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Government of India

Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 16th August, 2018

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forest & Environment,
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Bhopal.

Sub: Diversion of 285.700 hectares of forest land for relocation of forest village Malani-II situated in Bori Sanctuary of Satpura Tiger Reserve to RF – 154 of Bhora Range of North Betul in Betul District of Madhya Pradesh.,

Sir,

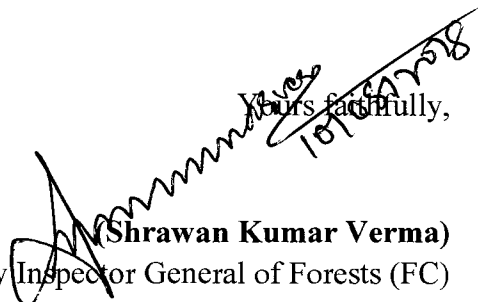
I am directed to refer to the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) and Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, State Government of Madhya Pradesh letter no. F-5/802/2016/10-11/971 dated 12th April 2017 on the above-mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful examination of the proposal and recommendations made thereof by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted under Section-3 of the said Act, '*in-principle*' approval was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 9th November 2017 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions prescribed therein. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the '*in-principle*' approval and requested the Central Government to grant final approval to the proposal.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh vide their letter no. F-5/802/2016/10-11/3668 dated 05.12.2017 final approval (Stage-II) of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section -2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 285.700 hectares of forest land for relocation of forest village Malani-II situated in Bori Sanctuary of Satpura Tiger Reserve to RF – 154 of Bhora Range of North Betul in Betul District of Madhya Pradesh subject to following conditions:

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) The user agency shall obtain the Environmental clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required under the said act;
- (iii) Felling of trees on the forest land being diverted shall be reduced to the bare minimum and the trees should be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.

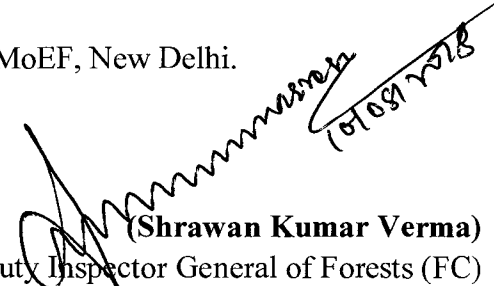


- (iv) Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
- (v) The boundary of the forest land being diverted shall be demarcated on ground by the user agency, using four feet high RCC pillars, each pillar inscribed with the serial number, DGPS coordinated, forward and backward bearings and distance from adjoining pillars etc;
- (vi) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than the specified in the proposal and under no circumstance be transferred to any other agency, department or person;
- (vii) Layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (viii) Any other condition that the Regional Office, Bhopal of this Ministry and State Govt. may stipulate from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forest & wildlife; and
- (ix) Activities which may adversely impact the biodiversity of the area and adjacent forest area shall not be carried out;
- (x) The State Government shall ensure compliance on the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations Guidelines & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

Yours faithfully,

(Shrawan Kumar Verma)
Deputy Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office (WZ), Bhopal.
3. The Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Govt. of M.P., Bhopal.
4. User Agency.
5. Forest Conservation Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.


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