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To

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

Subject: Diversion of 5.18 ha. of forest land in Loutolim village, South Goa Forest Division for construction of Missing Link -4-lane Highway along with paved shoulders from km. 11/680 to km. 14/020 and up-gradation of existing stretch of 2-lane Highway to 4-lane from km. 14/020 to km. 15/520 with paved shoulders of NH-17B on Loutolim Village of Verna Industrial Estate of Salcete Taluka in Goa State on EPC mode in favour of the Executive Engineer, Public Work Department, WD, 14(NH), PWD, Fatroda, Goa -reg.

Sir,

Kindly refer to the Nodal Officer FCA & Deputy Conservator of Forests, Monitoring & Evaluation, Forest Department, Government of Goa's letter No.6-864-2016-17-FD/4359 dated 02/12/2016 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section'2' of 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 1st February, 2017. The State Government vide letter No.6-864-2016-17-FD/2478 dated 07/08/2017 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 approval (**Stage-II**) under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 5.18 ha. of forest land in Loutolim village, South Goa Forest Division for construction of Missing Link -4-lane Highway along with paved shoulders from km. 11/680 to km. 14/020 and up-gradation of existing stretch of 2-lane Highway to 4-lane from km. 14/020 to km. 15/520 with paved shoulders of NH-17B on Loutolim Village of Verna Industrial Estate of Salcete Taluka in Goa State on EPC mode in favour of the Executive Engineer, Public Work Department, WD, 14(NH), PWD, Fatroda, Goa, for a period of 20 years, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of user agency.
3. The compensatory afforestation shall be raised over 5.18 ha., identified non-forest land in Sy.No.23/1, Rumbrem village of Sanguem Taluk, South Goa at the cost of user

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agency. The State Government shall obtain prior permission of Central Government for change of location and schedule of compensatory afforestation, if any.

4. The Non-forest land for Compensatory afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as RF/PF under Indian Forest Act, 1927 or the State Forest Act within a period of 6 months and Nodal Officer (FCA) shall report the compliance within 6 months.
5. The 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 Adhoc CAMPA Account.
6. The user agency shall provide retaining walls wherever required, to prevent soil erosion.
7. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 5.18 ha and it shall be used only for the purpose for which it is diverted.
8. 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.
9. 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.


Yours faithfully,


(Dr. Avinash M. Kanfode) 29/8/17
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 Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Goa, Forest Department, Panaji (Goa), PIN- 403 001 (Goa).
3. 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.
4. The Executive Engineer, Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, WD 14 (NH), PWD, Fatorda Goa, South Goa, PIN- 403 602.
5. Guard file.


(Dr. Avinash M. Kanfode) 29/8/17
Conservator of Forests (Central)

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