



F.No. FC-III/IROCH-05/2022 / 223

Date: 13.03.2025

To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 157.035 ha of forest land under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 proposed for Construction of New BG electrified Railway line from Urga to Dharamjaygarh from Km 0 to Km 62 in Korba and Raigarh District in the state of Chhattisgarh- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the State Government of Chhattisgarh letter no. F-5-01/2022/10-2 dated 24.02.2022 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980**. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government and with the recommendation of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC, '**in-principle**') approval was accorded by the Central Government vide its letter of even number dated 02.03.2023. The State Government of Chhattisgarh vide letter no. F-5-01/2020/10-2 dated 28.02.2025 submitted compliance report and requested to grant final approval to the proposal.

After careful consideration of the proposal and compliance report, I am directed to convey the Central Government's '**final approval**' under Section- 2 of the **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980** for diversion of **157.035 ha** of forest land under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 proposed for Construction of New BG electrified Railway line from Urga to Dharamjaygarh from Km 0 to Km 62 in Korba and Raigarh District in the state of Chhattisgarh subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

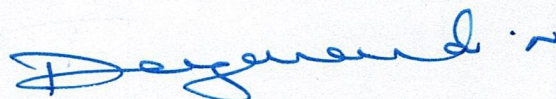
- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 315 ha area spread in 08 patches as under:

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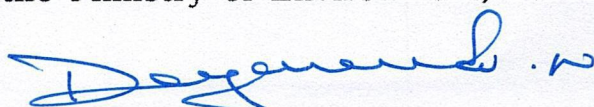
Patch	Compt. No.	Area (ha)
1	PF 310	57.41
2	PF 314	15.11
3	PF 319	54.33
4	PF 324	39.36
5	PF 325	33.64
6	OA-687	70.00
7	OA-716	25.15
8	OA-721	20.00
Total		315.00

The Compensatory afforestation area has been identified in Kendai Forest Range, of Katghora Forest Division, Tal- Katghora, Dist- Korba. The Compensatory afforestation will be carried out from the amount which has already been realized from the user agency. As far as possible, mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided;

- iii. Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if ally, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency.
- iv. Width of the right of way (RoW) for the proposed road shall be limited to 30 m;
- v. The total project affected trees are 35,354; comprised of 24098 trees falling in the below 90 cm girth class and 8256 trees falls in the above 90 cm girth class. The User Agency in consultation with State Forest Department shall minimize the felling of trees and wherever feasible trees in outer RoW will be kept intact and report on the same shall be submitted to IRO, Raipur;
- vi. 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;
- vii. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector. The State Government of Chhattisgarh/ Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department of Chhattisgarh shall ensure settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (No. 2 of 2007) before issuing an order for handing over of forest land to the User Agency;



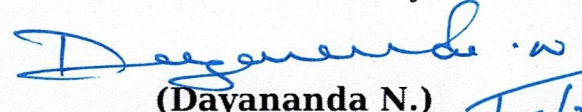
- viii. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the railway line at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas;
- ix. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
- x. All recommendations suggested by Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun in Wildlife Management Plan shall be binding on the User Agency and the State Government shall ensure that all recommendations are complied by User Agency within stipulated time, at the project cost ;
- xi. User Agency shall develop a separate nursery at one or more places to raise at least 1,00,000 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 the user agency shall voluntarily distribute remaining 50% of seedlings to local people them free of cost. A compliance report including species wise details of seedlings raised, location of plantation area and details of villagers whom seedlings are distributed need to be prepared every six month and submitted to Regional Office of MoEF&CC;
- xii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- xiii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xiv. 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;
- xv. 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;
- xvi. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xvii. 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;
- xviii. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
- xix. 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;
- xx. Violation of any of these conditions will amount violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline;
- xxi. 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.

**This order issues with the approval of Competent Authority,
Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur.**

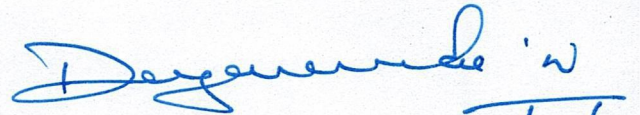
Yours faithfully,



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Technical Officer (Forestry) 13/03/25

Copy to:

- i. The IGF (RoHQ), MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003 **for information please.**
- ii. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Chhattisgarh, Aranya Bhawan, Sector-19, Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
- iii. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh, Aranya Bhawan, Sector-19, Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
- iv. User agency.
- v. Guard file.



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