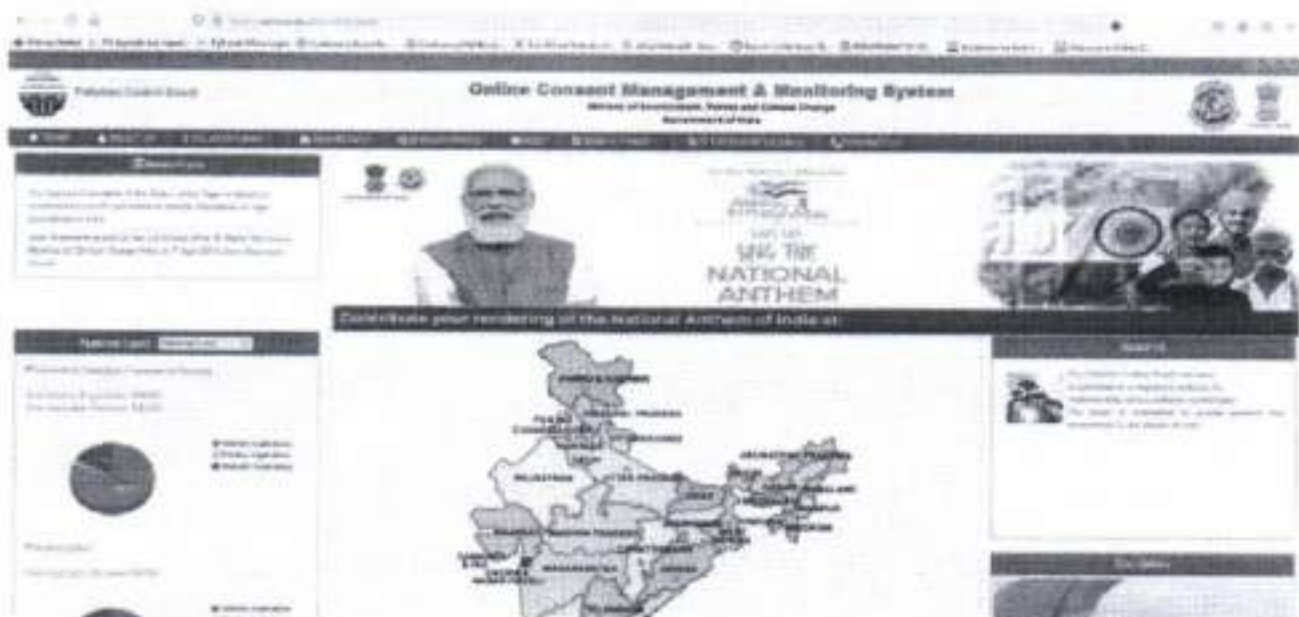
- Handled IT Related Services in G20 Meetings at Bengaluru, Gandhi Nagar, Mumbai and Chennai.
- Continued the Management of Wi-Fi System at Indira Paryavaran Bhawan including addition/ deletion of users, configuration in mobile phones, and installation of certificates in iPhones.
- Continued the Management of Budget Expenditure Management System for IFD, PAO, B&A, PC and other Divisions.
- Continued the Management of Online Stationary Request Management System for submitting the request for stationary.
- Continued the Management of Smart Performance Appraisal Report Recording Online Window (SPARROW) for online submission of APAR of Scientists, IAS, IFS, IES, ISS, IPS, CSS & CSSS Officers.
- Continued the Management of Website of the Ministry.
- Continued the Management of Internship,

eSamikSha, PRAYAS, eVisitor and various other portals in the Ministry.

- Assisted for development of Meri LIFE Website and also provided online training on Meri LIFE Portal to all Nodal Ministries, Central and State Government departments, Schools and other organisations.
- Examination of all policy issues pertaining to Information Technology.

Online Consent Management & Monitoring System

System: Online Consent Management & Monitoring System (OCMMS) developed for State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/ Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) to automate the existing workflow which allows the industries for the online submission of application for Consent to Establish (CTE)/ Consent to Operate (CTO), authorization for various categories of Industries/ Institutions/ Hotels/ Hospitals. This system helps the officials of SPCB for online processing of industries application for CTE/CTO, Authorization as well as monitoring of various activities of SPCBs/PCCs.



