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To,

Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),
Government of Punjab,
Civil Secretariat, Sector-9
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Sub: Diversion of 21.16 ha (10.68 ha in Bathinda division + 7.75 ha in Ferozepur division + 2.73 ha in Jalandhar division) of forest land in favour of Project Director, NHAI, PIU Bathinda for development of access controlled Amritsar-Bathinda Green Field Highway starting from Delhi-Amritsar Expressway near Sultanpur Lodhi (Village Tiba) and terminate at Bathinda (near sangat Kalan) as a part of Amritsar-Jamnagar Economic Corridor under Bharatmala Pariyojana, under forest division and District Bathinda, Ferozepur and Jalandhar, Punjab. (Online proposal No. FP/PB/Road/55470/2020)-regarding

Ref: (i) State Government online proposal received on dated 10.03.2022
(ii) State Government online reply received on dated 29.03.2022
(iii) Minutes of the 48th meeting of REC held on 01.04.2022

Sir,

Please refer to the above cited subject and letters seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose in accordance with section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government and recommendation of the REC, in-principle approval is hereby conveyed for diversion of **21.16** hectares of forest land for the above mentioned project, subject to the following conditions:-

A. Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department.

- i) Cost of compensatory afforestation as per CA scheme may be realized from the user agency.
- ii) Cost of Addl. compensatory afforestation as per ACA scheme may be realized from the user agency.
- iii) Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted for non-forestry purpose may be realized from the user agency, as per Ministry's directions issued vide letters No. 5-3/2011-FC (vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India's Order dated 30th October 2002, 28th March, 2008, 24th April, 2008 and 9th May 2008;
- iv) As per the orders of the Government of India vide letter No. 5-2/2010-CAMPA 24.06.2011, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land and all other CA levies shall be deposited

through web portal of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change www.parivesh.nic.in.

- v) User agency should ensure that the compensatory levies (CA cost, NPV, etc.) are deposited through challan generated online on web portal and deposited in appropriate bank only. Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.
- vi) The Divisional Forest Officer shall furnish undertaking that the approved CA site(s) will not be changed without the approval of competent authority.
- vii) The CEO State CAMPA shall furnish undertaking that the funds under State CAMPA will be released to Divisional Forest Officer as per approved CA scheme.
- viii) User Agency shall ensure that no other proposal in the division, for which Stage-I has already been granted in the past, is still pending for compliance of conditions of Stage-I approval. An Undertaking to this effect that "no such proposal for compliance of conditions of Stage-I approval is pending with this division" be submitted. Compliance of the same will be mandatory for the final clearance of this proposal by this office.
- ix) Original copy of FRA certificate to be submitted.
- x) Revised Compensatory Afforestation Scheme has to be submitted including norms of plantation and choice of species along railway lines for the CA sites proposed along railway lines.
- xi) NOC from Irrigation department to be submitted.

(B) Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:

- i. Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged;
- ii. Efforts should be made to fell minimum number of trees not to exceed **3543 trees** (1025 in Ferozpur + 2181 in Bathinda + 337 in Jalandhar) & **3881 plants** (1500 in Ferozpur + 2236 in Bathinda + 145 in Jalandhar);
- iii. The State Government shall upload the KML files of the degraded forest area accepted for raising compensatory afforestation in the E-Green watch portal of FSI, before handing over of forest land to the user agency;
- iv. The trees should be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- v. The CEO, State CAMPA Authority shall ensure release of funds under CAMPA to the DFO for raising CA plantation as per CA scheme approved by this office;
- vi. The DFO shall ensure taking up CA plantations at approved CA sites and shall not after the approved sites without obtaining the permission of the competent authority;
- vii. The CA will be carried out over 15.5 ha (**Ferozpur** – Elahiva Distributory RD 24 to Churchak Salian Kacha Pull L/s - **8 ha** and Chak Salian Comp No.10, Range Ferozpur – **9.1 ha** and 21.36 ha on (**Bathinda** – Ludhiana-Ferozpur Railway Line Km. 89.5 to 100 B/s – **21.36** and 5.46 ha (**Jalandhar** – Beas Dhussi Bandh RD 50-79 R/s, Kapurthala Range – **3 ha** and Outfall Drain from Village Jamsher Khas to Village Dhina L/s Jalalabad Range – **3.06** ha) on forest land as per the CA scheme and the funds will be provided by the user agency. The plantation will be done within one year from the date of issue of the approval;

- viii. The ACA will be carried out over 6 ha (**Ferozpur** – Jalalabad Distry. RD 26-45 Both side, Range Ferozpur – 6 ha, 8.944 ha on (**Bathinda** – Bathinda – Abohar Railway Line Km 3 to 4 L/s Bathinda Range – 8.944 ha) and 0.58 ha (**Jalandhar** – Outfall Drain from Village Jamsher Khas to Village Dhina L/s – 0.58 ha) on forest land as per the ACA scheme and the funds will be provided by the user agency. The plantation will be done within one year from the date of issue of the approval;
- ix. The forest land will not be used for any other purpose than that mentioned in the proposal;
- x. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without approval of the Central Government;
- xi. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- xii. The user agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road at the project cost as per IRC specifications with maintenance of seven to ten years;
- xiii. No damage will be done to the adjoining forest land;
- xiv. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
- xv. The user agency shall pay additional amount of NPV as and when increased on the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court;
- xvi. The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- xvii. Any other condition that this Regional Office may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and
- xviii. It will be the responsibility of the State Government/User Agency to obtain all other prior approvals/clearances under all other relevant Acts/Rules/ Court's Rulings/instructions, etc., including environmental clearance, as applicable to this proposal.

3. After receipt of the compliance report on fulfillment of the conditions under para-2, above, final approval order shall be given under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The use of forestland will not be allowed till final approval is accorded.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(C.D. Singh)
Regional Officer,
IRO, MoEF&CC, Chandigarh

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