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Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 13.800 ha. Reserved Forest under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Allapalli for construction of RRP-2 additional works of roads and Bridges in Korepalli-Kavtharam-Kapwancha-Assa-Modumadagu road with 1 minor bridge VR 36 & 128 km, Tal. Sironcha, Dist. Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra. (FP/MH/Road/117637/2020).

No. : Desk-17/NODAL/Gadchiroli/ID-12873/1048 /20-22
Nagpur - 440 001, Dated :- 22-09-21

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Revenue and Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai -32

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Division 1, Gadchiroli has submitted the proposal for diversion of 13.800 ha. Reserved Forest under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Allapalli for construction of RRP-2 additional works of roads and Bridges in Korepalli-Kavtharam-Kapwancha-Assa-Modumadagu road with 1 minor bridge VR 36 & 128 km, Tal. Sironcha, Dist. Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra. The details of forest land proposed for diversion is as given below: -

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Forest Area (in ha.)					138000	13.800	

2.00 The proposal has been initiated by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division 1, Gadchiroli for seeking approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The User Agency has certified that the forest land admeasuring 13.800 ha is the minimum demand for the project. The existing road has very poor geometry, congestion leading to traffic jams. Therefore the User Agency has decided to undertake improvement and maintenance of RRP-2 additional works of

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3.00 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 two 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

4.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sironcha Forest Division, Sironcha has certified that:-

4.1 no suitable alternate land is available and the forest land required is minimum.

4.2 the area belongs to Eco-value class-III having density is 0.8 (Dense Forest).

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4.6 there is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.

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clearance from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife as per the section 38 O (1) (g) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 will be required'

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4.9 As per clause 2.5 of the Handbook under the FCA, 1980. The Special provisions for CA for certain categories of projects is as under:-

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4.9 In the instant case the construction of the aforesaid link road in less than 20 ha. and the Gadchiroli District forest area exceeding 50% of the total geographical area. Therefore, the User Agency shall have to defray the cost for compensatory afforestation over double 27.600 ha degraded forest land including 10 years maintenance.

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5.00 The User Agency has submitted an undertaking that:-

5.1 to defray the cost of compensatory afforestation.

5.2 to defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land proposed under diversion.

5.3 Government of India vide letter No.11-43/2013-FC, dt.3/12/2018 has issued guidelines regarding compliance of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Right) Act, 2006. As per these guidelines:-

'Accordingly, it is clarified that within the time period stipulated for compliance of Stage I condition, Deputy Commissioner shall complete the process of compliance of FRA (including forwarding its findings to be concerned CF), hence for the purpose of the MoEF & CC, as per the provisions under the Forest (Conservation) amendment rules, 2016 the compliance under FRA is not required for consideration of in-principle approval. This has to be furnished by the State Government for consideration of the proposal by the Ministry for final approval'.

Hence, the user agency has given an undertaking regarding the compliance under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act,

2006 has been applied and is under process and shall be submitted before in-principle approval.

5.4 Copy of the administrative approval accorded by Government of India, Ministry of Rural Development, Department of Rural Development letter No. F.No.P-17024/15/2017-RCPLWEA (FMS-358623), dated 21/02/2020

5.5 Copy of the technical approval accorded by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Allapalli vide letter dt.24/12/2020.

7.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sironcha Forest Division and the Chief Conservator of Forest (T), Gadchiroli have recommended the proposal for diversion of 13.800 ha. of forest land.

8.00 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 :-

Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 28.00 ha. degraded Forest land (i) 10 ha. in Compartment No.10,12, in Village Shekapur Zopadi, Range Wardha, Dist. Wardha (ii) 8.00 ha. in Compt No.87, Village Gadegaon, Range Wardha, Dist. Wardha. (iii) 5.00 ha. in Compt No. 12 of Village Shivani, Range Wardha, Dist. Wardha (iv) area 5.00 ha. in Village Warpindkepar Range Bapera 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. The area shall be fenced with Chain link fence at the cost of User Agency.

