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To

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

Subject: Diversion of 2.89 ha. Private Forest land for construction of approach road (Expressway) to Mopa Air Port in Sy. No. 337, 339 & 340 in village Dhargalim, Pernem Taluk in North Goa District and Division in favour of Directorate of Civil Aviation, Secretariat Porvorim, Goa - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No.6-856-20121-22-FD/Vol.1/288 dated 22/04/2021, and email dated 12th May, 2021 received from Dy. Conservator of Forest (M&E) Goa Forest Department seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect of the above project. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 18th May, 2021. The State Forest Department vide letters No.6-856-2021-22-FD/Vol.1/2068 dated 11/08/2021 and No.6-856-2021-22-FD/Vol.1/4149 dated 28/10/2021 had 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 2.89 ha. Private Forest land for construction of approach road (Expressway) to Mopa Air Port in Sy. No. 337, 339 & 340 in village Dhargalim, Pernem Taluk in North Goa District and Division in favour of Directorate of Civil Aviation, Secretariat Porvorim, Goa, subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the diverted private forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates.

3. Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over an extent of 2.89 ha. of non forest land in Sy.No. 59/0, of Tuem village, of Pernem Taluk shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency. The State Government shall obtain prior permission of Central Government for change of location and schedule of compensatory afforestation, if any.
4. User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
5. 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 KML file of the area diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details before issue of final approval by the State Government.
7. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
8. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
9. The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required.
10. The private 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.
11. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
12. The forest area shall be used for the purpose for which it is granted. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 2.89 ha.
13. 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.
14. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.
15. Permission to use/handing over of the land under proposal may be effected after the completion of the land acquisition process or after the settlement of the rights if any on the land.
16. 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.

17. 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.
18. 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, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

Yours sincerely,

(R. Padmawathe)

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, Room No. 19, Secretariat, Porvorim, Goa- 403 521.
4. Guard file.

(R. Padmawathe)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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