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To.

The NODAL Officer

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), 17, Rana Pratap Marg, Lucknow, (UP.), 226001

Subject:- Forest Land Diversion proposal for "Improvement and Up-gradation to 4- lane configuration of Meerut - Nazibabad Section of NH-119 between Km. 39+250 to Km. 79+500 in the state of Uttar Pradesh – reg.

EDS from office of the NODAL officer, Lucknow dated 01-06-2020, Proposal no -Ref: FP/UP/ROAD/43253/2019.

Sir,

Please refer to the above captioned subject and aforementioned reference. In compliance of your above cited EDS, the rectification has been made in proposal. Point wise EDS and their compliances are attached as Anexure-1 with this letter. Further, it is requested to you, kindly approve/accept the proposal for onward process and submission to the concerned offices.

Your's Sincerely,

(Dinesh Kumar Chaturvedi)

Project Director

Encl: - Compliance of EDS from office of NODAL (Forest) dated 1:06:2020

Annexure-1

Compliance of EDS raised on 01.06.2020 File No.FP/UP/ROAD/43253/2019

SI. EDS of NODAL officer dated 01.06.2020

The applicant has resubmitted the proposal without going through the EDS raised on 29.01.2020. It was very clearly mentioned in the previous EDS that as per Para-12.14(b) of guidelines issued by MoEF&CC (2019) new roads shall not be proposed inside national park and wildlife sanctuary but the applicant has ignored the guidelines as mentioned above. By perusing the proposed alternatives, the Ganga river barrage Bypass, the applicant has only proposed two alternatives and he has vehemently avoided widening of existing alignment as an option. Upload accordingly and very clearly give details of loss of forest area/trees and wildlife.

Compliance by Project Authority

This issue has been discussed on 9th June 2020 through VC with NODAL officer, UP (Forest), Regional officer, UP west NHAI and other concerned officers.

In this meeting all these three options are shown and same are being incorporated in forest proposal.

As conveyed in previous EDS, this is not a new road the legal name of existing highway is NH 119 and it is the same. However, there are proposal of realignment / bypasses which are being provided to improve geometry and avoid large scale R&R activity.

Further, it is decided that on Ganga River bypass, it will on elevated structure on same proposed realignment. Also, in alternative study report details of all three alternatives has been described and uploaded.

Details of Forest Area is given in Forest Land statement. Also, details of RF area, Forest Area within WL sanctuary, Forest Area in ESZ as well as PF area along the road are provided.

The existing bridge was constructed by Irrigation department in year 1984 which is not designed for taking further load of any additional structure. Also, at this location river training works were done by Irrigation department to protect the existing structure from scouring and therefore new bridge is planned away from existing bridge towards downstream to avoid damage of existing barrage bridge.

Environmental Clearance is not applicable in this project road. The EIA notification 14th September 2006 amended, vide notification S.O.2559(E), dated 22nd of August 2013 which reads "Expansion of National Highways greater than 100 km involving additional right of way or land acquisition greater than 40m on existing alignments and 60m on re-alignments or by-passes." In purview of this amendment in EIA notification it is established that the proposed project does not attract Environmental Clearance (EC) from MoEFCC as the length of project road section is less than 100km.

This proposed project requires Wildlife clearance from National Board for Wildlife, MoEFCC which is being uploaded.

All the recommendation provided by Wildlife official shall be incorporated in project before its execution.

Applicant is supposed to be aware that he needs wildlife clearance and environmental clearance for the new bypass and the proposal cannot be approved by MoEf&CC until all three clearances are obtained by the applicant but still he has not yet applied for wildlife clearance and EC. Ensure to upload alignment/under proses and overpasses is proposed to be constructed along with recommendation of PCCF wildlife/CWLW, UP.

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