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 13.800 ha. forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA No.566 in WP (C) No.202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No.5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II), dated 18/09/2003 as well as letter No.5-2/2006-FC, dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007-FC, dated 05/02/2009 in this regard.
- 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 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.
- 7.6 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/>)
- 7.7 The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector before Stage-II approval.
- 7.8 User Agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the IRC norms.
- 7.9 Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/Forest Areas.
- 7.10 The user agency shall provide suitable under/over pass in Protected Area/ Forest Area as per recommendation of CWLW/NBWL/FAC/REC.
- 7.11 The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- 7.12 No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 7.13 Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- 7.14 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.
- 7.15 No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- 7.16 The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- 7.17 It Shall mandatory to provide underpass for safe crossing of wild animals
- (a) The underpass shall have a minimum size of width 4.00 mt and Height 3.00 mt.
 - (b) Wherever natural cross drainage works are in existence, then no need to construct new underpass subject to existing structure nearly complying above mentioned dimensions, as suggested in (a) above.
 - (c) Wherever natural cross drainage works are in existence but as per engineering requirement, it is required to reconstruct then that structure shall comply with the minimum dimensions as suggested in (a) above.
 - (d) Interval between such underpasses shall not be more than 2.00 km
- 7.18 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.
- 7.19 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.
- 7.20 As the proposed is part of the Tiger Corridor as per TCP and TATR, therefore the project proponent will seek prior clearance from the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife. The User Agency shall bear the cost of implementation of any mitigation or conservation plan as suggested by the Chief Wildlife Warden or the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife.


7.21 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.

7.22 The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>)

7.23 The said proposal is in area classified as LWE area in Maharashtra & proposal would benefited in vicinity community.

9.00 It is therefore, requested that Government of Maharashtra may kindly be moved for approving the proposal for diversion of 13.800 ha. Reserved Forest under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Allapalli for construction of RRP-2 additional works of roads and Bridges in Korepalli-Kavtharam-Kapwancha-Assa-Modumadagu road with 1 minor bridge VR 36 & 128 km, Tal. Sironcha, Dist. Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra, under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl. :- Proposal 2 copies

 22/7/21

(Naresh Zurmure)

**Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer**

Copy to the Conservator of Forest (T), Gadchiroli for information.

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PART -IV


**(To be filled by Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)**

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

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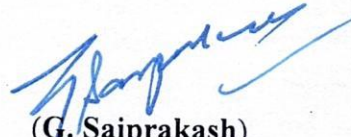
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- 7.3 The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the 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 13.800 ha. forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA No.566 in WP (C) No.202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No.5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II), dated 18/09/2003 as well as letter No.5-2/2006-FC, dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007-FC, dated 05/02/2009 in this regard.
- 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 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.
- 7.6 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/>)
- 7.7 The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector before Stage-II approval.
- 7.8 User Agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the IRC norms.
- 7.9 Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/Forest Areas.
- 7.10 The user agency shall provide suitable under/over pass in Protected Area/ Forest Area as per recommendation of CWLW/NBWL/FAC/REC.
- 7.11 The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- 7.12 No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 7.13 Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- 7.14 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.
- 7.15 No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- 7.16 The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- 7.17 It Shall mandatory to provide underpass for safe crossing of wild animals
- (a) The underpass shall have a minimum size of width 4.00 mt and Height 3.00 mt.
 - (b) Wherever natural cross drainage works are in existence, then no need to construct new underpass subject to existing structure nearly complying above mentioned dimensions, as suggested in (a) above.
 - (c) Wherever natural cross drainage works are in existence but as per engineering requirement, it is required to reconstruct then that structure shall comply with the minimum dimensions as suggested in (a) above.
 - (d) Interval between such underpasses shall not be more than 2.00 km
- 7.18 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.
- 7.19 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.
- 7.20 As the proposed is part of the Tiger Corridor as per TCP and TATR, therefore the project proponent will seek prior clearance from the Standing Committee of National Board for

Wildlife. The User Agency shall bear the cost of implementation of any mitigation or conservation plan as suggested by the Chief Wildlife Warden or the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife.

- 7.21 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.
- 7.22 The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>)
- 7.23 The said proposal is in area classified as LWE area in Maharashtra & proposal would benefited in *increasing communication*.


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