



भारत सरकार
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT,
FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE
समन्वित क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय
INTEGRATED REGIONAL OFFICE
Kendriya Sadan, IVth Floor, E& F Wings,
17th Main Road,
IIInd Block, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560
034.
Tel.No.080-25635905, E.Mail:
rosz.bng-mef@nic.in



BY SPEED POST
F.No.4- GOCB1354/2022-BAN
Dated the 15th June, 2022

To

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

Subject: Diversion of 6.856 ha of forest land in Sy.No.19 of Chandel Village of Pernem Taluka, North Goa Forest Division & District for CAT-I Approach Surface Area for International Airport at Mopa in Goa in favour of Director, Directorate of Civil Aviation, Government of Goa.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No.6-856-2022-23-FD/Vol.III/368 dated 28/04/2022, email dated 28th April, 2022 received from Deputy Conservator of Forest (M&E) Goa Forest Department seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section'2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above project. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 3rd May, 2022. The State Government vide letter No.6-856-2022-23-FD/Vol.III/922 dated 01.06.2022, 6-856-2022-23-FD/Vol.III/1118 dated 10.06.2022 and 6-856-2022-23-FD/Vol.III/1174 dated 14.6.2022 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated by the Central Government in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's final approval (**Stage-II**) under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 6.856 ha of forest land in Sy.No.19 of Chandel Village of Pernem Taluka, North Goa Forest Division & District for CAT-I Approach Surface Area for International Airport at Mopa in Goa in favour of Director, Directorate of Civil Aviation, Government of Goa subject to the following conditions:-

d/c

1. The legal status of diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
3. Compensatory Afforestation in the identified revenue land of 7.3221 ha. at Varconda Village in Survey Nos.82(P), 83/12(P),83/13(P),83/14(P),83/15(P),83/16(P),84/1(P)&96(P) shall be raised and maintained by the Forest Department at the cost of user agency within three years of Stage-II approval. The State Government shall obtain prior permission of Central Government for change of location and schedule of compensatory afforestation, if any.
4. 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 and the same shall be transferred to the designated CAMPA Account.
5. The conditions required to be adhered under Forest Rights Act, 2006 shall be strictly complied with before handing over the area to the User Agency.
6. The User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and felling/pollarding of trees as and when required shall be done in consultation with the Forest Department.
7. Wherever trees are proposed to be felled, stumps should be retained and appropriate Soil and Moisture Conservation Works in the area shall be taken up at the cost of User Agency.
8. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
9. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
10. The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required.
11. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
12. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
13. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
14. No construction activity shall be taken up in the area proposed for diversion.
15. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 6.856 ha.
16. Monitoring should be carried out on six monthly basis in order to ascertain adverse impact on avi-fauna & man-animal conflict.
17. Artificial nesting space shall be identified and developed (artificial nest boxes, etc) by the Forest Department for avifauna **outside the funnel area** at the cost of User Agency.
18. The User Agency shall provide space for the Forest Department as a centre for animal rescue to address man-animal conflict in the airport area, as the area is adjacent to good forest.
19. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore by the end of March every year.
20. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and



development of Forest and Wildlife.

21. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.
22. The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, as applicable to the project.

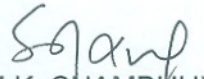
Yours faithfully,


(M.K. SHAMBHU)

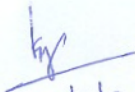
Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Goa, Forest Department, Panaji (Goa), PIN- 403 001 (Goa).
2. The Deputy Conservator of Forests (Monitoring & Evaluation) & Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Goa, Forest Department, Panaji (Goa), PIN- 403 001.
3. The Director, Directorate of Civil Aviation, Government of Goa, Room No.19, Secretariat, Porvorim, Goa, PIN-403 521.
4. Guard file.


(M.K. SHAMBHU)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

q/c 
15/6/2022