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To,
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Working Plan and Monitoring & Evaluation)
Department of Forests,
17, Rana Pratap Marg,
Lucknow-226001

Subject: Approval of working plan for Social Forestry Division, Hathras, from 2014-15 to 2023-24
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Reference: 1. PCCF (Working Plan) letter No.429/12-5-1 (Agra) dated 10th November 2015.
2. PCCF (Working Plan) letter No.576/12-5-1 (Agra) dated 7th January 2016.

Sir,

Please refer to the above references through which approval of Working Plan for Social Forestry Division, Hathras under provisions contained in Forest Conservation Act, 1980 has been sought. The working plan was submitted vide letter no. 429/12-5-1 (Agra) dated 10th November 2015 from PCCF (WP) and additional information supplied letter No.576/12-5-1 (Agra) dated 7th January 2016. The working plan is for a period of 2014-15 to 2023-24. The elapsed working plan prepared by Mr. KV Laxman Murti was accorded approval vide this office letter no. ROC/WP/23/97/2059 dated 17th May 2005 for a period of 2004-05 to 2013-14.

The main highlights of the proposal are following:

Working Plan Period	2014-15 to 2023-24
Working Plan Officer	Shri Sunil Choudhary, IFS
Forest Area	1,615.611 ha (as per appendix 1.1)
Working Circles	11 in nos. (6 overlapping, 1 partial overlapping and 4 exclusive)

The working plan is in conformity with National Forest Policy, 1988, the order of Hon'ble Supreme court in IPL WP (C) No.202/95 dated 12.12.96 read with WP (c) No.171/96 and subsequent order passed in the different IAs by the Hon'ble Supreme Court as well as National Working Plan Code issued by the Ministry in 2004

As mentioned in the working plan submitted vide reference no. 1 from PCCF (WP) and additional information on formats circulated, the Social Forestry Division, Hathras has forest area

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1,615.611 ha. The working plan has been submitted with the approval of technical committee constituted at the state level. The assessment of various forestry works now needs to be assessed on the basis of the criteria and indicators worked out for Sustainable Forest Management.

However, after careful consideration of the working plan and observation stated above, the undersigned is directed to convey the approval of Government of India to the working plan of Social Forestry Division, Hathras for the period from 2014-15 to 2023-24 (up to 30th September 2024) under section -2 (iv) of Forest (Conservation) Act-1980 as amended and in conformity with the guidelines of the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, the National Working Plan Code of 2004 as well as various orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court subject with the conditions given below :-

1. The approved is for a period of 2014-15 to 2023-24 (up to 30th September 2024).
2. All the additional information/data supplied will form part of this working plan and will be included.
3. The boundaries of the division shall be surveyed and demarcated and maintained properly. As per the construction norms of the UP State Forest Department; boundary pillars with inscription of GPS coordinates (Latitude and Longitude) with fore and back bearing shall be placed in a time bound manner. Annual progress of the survey & demarcation works shall be submitted to the Regional Office.
4. (a) Naturally grown forest areas will not be subjected to clear felling.
(b) Any proposal of clearing of trees in forest land or portion thereof shall be dealt as per the provisions contained in rule 7 (3) of Forest (Conservation) Amendment Rules, 2014
5. New linear plantations along canal, railway line and road which have not been declared under Indian Forests Act 1927 need to be notified under relevant provision of the same. The area of such protected forests shall be measured in hectares.
6. The approved deviation statement from the competent authority for deviation from the prescription of the elapsed working plan and intervening period prior to this approval also needs submission within a time period of six months from the date of approval.
7. Monoculture in plantations needs to be avoided and mixed plantation of indigenous species should be encouraged duly accounting for biodiversity concerns.
8. (a) State Government shall ensure adequate budgetary provision so that working plan prescriptions are implemented timely and effectively.
(b) State Government shall ensure that shortage of fund should not become reason for deviation.
9. Any deviation in implementation of prescriptions contained in the working plan will require prior approval of the competent authority and such approvals of deviation will immediately be brought to the notice of Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Lucknow.
10. (a) In Forest Block Plantation Working Circle (Chapter XI) afforestation targets are mentioned in table 10.2 which need to be adhered to and felling of only dead trees shall be carried out as per felling prescription contained in the chapter.

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- (b) Any proposal of clearing of trees in forest land or portion thereof shall be dealt as per the provisions contained in rule 7 (3) of Forest (Conservation) Amendment Rules, 2014.
11. (a) In linear plantation working circle; road side annual eucalyptus felling & plantation coupe, road side strip annual plantation coupe & canal strip annual plantation coupe details are mentioned in table 11.4, 11.5 & 11.9 respectively. The clear felling of matured trees completing rotation period shall be governed as per the provisions contained in rule 7 (3) of Forest (Conservation) Amendment Rules, 2014.
(b) The commensurate plantations shall be ensured in the succeeding year.
(c) The marking prescription contained in the chapter XI shall be followed.
12. In Saline Soil Improvement (partially overlapping) Working Circle (Chapter XIII) block wise area availability is mentioned in table 13.2; the improvement in soil with the implementation of prescriptions provided shall be recorded for measures to be adopted in future.
13. In Non Timber Forest Produce (overlapping) working circle (Chapter XIV) proposed collection and disposal of fruits, seeds and other produce having economic significance shall be through the JFMCs providing protection to natural resources rather than through contractors or lease holders.
14. Wildlife and its habitat of the division shall be managed as per provisions of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 as amended up to date read with guidelines issued by MoEF&CC from time to time and in consultation with state Chief Wildlife Warden (CWLW).
15. In Joint Forest Management Working Circle (Overlapping): the division in charge will compile list of potential Joint Forest Management areas and workout modalities to ensure grass root level support for protection, development and improvement of forest resources and submit a report on actions initiated within a time frame of one year.
16. All forest areas, which are not managed by the forest department, but included within the definition of forest as per the interpretation of Hon'ble Supreme Court will be added to the list of forests mentioned in the working plan and their management should be on the basis of scientific and sustainable forest management.


The Government of India reserves the right to review, modify or withdraw the approval given as above at any point of time depending upon the management needs and as per any other orders of the Government of India or of the Hon'ble supreme court of India in the matter, in future.

Now, the state forest department should obtain approval of this Working Plan from the state government as per the provisions of National Working Plan Code.

Yours faithfully


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