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To

The Secretary (Forests), Government of Goa, Secretariat Annexe, Junta House, 3rd Floor, Panaji (Goa)

Subject:

Diversion of 0.9261 ha. of forest land for Development of Freedom Fighters Memorial at Patradevi and Areas surrounding the Memorial –Phase I, North Goa, Goa -reg.

Sir.

Please refer to the Dy. Conservator of Forests, Monitoring & Evaluation, Forest Department, Government of Goa's letter No.6-871-2017-18-FD/3376 dated 28/09/2017 and No.6-871-2017-18-FD/5057 dated 01/01/2018 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal, I am directed to convey Central Government's approval in-principle **(Stage-I)** under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.9261 ha. of forest land for Development of Freedom Fighters Memorial at Patradevi and Areas surrounding the Memorial –Phase I, North Goa, Goa, for a period of 20 years, subject to the following conditions:-

- 1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency, before Stage-II approval.
- 3. The cost of raising plantation of ten times the number of trees to be felled shall be realised from the user agency.
- 4. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 0.9261 ha. from User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.

- Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- 6. User Agency should ensure that the compensatory levies are deposited through challan generated online on web portal and deposited in appropriate bank online only. Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage –I clearance.
- 7. Necessary certificates/documents under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 as per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment & Forests vide letter No.11-9/1998-FC (Pt) dated 05.07.2013 shall be furnished before Stage-II clearance.
- 8. The proposed forest land shall not be used for any commercial activities and parking facility.
- 9. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.9261 ha.
- 10. Any other condition that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and public convenience, shall also be applicable.
- 11. Violation of any of the conditions shall invite penal action, as deemed fit by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore.

After receipt of the compliance report on the above conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years and the forest land shall not be transferred to the User Agency prior to the issue of final approval.

Yours sincerely,

(R. Padmawathe)

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

- 1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi 110 003.
- 2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Department, Government of Goa, Panaji (GOA), PIN- 403001.

- 3. The Deputy Conservator of Forests (Monitoring & Evaluation)/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Department, Government of Goa, Panaji (GOA), PIN- 403001.
- 4. The Manager, Goa State Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd, 1st Floor, Spaces Building, EDC Complex, Patto, Panaji, Goa.
- 5. Guard file.

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Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central)