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Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 0.20 ha. of forest land
for Construction of Railway Line Ahmednagar-
Beed-Parli V. New BG Line Project in the State
of Maharashtra.

No. : Desk-17/Nodal/Aurangabad/ID-13735/ 710 /2022-23
Nagpur – 440 001, Dated 23/06/2022

To,

To,

The Deputy Director General (Central)
Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change,
Regional Office, Ground Floor, East Wing,
New Secretariat Building,
Civil Lines, Nagpur-440001

Sir,

The Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction) Central Railway, Ahmednagar has been initiated Proposal is for diversion of 0.20 ha. of forest land for Construction of Railway Line Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli V. New BG Line Project in the State of Maharashtra. The The detailed area statement of forest land is shown as under:- (P-24)

| Area Statement for Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli Vajinath New Railway Line Project | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Total Forest Area (in ha.) | | | | | | | | | 0.20 | | |

2) Following documents as prescribed in Government Circular, Revenue and Forest Department No.FLD-1081/2041/(A)/F-3, dated 20/03/1982 and according to Government of India's instructions issued from time to time are enclosed in one copies.

3.1 Prescribed form dated 10/01/2003.

3.2 Certificate regarding minimum demand of forest land for the project,

3.3 Area Statement,

3.4 Index map in suitable scale

3) The proposed project is important among the factors responsible for the backwardness includes lack of adequate transport facilities. The existing rail network in this area is limited to (1) Vikharabe to Parli-Vajinath. (2) Purna-Akola (3) Parbhani-Parli Vajinath and (4) Mudkhed- Adilabad lines. Apart from the above, the Broad-Gauge line from Kurduwadi to Latur road traverses in this region. It would be interesting to note that none

of these lines connect Beed district (except the Parli which lies in the eastern border of the district connected by the line from Parbhani). Thus, Beed is one of those backward districts in Marathwada, which needs substantial upliftment. A new rail connection in this district would be step towards fulfilling the social and economic demands of this region. (P-8). The site inspection report of the Divisional Forest Officer Beed is enclosed in the proposal file on page no.36 to 38.

4) The Divisional Forest Officer, Beed has certified that:-

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- 4.2 No violation under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 (P-22)
- 4.3 The proposed area belongs to Eco value class-III, having density below 0.04 (Open Forest). (P-28)
- 4.4 There are 42 trees cutting and felling involved in the project. (P-29)

| Cutting and felling of trees (in Cm) | | | | | | |
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- 4.6 Proposed area is not included in National Park, Wild Life Sanctuary or Nature Reserve. (P-27)
- 4.7 Proposed Compensatory Afforestation over 0.40 ha. degraded forest land in Compartment No.489A, Survey/Gut no.447 at Village-Bhawanwadi, Tal. Beed, Dist. Beed it is suitable for afforestation and management purpose and also it is free from encroachment.(P-23)
- 4.8 Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance. (P-26)

5) The User Agency has submitted the following undertaking/Certificate/documents:-

- 5.1 to deposit the cost of Compensatory afforestation. (P-62)
- 5.2 to deposit the cost of Net Present Value. (P-65)
- 5.3 The copy of Administrative approval accorded by the Government of India, Ministry of Railway, vide Government Resolution No.97/W-2/NL/C/10/ABV-Vol.II dt.06/11/2015 (P-76 to 79)
- 5.4 The copy of Technical approval accorded by the Asst. Ex. Engineer (C)/PL/CSTM letter dated 07/05/2008 is enclosed on page no.78
- 5.5 User Agency has submitted the FRA-2006 Certificate, However, submitted the undertaking stating that required certificate will be submitted to Forest Department after received from District Collector, Beed (P-88-109).

- 6) The Divisional Forest Officer, Beed and the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Aurangabad have recommended the proposal for diversion of 0.20 ha. of forest land. (P-120 to 122 and 127)

7.0 In view of this, the proposal is recommended for approval under the section -2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to the following conditions:-

- 7.1 The legal status of the forest land required will remain unchanged.
- 7.2 Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 0.40 ha. degraded forest land in Compartment No.489A, Survey/Gut no.447 at Village-Bhawanwadi, Tal. Beed, Dist. Beed at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
- 7.3 The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.
- 7.4 NPV :-
- a) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 0.20 ha. forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the Government of India guidelines dated 06/01/2022, 19/01/2022 and 22/03/2022.
- b) Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- 7.5 For violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 the User Agency will defray the cost equal to NPV of forest land per hectars for each year of violation from the dated of actual diversion as reported by the inspecting officer with maximum up to 5 times Penal NPV Plus 12 percent simply interest till the deposit is made in accordance with Government of India advisory number 11-42/2017-FC, dated 29/01/2018
- 7.6 User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
- 7.7 All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<http://parivesh.nic.in/>)
- 7.8 The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- 7.9 User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.

- 7.10 The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- 7.11 No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 7.12 Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the laborer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- 7.13 The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- 7.14 No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- 7.15 The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
- 7.16 The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- 7.17 The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Government of India.
- 7.18 Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guidelines F.No.11-42/2017-FC, dated 29/01/2018.
- 7.19 Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
- 7.20 The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>)

8.00. It is therefore, requested that the Government of India may kindly be moved for approving the Proposal for diversion of 0.20 ha. of forest land for Construction of Railway Line Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli V. New BG Line Project in the State of Maharashtra under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl. :- (Proposal in 1 copies)

Yours sincerely



(Naresh Zurmure)

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer

Copy submitted to the Principal Secretary (Forests), Revenue & Forest Department, Mantralya, Mumbai- 400032 for information. .{Encl: (Proposal in one copy)}

Copy forwarded for information to:

1. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Aurangabad.
2. The Divisional Forest Officer, Beed.
3. The Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction) Central Railway, Ahmednagar-414005.

PART -IV

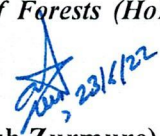
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(Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks)

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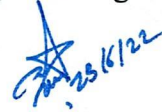
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Recommended:

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(Naresh Zurmure)

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& Nodal Officer

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