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Forest & Environment Department

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No. FCA-1019/7-13/19/SF-131/F

Date: 11 JUN 2020

To,

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)

Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,

Regional Office, Western Region,

Kendriya Paryavaran Bhavan,

Link Road No.3, E-5, Ravi Shankar Nagar,

BHOPAL (M.P.)-462016.

Subject: Diversion of **20.00 ha.** Protected Forest land for widening of existing Visnagar-Kheralu via Umta road in Visnagar, Vadnagar & Kheralu Taluka of Mehsana District in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Mehsana.

Sir,

Please refer to your letter F.No. 6-GJC048/2019-BHO/168 dated 12.02.2020 on the subject cited above and it is informed that:-

Sr. No.	Conditions	Compliance
1	Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.	User agency has agreed.
2	Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over to the user agency.	After the non-forest land is acquired by the user agency forest land will be handed over to them.
3	Compensatory afforestation : a) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 40.00 ha degraded-forest land (Survey No. 106 pt. Village-Acharal, Taluka-Idar, District-Sabarkantha). As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species shall be avoided.	The User Agency- Executive Engineer, R & B division, Mehsana has deposited an amount of Rs. 1,72,05,240/- towards the cost of Compensatory Afforestation in the CAMPA fund.
	b) Total No. of sapling to be planted shall be not less than nos 44,440 (40.00 ha × 1111) in CA land. The composition of saplings (number	CA will be taken up as per the approved condition.

	of species-wise) to be planted in the CA land shall be as per National Forest Policy and record in plantation journal.	
	c) The standard size sapling (minimum height & minimum collar girth species wise) as approved by the State Govt. shall be planted in selected CA land.	The condition will be complied with while taking up plantation in the identified area.
	d) The height and collar girth (specie wise) shall be measured & recorded at the time of plantation and in November of plantation year. Further, data of height, collar girth and survival percentage (species wise) twice a year (April & November month) shall be recorded & records shall be maintained.	The condition will be complied with while taking up plantation in the identified area.
	e) All the live stumps & pollards upto 90 cm Girth shall be dressed for the purpose of regeneration & record shall be kept in plantation journal.	The condition will be complied with while taking up plantation in the identified area.
	f) The CA plantation shall be taken place before and of 2021 monsoon.	The plantation will be taken up by 2021 monsoon period.
4	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.	The User Agency- Executive Engineer, R & B division, Mehsana has deposited an amount of Rs. 1,72,05,240/- towards the cost of Compensatory Afforestation in the CAMPA fund.
5	NPV (a) The State Government shall charges the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 20.00 ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30-10-2002. 01-08-2003. 28-03-2008. 24-042008 and 09.05-2008 in IA No.566 in WP (C) No.202/1995	(a) The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 87,60,000/- towards the cost of NPV in the CAMPA fund.

	and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No.5-1/1998-FC (Pt. II) dated 18-09-2003. As well as letter No.5-2/2006-FC dated 03-10-2006 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 05-02-2009 and chapter 3 of hand book 2019 of 1980 & FC Rules 2003 in this regard.	
	(b) Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any 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. The User Agency Shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	(b) The user agency undertaken that additional amount of the INPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the expert committee.
6	User agency shall restrict the felling of trees up to 1124 to minimum number in 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.	The user agency has agreed.
7	All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred / deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal. (https://parivesh.nic.in).	Funds from the user agency has been online payment transferred to the CAMPA fund through e-portal.
8	The certificate of Collector under FRA, 2006 for proposed CA land as per para 6.2e (ii) of Forest Conservation (Rules), 2003 (Amended up to August 2017) shall be submitted.	The user agency has submit a FRA certificate of Collector, Navsari is attached herewith.
9	User agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road, as per the IRC norms.	The user agency has agreed.
10	Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular	The user agency has agreed.

	intervals in the Protected Areas/Forest Areas.	
11	User Agency shall provide suitable measures for free movement of wildlife in and around the forest area in accordance to Eco friendly measures to mitigate impacts of linear infrastructure on wildlife (2016).	The user agency has agreed.
12	User agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required.	N/A.
13	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the central Government.	The user agency has agreed.
14	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.	The user agency has agreed.
15	Sufficient firewood, preferably 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.	The user agency has agreed.
16	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.	The user agency has agreed.
17	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for executive of the project work.	The user agency has agreed.
18	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.	The user agency has agreed.
19	The Forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.	The user agency has agreed.
20	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances	The user agency has agreed.

	be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.	
21	The user agency shall adhere to all rules, regulations, guidelines & acts enforced by State Govt. and Central Govt. for the proposal.	The user agency has agreed.
22	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980 and action would be taken as per para 1.21 of Handbook of FCA, 1980 Handbook 2019.	The user agency has agreed.
23	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.	The user agency has agreed.
24	The Complete compliance report for all conditions stipulated in this Stage I approval letter shall be uploaded one-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in).	The Compliance report is uploaded on e-portal.

In view of above and since the conditions of In-principle approval have already been complied with, the matter may now be referred to APCCF(Central), Bhopal for issuance of formal approval.

Yours faithfully,



(S. M. Saiyad)

Additional Secretary
Forest & Environment Department

Encl. As above.

copy to:-

1. Nodal officer (FCA), Pr. Chief Conservator of Forest's Office, Gujarat State, 'Aranya Bhavan' Sector-10/A, Gandhinagar.
2. Select File