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To

The Principal Secretary,
Department of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Government of Bihar,
Sichai Bhawan Secretariat, Patna - 800015

Sub: In-principle (Stage-I) approval of Central Government under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 for diversion of 0.0195 ha forest land for approach road for opening Retail Outlet of BPCL by the side of SH-56 Road, Village - Ucchati, Khata No.1020 (N), Khesra No.3777 & 3778 (N). Darbhanga district, Bihar in favour of Shri Ajay Kumar Paswan - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Govt. letter No.Van Bhumi-63/2020-856(E)/Pa.Va.Ja.Pa dated 22.6.2020 of the State Government, Bihar on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

After due consideration of the proposal of the State Government, the Central Government, hereby, conveys "in-principle" approval for diversion of 0.0195 ha forest land for approach road for opening Retail Outlet of Bharat Petroleum Corpn. Ltd. (BPCL) by the side of SH-56 Road, Village - Ucchati, Khata No.1020 (N), Khesra No.3777 & 3778 (N), Darbhanga district, Bihar in favour of Shri Ajay Kumar Paswan, subject to the following conditions and stipulations.

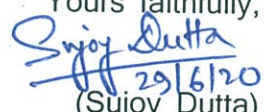
- (1) Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (2) **Compensatory afforestation:** The State Government shall plant 100 trees to maintain the green cover at the project cost. Planting site for the purpose shall be identified by the State Forest Department preferably in the vicinity of the project site. Indigenous tree species should be preferred for such plantation. The user agency shall transfer the cost of plantation and its maintenance for 10 years (revised as on the date to incorporate the existing wage structure) to State Forest Department.
- (3) **Net Present Value (NPV):**
 - (a) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 0.0195 ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated

30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No. 5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II) dated 18/09/2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/2006-FC dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 in this regard.

- (b) Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall also be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- (4) All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred / deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
- (5) The FRA certificate as per Ministry's guidelines shall be submitted before the issuance of final approval. The full compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- (6) The approach road to petrol pump/fuel station should be as per the following norms issued by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and communicated vide Ministry's letter No.11-268/2014-FC dated 11.07.2014:-
 - (a) Fuel station should generally be a part of rest area complex having other amenities like place for parking, toilets, restaurants, rest rooms, shops etc. Proper planning should be done by the user agency, in advance, for construction of such complexes along the highways so that destruction of road side forest is minimized.
 - (b) Suitable signs and markings showing the location of the fuel station may be provided without disturbing the road side plantations.
 - (c) Entire periphery of the retail outlet should be lined up with tree plantation at a close spacing of 1.0 to 1.5 meter keeping an offset of 1.5 meter from the boundary, with light crown trees which will maintain greenery without compromising with the functional space requirement.
 - (d) Suitable plantations should be raised by the user agency along the approach road, Separator Island and other vacant areas in addition to the compensatory afforestation required to be raised as per guidelines.
- (7) Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall in consultation with SFD undertake appropriate afforestation/ vegetation enrichment measures near the site related to the area diverted under this approval, at the project cost.
- (8) The User Agency shall ensure that the labourers and staff engaged in construction activity do not damage the nearby forest flora and fauna.

- (9) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- (10) (a) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
(b) The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of the project life.
(c) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department, or person without prior approval of Central Government.
- (11) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018.
- (12) Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forest & wildlife.
- (13) The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

After receipt of the report from the State Government regarding due compliance and fulfillment of the above conditions and stipulations, formal approval will be issued in this regard under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Transfer of forest land by the State Government to the user agency should not be given effect to till formal order approving diversion of forest land is issued by the Central Government.

Yours faithfully,

(Sujoy Dutta)

Technical Officer (Forestry)

Copy to:-

1. The DIGF(ROHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi - 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), / The APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FC), Deptt. of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of Bihar, Aranya Bhawan, Shahid Pir Ali Khan Path, Patna - 800 014.
3. The Divisional Forest Officer, Mithila Forest Division, Darbhanga, Bihar.
4. Shri Ajay Kumar Paswan, S/o - Shri Ram Swarup Paswan, Village - Balha, P.O & PS - Ashok Paper Mill, Dist - Darbhanga - 846002.
5. Guard File.