

Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change  
Northern Regional Office

Bays No.24-25,  
Dakshin Marg Sector-31A,  
Chandigarh-160030  
Dated 24.05.2017

F.No.: 9-HRB173/2016-CHA

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Haryana,  
Haryana Civil Secretariat,  
Chandigarh

**Sub: Diversion of 1.70 hectares of forest land in favour of Executive Engineer, Provencial Division, PWD B&R, Naraingarh, for widening and strengthening of NH 73 to SH 01 via Sadiqpur Harbon road, under forest division and district Ambala, Haryana.**

Ref: (i) Nodal Officer (FC) letter no. Admn-D-3-6821/2594 dated 15.11.2016

Sir,

Please refer to the above cited letter and online proposal no. FP/HR/Road /19777/2016 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose in accordance with section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Vide this office of even no dated 09.03.2017 in-principle approval was accorded whose compliance has been reported vide letter no. Admn-D-3-6821/249 dated 20.04.2017 and Admn-D-3-6821/409 dated 15.05.2017.

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government, **approval is hereby conveyed** for diversion of **1.70 hectares** of forest land for the above mentioned project, subject to the following conditions:

- i) Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged;
- ii) Minimum number of trees/plants and in any case not more than 731 trees will be removed;
- iii) Compensatory afforestation will be carried out over 3.4 ha of degraded forest land on Manakpur P.F as per proposed scheme, at a cost of Rs. 2534972/- provided by the user agency;
- iv) Compensatory afforestation will be done within one year from the date of issue of final approval over the extent of land as approved, out of the funds provided by the user agency.
- v) The forest land will not be used for any other purpose than that mentioned in the proposal;
- vi) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall, under no circumstances, be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without approval of the Central Government;
- vii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- viii) User agency shall also submit design of providing at least two to three rows of long rotation indigenous trees, as per provisions of IRC-SP-21-2009 (*guidelines on landscaping and tree plantations*) on either side of road before starting work on forest land;
- ix) The user agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road at the project cost as per IRC specifications with maintenance of seven to ten years;



- x) No damage will be done to the adjoining forest land;
- xi) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xii) The trees should be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- xiii) The user agency shall pay additional amount of NPV as and when increased on the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court;
- xiv) The user agency shall carry out muck disposal at pre-designated sites in such a manner so as to avoid its rolling down and should be taken up as per the scheme approved by the Forest Department;
- xv) The required soil conservation measures should be taken up by the user agency for which fund should be provided as per the current rate of works;
- xvi) The User Agency shall provide firewood 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;
- xvii) The boundary of the forest land being diverted shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, using four feet high RCC pillars, each pillar inscribed with the serial number, DGPS coordinates, forward and backward bearings and distance from pillar to pillar etc.;
- xviii) The User Agency shall ensure that because of this project, no damage is caused to the flora and the wildlife available in the area;
- xix) The user agency will assist the State Government in conservation and preservation of flora and fauna of the area in accordance with the plan prepared by the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State.
- xx) Any other condition that this Regional Office may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;
- xxi) 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;
- xxii) It will be the responsibility of the State Government/User Agency to obtain all other prior approvals/clearances under all other relevant Acts/Rules/ Court's Rulings/instructions, etc., including environmental clearance, as applicable to this proposal;

4. The Ministry may revoke/suspend the clearance if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory. **State Government will ensure fulfillment of these conditions through forest department.**

Yours faithfully,

(C.D/Singh)  
APCCF (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The ADGF (FC), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. The Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, Haryana Forest Department, Van Bhawan, Sector-6, Panchkula, Haryana.
3. Nodal Officer-cum CF (FC), Government of Haryana, Forest Department, Sector-6, Van Bhawan, Panchkula, Haryana. 134009
4. The Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division and District Ambala, Haryana
5. The Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD B&R, Naraingarh