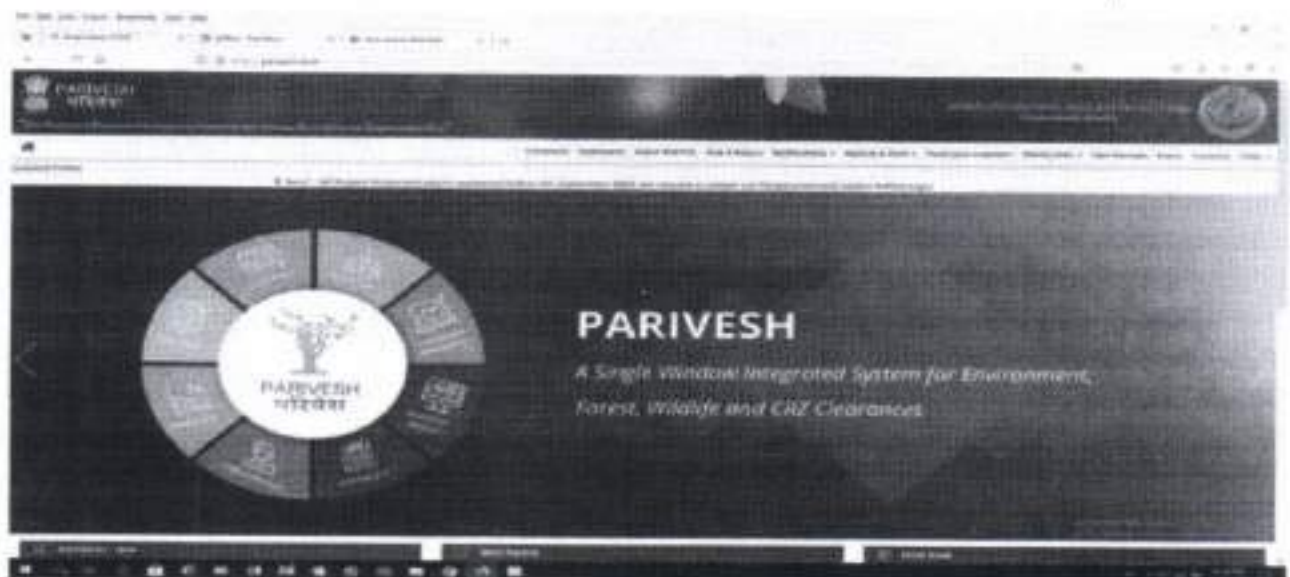
OCMMS has been implemented in 26 States/UTs viz. Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Chandigarh, Daman & Diu, Haryana, Jharkhand, Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala, Meghalaya, Odisha, Punjab, Puducherry, Telangana, Tripura, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Sikkim, Delhi, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Assam, Uttarakhand, West Bengal and Andaman & Nicobar. The OCMMS is integrated with DIPP/ State Government Single Window System for Sixteen (16) States/UTs viz. Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Kerala, Odisha, Puducherry, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The mobile version of OCMMS is implemented in Twelve (12) States/UTs viz. Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chandigarh, Delhi, Haryana, Jharkhand, Kerala, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh and Himachal Pradesh the same are made available under Play Store. The mobile app for Public Grievance System has been developed for the 5 States/UTs of Bihar, Chandigarh, Delhi, Jharkhand and Punjab.

PARIVESH: In pursuant to the spirit of 'Digital India' initiated by Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and capturing the essence of Minimum Government and Maximum

Governance, a Single-Window Integrated Environmental Management System named PARIVESH (Pro-Active and Responsive facilitation by Interactive, Virtuous and Environmental Single window Hub) has been launched by Ministry in August 2018.

Based on the concept of web architecture, a workflow based application has been rolled out for online submission, monitoring and management of proposals submitted by Project Proponents to the MOEF&CC, Government of India as well as to the State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authorities (SEIAA) to seek various types of clearances (e.g. Environment, Forest, Wildlife and Coastal Regulation Zone Clearances) from Central, State and district-level authorities. It automates the entire process of submitting the application and tracking the status of such proposals at each stage of the processing. This system has been designed, developed and hosted on cloud environment by NIC, New Delhi.

This web-based application is unique amongst all such portals of regulatory agencies. After the introduction of e-communication in the first phase, this is the second phase of reforms towards e-Governance in its real spirit.



Enhancements and revamp of PARIVESH, to meet the evolving needs of the Ministry and the stakeholders has been in progress:

Objectives of PARIVESH:

- Enhance efficiency, transparency, and accountability in the Environment, Forest, Wildlife and CRZ clearance processes.
- Sound and informed decision-making
- Enhance responsiveness through workflows automation
- Real time information about the status of applications with alerts at each of the stages through SMS and email
- Efficient and expeditious processing and decision-making leading to reduction in turnaround time
- Standardization in processing and decision-making across the states / UTs
- Enhance ease and convenience of citizens and businesses in accessing information and services
- Real-time monitoring and adherence to timelines for verification
- User-friendly and environmentally sustainable application processes
- Improve environmental monitoring and compliances
- Leading to the era of Mobile Governance with maximum transparency
- KYC Authentication for Existing proponent
- Unique-id for all types of clearances required for a particular project
- Single Window interface for the proponent to submit applications for getting all types of clearances (i.e. Environment, Forests, Wildlife and CRZ clearances)
- Helps the user to apply, view, track, interact and respond to the queries whenever he wants and wherever he is through web-based system. No physical interaction with the officers
- Facility to download the e-signed approval letter
- Supplemented by mobile app "PARIVESH" for Android and iOS based smart phones. The status of the application, replies to queries, agenda & minutes of meetings, approval letters can also be accessed/downloaded anytime on a smart phone through this App
- Dashboard for accessing various analytical reports including charts/ graphs indicating pendency of information, time taken by processing authorities at each level, etc.
- SMS and email alerts at all levels of application processing
- Facility for uploading the compliance reports for clearances. Facility for uploading of geo-tagged images on GIS maps
- Alerts through SMS and emails in case of non-compliances. This will help ensuring timely compliance of clearance conditions
- Improved public image through improved environmental compliances

