

CENTRAL EMPOWERED COMMITTEE

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To

The Chief Secretary,
Government of Uttar Pradesh,
Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Subject: Record of Discussions of the meeting taken by CEC on 20.02.2025 in App. No. 1600 of 2025 filed by Gaurav Kumar Bansal, Advocate Illegal encroachments and constructions on forest land along the Ayodhya — Lucknow Expressway - regd.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith the copy of the Record of Discussions of the meeting taken by the CEC on 20th February, 2025 on the above subject for information and necessary action.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,



**(Banumathi. G)
Member Secretary**

Copy to:

- i. The Secretary, MoEFCC, Jor Bagh, New Delhi.
- ii. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.
- iii. Sh. Gaurav Kumar Bansal, Advocate for Applicants in Application No. 1600 of 2025.
- iv. Sh. A.D.N. Rao, Supreme Court, Senior Advocate and Amicus Curiae.
- v. Shri K. Parmeshwar, Senior Advocate and Amicus Curiae
- vi. Sh. Siddhartha Chowdhury, Supreme Court Advocate and Amicus Curiae.
- vii. The Applicant through their Advocate on Record.
- viii. All members of the CEC.

RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS OF THE MEETING TAKEN BY THE CEC ON 20TH FEBRUARY, 2024 IN APPLICATION NO. 1600 OF 2025 FILED BY SHRI GAURAV KUMAR BANSAL, LD. ADVOCATE – REGARDING THE ONGOING LARGE-SCALE ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION ALONG THE AYODHYA-LUCKNOW EXPRESSWAY DUE TO ILLEGAL ENCROACHMENTS AND CONSTRUCTIONS ON PROTECTED FOREST LAND.

The meeting of the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) was held on 20th February, 2025. The list of participants is at **ANNEXURE**.

2. Shri Gaurav Kumar Bansal, Ld. Advocate appeared and gave a brief background in the matter at hand.
3. Shri Akash Deepbadhawan, Divisional Forest Officer, appeared on behalf of the Forest Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh and submitted their views in the matter at hand.
4. No one from the MoEFCC was present during the meeting.
5. In the light of foregoing, the CEC directed the Forest Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh to provide the following information:
 - i. all the details of all such violations in the District Barabanki.
 - ii. Details of the actions taken by the Forest Department in such violations.
 - iii. to check with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) whether the NOC had been obtained from the Forest Department.
 - iv. any other information related to the matter at hand.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair and the participants.




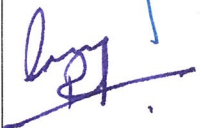
(Banumathi. G)
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ANNEXURE

CENTRAL EMPOWERED COMMITTEE

The meeting will be held on 20th February 2025 in Application No. 1600 of 2024 – Illegal encroachments and constructions on forest land along the Ayodhya-Lucknow Expressway

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