



F.No. FC-II/IROCH-09/2021/544

Date: 16/02/2022

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Chhattisgarh,
Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhavan,
Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar (CG).

Sub: **Diversion of Forest land for non-forest purpose under forest conservation act, 1980 proposal for widening & upgradation to 2 lane of Lohara Rengadabri Junnapani Chowki Road area 5.530 ha-regarding.**

Sir,

Kindly refer to letter no. F-5-23/2021/10-2 dated 31.08.2021 of the Government of Chhattisgarh on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government, in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. It is to say that after examination of the proposal of the State Government, 'In-principle' approval was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 11.10.2021. Now, the State Government of Chhattisgarh, vide letter no. krmank/ F-5-23/2021/10-2 dated 21.01.2022 has submitted a report on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' approval and requested the Central Government to grant final approval to the proposal.

In this connection, it is informed that on the basis of compliance report submitted by the State Government of Chhattisgarh, vide letter no. krmank/ F-5-23/2021/10-2 dated 21.01.2022, the Central Government hereby accords **Final Approval** under Section - 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of Forest land for non-forest purpose under forest conservation act, 1980 proposal for widening & upgradation to 2 lane of Lohara Rengadabri Junnapani Chowki Road area 5.530 ha, subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. **Compensatory Afforestation:**
 - a) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 11.060 ha (in two patches) Orange Area forest land of Khasra No. 11/01, Range- Doundi, Balod Forest Division, District- Balod at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided;
 - b) The Orange Area which has been transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department for the purpose of compensatory afforestation shall be declared as Reserved Forest under Section-4 or Protected Forest under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the State Forest Act. The Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 may report compliance within a period of six (6) months from the date of grant of final approval and send a copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act as the case may be, to this Office for information and record;
- iii. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- iv. User Agency shall submit Muck Management plan or furnish the undertaking that no muck will be dumped inside the forest area;
- v. User Agency in consultation with State Forest Department Government shall explore the possibility of retaining as many as possible number of trees in the proposed RoW. User

agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;

- vi. 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, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar;
- vii. User agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the IRC norms;
- viii. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Forest Areas.
- ix. The reclamation of quarry should be done under the supervision of the State Forest Department. The quarry shall be reclaimed and afforested completely before the project is closed;
- x. The user agency shall provide suitable under-passes in the Forest Area as per recommendations of REC (Bridge, Box culverts etc).
- xi. The designing of culverts/bridges, over the natural streams/rivers/canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals.
- xii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xiii. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- xiv. The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- xv. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
- xvi. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- xvii. 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;
- xviii. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;
- xix. 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;
- xx. 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.
- xxi. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

Yours faithfully,

Chubey
16/2/22
Chaturbhuj Behera
Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF & HoFF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Sector-19, Aranya Bhavan, Atal Nagar, Naya Raipur (CG).
2. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh, Sector-19, Aranya Bhavan, Atal Nagar, Naya Raipur (CG).
3. User Agency.
4. Guard File.

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