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To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 0.797 ha. of forest land in favour of Managing Director, Chhattisgarh Tourism Board for Construction of Kudargarh Ropeway at Kudargarh village in district of Surajpur in the State of Chhattisgarh-regarding.

Sir,

Kindly refer to the State Government of Chhattisgarh letter no. krmank/F-5-09/2020/10-2 dated 29.10.2020 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 careful examination of the proposal of the State Government, '**In-principle**' approval was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 17.11.2020. Now, the State Government of Chhattisgarh, vide letter no. krmank/F-5-09/2020/10-2 dated 24.08.2021 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-5-09/2020/10-2 dated 24.08.2021, the Central Government hereby accords **Final Approval** under Section - 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Diversion of 0.797 ha. of forest land in favour of Managing Director, Chhattisgarh Tourism Board for Construction of Kudargarh Ropeway at Kudargarh village in district of Surajpur in the State of Chhattisgarh, subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- i. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. **Compensatory afforestation**
 - (a) The State Forest Department shall undertake plantation of 10 times number of trees to be felled over degraded forest land as compensatory afforestation, in lieu of forest land being diverted at the cost of the User Agency, including 10% RET species of Surajpur Division;
- iii. The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;
- iv. User agency shall be upload the Stage-I approval, compliance report on *e-portal* (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>) immediately.
- v. No tree cutting shall be permitted in the diverted forest land;
- vi. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector;
- vii. User Agency shall develop a separate nursery at one or more places to raise at least 2500 seedlings of forestry species along with bamboo, fruit bearing, medicinal, ornamental and indigenous/local every

year. At least 50% of seedlings shall be planted by User Agency in the vicinity of project area including forest area and for better relation with local people residing in vicinity of proposed road, User Agency shall voluntarily distribute remaining 50% of seedlings to them free of cost. A compliance report including species wise details of seedlings raised, location of plantation area and details of villagers whom seedlings have been distributed need to be prepared every six month and submitted to Regional Office of MoEF&CC;

- viii. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
- ix. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- x. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xi. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
- xii. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer;
- 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 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;
- xv. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
- xvi. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;
- xvii. 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;
- xviii. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;
- xix. The compliance report shall be uploaded on *e-portal* (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

Yours faithfully,


Chaturbhuja 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.
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