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Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(FC Division)

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New Delhi - 110510.
Dated: 12th, May 2014.

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Chhattisgarh,
Raipur.

Sub: Diversion of 83.12 ha of additional forest land for construction of Dallirajhara-Rowghat Rail Line Project (Phase-I) in East Bhanupratappur Forest Division of Chhattisgarh.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. 5-75/90/10-3 dated 28.10.2009 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section -2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) constituted under section-3 of the said Act, 'in-principle' approval to the proposal was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 16.04.2010 subject to certain conditions prescribed therein. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government vide letter no. *Ma. Chi./2013/31* dated 14.01.2013, letter number Bhu-Prabandh/Vividh/37/800 dated 13.05.2013, 12.12.2013 and letter no. NOLM, Misc/115-37/433 dated 22.02.2014, final approval of the Central Government is hereby granted under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 83.12 ha of additional forest land for construction of Dallirajhara-Rowghat Rail Line Project (Phase-I) in East Bhanupratappur Forest Division of Chhattisgarh subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:

1. The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Compensatory afforestation over the degraded forest land, twice in extent to the forest land being diverted, shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department from the funds already deposited by the user agency.
3. The User Agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
4. The total area diverted so far the Dalli Rajahara Rowghat rail line project in favour of Railways will become 342.66 ha (259.54 ha + 83.12 ha).
5. All the relevant condition which have been stipulated in the approval granted by this Ministry vide letter No. 8-45/2005-FC dated 06.04.2010 for diversion of 259.54 ha of forest land for construction of the Dalli Rajhara- Rawghat Rail line along with stations



and other structure in favour of M/s Railways in Chhattisgarh shall remain applicable.

6. The user agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird's nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project;
7. All other conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval for which the user agency has submitted undertakings shall be complied with.
8. The user agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government and to the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry regularly.
9. Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
10. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

Yours faithfully,



(M. Rajkumar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o the PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
3. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Western Regional Office, Bhopal.
4. User Agency (II South Eastern Railway, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh).
5. Monitoring cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.



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