Benefits:

a. For Project Proponent/User Agency:

- Single registration using NSDL PAN services and single sign-in for all types of clearances (i.e. Environment, Forest, Wildlife and CRZ)



- Form Rationalization - Elimination of duplicate and erroneous entries and Reduce effort for validation of same information at multiple points
 - Know Your Approval and DSS module has been launched
 - Standardization of Agenda & MoM templates - Time reduction in Agenda & MoM finalization and thus in clearance
 - Change in registration process of applicants - Ability to map multiple projects to a unique business entity
 - Enhancement has been done in all Forms
 - Integration of PARIVESH with NSWS is in progress
- b. For Processing Authorities:**
- A Single Window System for Central, State and District level clearances
 - Auto generation of agenda (based on first come first served principle), minutes of the meetings and online generation of approval letters through digital signatures/ e-Sign by competent authorities resulting in ease and uniformity in processing of clearance applications
 - Accessing of information about the pendency and timeline fulfilments of various applications under consideration
 - Online submission and monitoring of compliance reports including geo-tagged images of the site by regulatory body / inspecting officers even through the Mobile App for enhanced compliance monitoring
 - Integration with single window clearance systems launched by DIPP and various other state governments
- Processing of files through mobile app will facilitate for expeditious decision-making
 - Geographic Information System (GIS) interface for the Appraisal Committee, to help them in analysing the proposal efficiently
 - Dashboard for providing various analytical reports. Help in self-assessment and improved performance
 - Efficient and real time review of pendency by higher authorities with facility to review the performance of the processing officers
 - Automatic alerts (via SMS and emails) at important stages to the concerned officers, committee members and higher authorities to check the delays, if any
 - Automatic alerts in case of non-compliances for clearance conditions – would result into enhanced compliance leading to sustainable development
 - Improved public image – from merely a regulator to more of a facilitator
 - Enhanced system generated Agenda for EC has been developed and made live
 - New authority process workflow for FC has been made
- c. For Citizens:**
- Enhance ease and convenience of citizens and businesses in accessing information and services
 - Availability of details of each project in public domain
 - Access to various technical and impact assessment reports, approval letters, etc. through web portal as well as through mobile app

- Timeline for each stage is available in the public domain to bring in transparency and accountability in the system
- Data base sharing will facilitate in research and development activities
- Improved compliance, better environmental quality
- Integration with Green Skill Development Programme-search engine for Green jobs
- Know Your Approval (KYA) & Decision Support System (DSS) module to get better understanding of approvals required

Modules of PARIVESH:

- Online Registration of Proponent/User Agency
- Workflow / file processing and approval management
- E-File Noting
- Alerts & Notification (SMS and email)
- GIS based Appraisal and Geo-tagging
- Compliance Monitoring for project proponents and regulatory authorities
- Analytical Reports
- Online Agenda Management
- Online Minutes of Meeting
- Query Module for Essential/Additional Details Sought (EDS/ADS)
- Generation of Approval letters for TOR/EC/FC/Wildlife/CRZ clearances
- Dashboard for project proponents, processing authorities and citizens
- E-Green skilled jobs
- Audit Trail

- FAQ
- KYA & DSS

Android and iOS based Mobile Application "PARIVESH": The web portal is supplemented by Android and iOS based mobile application named "PARIVESH" to facilitate the user Agencies/ Project Proponents to easily track and view the current status of their proposals, reply the queries of processing authorities, accessing the agenda and minutes of the appraisal meetings as well as accessing to the clearance letters, etc. at their palm.

This app also helps in compliance monitoring by the processing authorities, which can be done by uploading geo-tagged images of the location of the project which would help in appraisal process.

13.6 Right to Information Cell (RTI)

As per the RTI-MIS portal, during a period from 01.01.2023 to 10.12.2023, MoEF&CC has received 3035 RTI applications out of which 2948 applications were disposed of and 280 RTI appeals were received out of which 264 appeals were disposed of under RTI Act, 2005 during the year 2023-24.

The Ministry has 86 Central Public Information Officers (CPIO) and 67 First Appellate Authorities (FAA) to dispose of the above RTI's.

Both online and offline applications/ appeals that are received in the Ministry as well as in the designated counter at MoEF&CC, IPB, New Delhi are regularly updated and up-linked and forwarded to the respective CPIO/FAA based on the subject matter.

The CPIOs and FAAs have been designated for effective implementation of the RTI Act, 2005. The notifications designating CPIOs/ FAAs are revised periodically as and when there are