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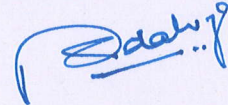
Sub: Processing of Stage 2 approval for Railway Doubling Projects
Ref: 1.Proposal No: FP/GA/RAIL/22041/2016
2. Proposal No: FP/GA/RAIL/2865
3. Proposal No: FP/GA/RAIL/28665/2017
4. MoEF & CC Integrated Regional Office letter no. F.No. 4 GOC 1206/
2019/BAN/1614 dt 21stMarch 2022

In connection with Tinaighat-Vasco doubling, three proposals have been uploaded on PARIVESH portal for the section passing through Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary in the state of Goa in accordance with the Forest Conservation Act 1980 & Wildlife Protection Act 1972. Stage-I clearance in respect of these three proposals was received on 04th Feb 2021 and thereafter all the three proposals were submitted with IRO, Bangalore for according Stage-II approval.

However, all the three proposals have been returned by IRO, Bangalore to Govt of Goa with the remark that there is a petition filed in Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka by RVNL wherein Karnataka Govt's remarks have been sought for.

In this regard, it is clarified that W.P. No. 20818/2021 has been filed by RVNL challenging the order dated 06.05.2021 of DCF Haliyal for withholding permission for felling of trees within Railway owned land, even after receiving of Stage-1 clearance and complying to the conditions put forth by all concerned agency and institution, by the user agency.

In this regard, it is understood that MOEF has issued clarification that till such time there is no stay granted by any competent Court/Tribunal, IRO is empowered to take necessary action in the matter as per ACT/Rule to issue stage-II approval. Accordingly, it is requested to further process all the three proposals to IRO of MoEF & CC for processing necessary Stage- II clearance.



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