

PARIVESH - A Single Window Hub for Environment Management

PARIVESH is a Single-Window Integrated Environmental Management System, developed in pursuance of the spirit of Digital India initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and capturing the essence of Minimum Government and Maximum Governance.

It was launched by the Indian Prime Minister on the occasion of World Biofuel Day and is developed by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, along with the technical assistance of the National Informatics Centre, (NIC).

The table given below mentions the key aspects of the window hub:

PARIVESH Full Form	Pro-Active and Responsive facilitation by Interactive, Virtuous and Environmental Single-window Hub
Official Website	https://parivesh.nic.in/
Nodal Ministry	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)
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Union Minister for MoEFCC (in August 2018)	Dr Harsh Vardhan

PARIVESH - Key Features

- PARIVESH is a web-based, role-based workflow application that has been developed for online submission and monitoring of the proposals submitted by the proponents for seeking Environment, Forest, Wildlife and CRZ Clearances from Central, State and district level authorities
- It is a step towards the vision of improving E-Governance and enhancing Ease of Doing Responsible Business
- The main highlights of this environmental single window hub include:
 - Single registration
 - Single sign-on for all types of clearances (i.e. Environment, Forest, Wildlife and CRZ)
 - A unique-ID for all types of clearances required for a particular project
 - A Single Window interface for the proponent to submit applications for getting clearances
- The portal offers a framework to generate economic growth and strengthens Sustainable Development through E-Governance and helps in improving the overall efficiency and performance of the appraisal process

Significance of PARIVESH

- Tracking of proposals which includes online submission of a new proposal, editing/updating the details of proposals and the display of status for the respective proposals at each stage of the workflow can be easily monitored using this management system
- The facility of Geographic Information System (GIS) interface for the Appraisal Committee will help them in analyzing the proposal efficiently
- Automatic alerts (via SMS and emails) at important stages to the concerned officers, committee members and higher authorities to check the delays, if any
- It enables project proponents, citizens to view, track and interact with scrutiny officers; generate online clearance letters, online mailers and alerts to state functionaries in case of delays beyond stipulated time for processing of applications

Acts Related to Environment, Forest & Wildlife Clearance

- The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, amended in 1991
- The Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016
- National Green Tribunal Act, 2010
- Forest (Conservation) Amendment Act, 1988
- Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
- The Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Act, 2006
- The Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Act, 2002
- The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, as amended in 1993

About the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)

- It is the nodal agency of the Central Government that is responsible for planning, promotion, co-ordination and overseeing the implementation of policies and programmes which are environment and forest-related
- MoEFCC's key objectives include:
 - Surveying and conserving the flora and fauna
 - Promoting Afforestation
 - Protecting the environment and ensuring the welfare of animals
- Conservation of the country's natural resources including water bodies, biodiversity, forest, wildlife, and the prevention and abatement of pollution are the main functions which are performed by this Ministry