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To

The Secretary (Forests),
Government of Goa,
Secretariat Annexe,
Junta House, 3rd Floor
Panaji (Goa)

Subject: Diversion of 0.9959 ha. of forest land in Sy.No.44 of Curti village of Ponda Taluk, North Goa Division for four laning of NH-4A (NH-748) between KM 118/00 to 125/00 including construction of new Khandepar bridge at Km 118/800 in favour of P.W.D, Ponda, Goa.

Sir,

Kindly refer to the Nodal Officer FCA & Deputy Conservator of Forests, Monitoring & Evaluation, Forest Department, Government of Goa's letter No.6-843-2015-2016-FD/1282 dated 07/06/2016 and No.6-843-2015-2016-FD/2600 dated 22/08/2016 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above project. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 19th September, 2016. The State Government vide letter No.6-843-2017-18-FD/375 dated 21/04/2017 and mail dated 5/09/2017 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated by the Central Government in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's approval (**Stage-II**) under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.9959 ha. of forest land in Sy.No.44 of Curti village of Ponda Taluk, North Goa Division for four laning of NH-4A (NH-748) between KM 118/00 to 125/00 including construction of new Khandepar bridge at Km 118/800 in favour of P.W.D, Ponda, Goa, for a period of 20 years, subject to the following conditions:-

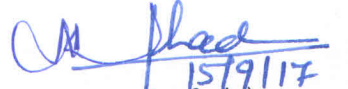
1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The demarcation of the common boundary of the forest area being diverted and the adjoining forest land shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency.
3. Plantation of ten times the number of trees to be felled shall be carried out at the cost of User Agency. The location details of the area selected for raising plantation shall be communicated to Regional office.
4. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future,

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shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

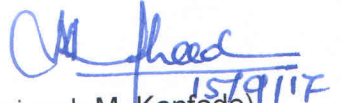
5. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.9959 ha.
6. Any other condition that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and public convenience, shall also be applicable.
7. Violation of any of the conditions shall invite penal action, as deemed fit by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. Avinash M. Kanfode)
Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
2. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Goa, Forest Department, Panaji (Goa), PIN- 403 001 (Goa).
3. The Deputy Conservator of Forests (Monitoring & Evaluation) & Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Goa, Forest Department, Panaji (Goa), PIN- 403 001.
4. The Executive Engineer, WD XV(NH), Public Works Department, Ponda, North Goa District, Goa State.
5. Guard file.


(Dr. Avinash M. Kanfode)
Conservator of Forests (Central)

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15/9/2017