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To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Goa,
Secretariat Annexe, Secretariat,
Porvorim, Goa -403 521.

Subject: Diversion of 32.085 ha of Forest land for widening of four laning of existing Goa/Karnataka Border (Anmod to Mollem Section) NH-4A from km 84.133 to km 97.000 in the State of Goa in North & Wildlife & Eco-Tourism (North) Goa Division in favour of Executive Engineer, Public Work Department, WD-XV(NH), Ponda, Goa. -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. 6-862-2020-21-FD/36 dated 20.04.2020, letter No.6-863-2020-21-FD/5319 dated 03/02/2021 and letter No.6-868-2021-22-FD/1850 dated 29.07.2021 seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section'2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above project.

After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government, **in-principle approval /Stage-I clearance** of the Central Government is hereby granted for diversion 32.085 ha (31.015 ha in Wildlife North Division and 1.07 ha in North Goa Division) of forest land for widening of four laning of existing Goa/Karnataka Border (Anmod to Mollem Section) NH-4A from km 84.133 to km 97.000 in the State of Goa in North & Wildlife & Eco-Tourism (North) Goa Division in favour of Executive Engineer, Public Work Department, WD-XV(NH), Ponda, Goa, subject to the following conditions:-

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

1. The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02. 2009. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into CAMPA account of the State Concerned.
2. The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the Compensatory Afforestation over double the extent of degraded forest land in the State of Karnataka at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal.

