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To,

The PCCF(HoFF),
UP Forest Department, Uttar Pradesh,
17, Rana Pratap Marg, Lucknow-226001

Sub.: Approval of extension of Working Plan for Social Forestry Division, Unnao, Uttar Pradesh for the period 2021-22 to 2023-24.

Ref.: Letter No. 89/12-3-11, (Lucknow Circle), dated 10.09.2021 of PCCF, Monitoring and Working Plan.

Please refer to your above-mentioned letter vide which the approval for extension of the working plan of Social Forestry Division, Unnao for three years w.e.f. **2021-22 to 2023-24** has been sought. The previous Working Plan of Social Forestry Division, Unnao, for the period 2009-10 to 2018-19 was approved vide letter no. ROC/WP/81/98/1398 dated 07.12.2015 for a period of 10 years i.e. up to 30th September, 2019. Further, the approval was extended for the period 2019-20 to 2020-21 vide this office letter no. ROC/WP/81/1998/742 dated 03.06.2020. Now, the proposal for approval of the extension of the working plan for the period 2021-22 to 2023-24 has been received in this office, after the recommendation of State Level Standing Consultative Committee in its meeting held on 03.09.2021. The reason of extension proposal has been due to delay in preparation of new Working plan.

The area of the forest under the proposed Working Scheme is 16459.468 ha. There are 09 working circles proposed. The proposal was placed in 63rd REC Meeting Agenda Item no. 63.5 held on 28.02.2022 for post facto approval of fellings carried out in plan period.

The extension proposal has been examined in accordance with the provisions of the Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980, the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi from time to time, National Forest Policy, 1988, the order of Hon'ble Supreme court in PIL 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 and the National Working Plan Code, 2014.

After careful consideration of the extension proposal and observations stated above the Central Govt. conveys the approval of extension proposal of Working Plan of Social Forestry Division, Unnao for the period 2021-22 to 2023-24 on the same conditions as stipulated in approval letter dated 07.12.2015 along with following additional terms and conditions-

1. The approval shall be effective from the date of issuance of this letter.
2. The approval of the working plan shall be only for specified period i.e. from 1st October 2021 to 30th September 2024. All information provided subsequent to submission of working plan would be treated as part of Working Plan and would be incorporated/annexed in the approved extension proposal.
3. A mid-term review of the plan shall be carried out mandatorily preferably in January 2023.
4. List of Sample plots, preservation plots, seed plots etc. of the division should be annexed with the Working Plan.
5. The State Govt. should make an arrangement for notification of **13.718 ha.** non-forest land under Indian Forest Act, 1927. Classification and notification of forest area should be completed within TWO years from the date of issue of this letter. A compliance report to this effect will be made available to this office.

6. Encroachment on forest land should be removed within TWO years from the date of issue of this letter. A compliance report to this effect will be made available to this office.
7. Boundaries of the division shall be demarcated and maintained properly as well as installation of RCC/PCC pillars of size 4' above ground should be ensured on priority within working plan period and the pillars should be inscribed with latitudes and longitudes of the location along with other details. Annual target for installation of boundary pillars needs to be fixed so that at the end of plan period, forest area of the Division will be completely demarcated.
8. State Government shall ensure that shortage of fund should not become reason for deviation.
9. Milestone for people biodiversity register (PBR) formulation as well as Access of Benefit Sharing Regulation has to be implemented and monitored.
10. Listed wetlands, defined under the Wetland (Conservation & Management) Rules, 2017 situated outside forest to be restored and sustainably managed. Wetland Conservation alongwith its riparian restoration will be done strictly in accordance under the provision of aforesaid Rules.
11. Raising of genetically improved seedlings/clonal propagation needs emphasis for timber productivity enhancement for future. Accordingly, yearwise raising of clonal seedlings will be fixed in proportion in the Division.
12. Instances of man-animal conflicts and action taken for diffusing the conflicts, rescuing/relocating the wild animals needs documentation before mid-term review.
13. Felling should commensurate with Re-generation and State Forest Department should ensure the compliance of the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court.
14. Deviations, if any, should be approved by the Competent Authority as designated.

All proposals for felling of trees in forest area as per the Working Plan/Working Scheme shall be dealt as per MoEF&CC, Govt. of India order dated 23.02.2018.

State Government should expedite the process of preparation of scheduled Working Plan. No further extension proposals shall be entertained after this.

The Central Govt. reserves the right to review, modify or withdraw the approval given as above at any point of time if any of the conditions of the approval are not implemented or relevant modification is required so as to keep it in conformity with the management needs and/or with order, circulars and guidelines by the Central Government or Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the matter in future.

Yours Sincerely,

(Dr. Prachi Gangwar)

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