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Chandigarh



File No: 9-PBB327/2021-CHA

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To

Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),
Government of Punjab
Forest Department,
Mini Secretariat, Sector 9
Chandigarh. (fcf@punjab.gov.in)

Sub: Diversion of 0.938 ha (Instead of 0.917 ha) 0.778 ha area closed U/s of PLPA 1900+0.139 ha area delisted from PLPA 1900+ 0.0207 ha PF area of ha) of forest land in favour of Executive Engineer, Rupnagar Head Works Rupnagar Water Resources Department, Punjab for construction of Jeowal-Bhatoli-BaruwalMassewal-Majher-Chikna-Nard Lift Irrigation Scheme Falling within the jurisdiction of Rupnagar Under Forest Division Rupnagar, Punjab.(Online proposal no. FP/PB/Irrig/60833/2020)

Ref: (i) State Government online proposal received on dated 09.03.2021
(ii) Nodal Officer Punjab letter no. FOREST-FCA0FC4R/2/2021-FCA dated 05.05.2021

Sir,

Please refer to the above cited subject and letters seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose in accordance with section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government, in-principle approval is hereby conveyed for diversion 0.938 ha of forest land for the above mentioned project, subject to the following conditions:

(A) **Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department.**

- i) Cost of compensatory afforestation and additional compensatory afforestation as per CA scheme may be realized from the user agency.
- ii) Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted for non-forestry purpose may be realized from the user agency, as per Ministry's directions issued vide letters No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 5th February 2009 and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India's Order dated 30th October 2002, 28th March, 2008, 24th April, 2008 and 9th May 2008;
- iii) As per the orders of the Government of India vide letter No. 5-2/2010-CAMPA 24.06.2011, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land and all other CA levies shall be deposited through web portal of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change www.parivesh.nic.in.

- iv) User agency should ensure that the compensatory levies (CA cost, NPV, etc.) are deposited through challan generated online on web portal and deposited in appropriate bank only. Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.
- v) User Agency shall ensure that no other proposal in the division, for which Stage-I has already been granted in the past, is still pending for compliance of conditions of Stage-I approval. An Undertaking to this effect that "no such proposal for compliance of conditions of Stage-I approval is pending with this division" be submitted. Compliance of the same will be mandatory for the final clearance of this proposal by this office.
- vi) Correct copy of FRA certificate to be provided.
- vii) Equivalent non-forest land be mutated & transfer in favour of Forest Department and notified as RF/PF.

(B) Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:

- i) Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged;
- ii) Efforts should be made to fell minimum number of trees and in any case, not more than 30 trees and 6 plants;
- iii) The trees should be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- iv) The forest land will not be used for any other purpose than that mentioned in the proposal;
- v) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without approval of the Central Government;
- vi) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- vii) No damage will be done to the adjoining forest land;
- viii) User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
- ix) The user agency shall pay additional amount of NPV as and when increased on the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court;
- x) The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- xi) Any other condition that this Regional Office may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and
- xii) It will be the responsibility of the State Government/User Agency to obtain all other prior approvals/clearances under all other relevant Acts/Rules/ Court's Rulings/instructions, etc., including environmental clearance, as applicable to this proposal.

3. After receipt of the compliance report on fulfillment of the conditions under para-2(A), above, final approval order shall be given under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The use of forestland will not be allowed till final approval is accorded.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(C.D. Singh)

**Regional Officer,
IRO, MoEF&CC, Chandigarh**

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