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- a) Explain the initial proposal for CWH to the affected people and communities so that they may give their informed opinion on the proposal to the committee.
- a. Explain the need for the declaration of the areas as CWH.
- c. Solicit opinion of the forest dwellers regarding the boundaries of the CWH. Genuine and scientifically relevant, traditional knowledge should be incorporated for deciding the boundaries of the CWH.
- d. Inform the affected individuals and communities that the determination and notification of the area as CWH will not in any way affect their rights, and that any modification or resettlement of their rights can be effected only with the written consent of the Gram Sabha.
- e. Inform the affected individuals and communities of the complete details of all options under the resettlement and rehabilitation schemes that are currently being offered by the Government.
- f. Solicit the opinions of the affected individuals and communities on resettlement, and any particular demands and claims that they may have in this regard, or which would get them to consider resettlement favourably.
- g. Solicit the opinions of the affected individuals and communities on any rights or permitted activities which they are willing to forgo in the interest of wildlife conservation, and the compensation and reparation that they are prepared to accept in lieu of these rights or activities.
- h) Discuss the issues of human-wildlife conflict, and decreasing viability of land holdings with increasing family size, since no additional rights will be provided after this settlement.

Processes outlined in sub-paragraph 5.2 shall be completed within a period of 6 months from the date of the constitution of the EC. Summary of proceedings of the consultative process together with the conclusions arrived at should form part of the proposal from the EC to the Chief Wildlife Warden.

### 5.3. Proposal of the Expert Committee

5.3.1. Based on the scientific determination of CWH, details of record of rights of forest dwellers within the CWH and the information gathered by the Expert Committee during the consultation process, each Expert Committee shall prepare a proposal for the CWH. The proposal should invariably be accompanied by a map, preferably on 1:50,000 scale, of the area finally identified and proposed as CWH by the Expert Committee. The proposal should also be adequately supported by facts and figures of the topography, geology and ecology of the area, including photographic evidence. The proposal should also be supported by the documentation relating to the consultation process, i.e., the