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To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Chhattisgarh,  
Forest Department,  
Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhavan,  
New Raipur (CG).

**Sub: Diversion of Forest Land for non-forest purpose under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 proposal for widening & upgradation to 2 lane of Lohara Rengadabri Junnapani Chowki Road area 5.530-reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. F-5-23/2021/10-2 dated 31.08.2021 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Proposal has been examined and approved by the Regional Empowered Committee constituted under Section - 4 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

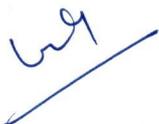
After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the approval of the proposal by the Regional Empowered Committee, the Central Government hereby accords '**In-Principle**' approval, under Section - 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Diversion of 5.530 Ha Forest Land for non-forest purpose under Forest Conservation Act, 1980, to the proposal for widening & upgradation to 2 lane of Lohara Rengadabri Junnapani Chowki Road area in Balod District in the State of Chhattisgarh, subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. **Compensatory Afforestation:**  
Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 11.060 ha (Patch 1- 9.20 ha and Patch 2- 1.85 ha) Orange Area forest land of Khasra No. 11/01, Range- Doundi, Balod Forest Division, District- Balod 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;
- iii. 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;
- iv. **NPV:**
  - a) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 5.530 ha forest land being diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008

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in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 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;
- c) All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portai (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);
- v. State Government shall take appropriate action against the violation as per the provisions of MoEF&CC's guideline dated 29.01.2018 and penal NPV shall be charged accordingly. A detail report in this regard shall be submitted along with the compliance report.
- vi. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- vii. User Agency shall submit the Justification for widening & upgradation to 2 lane of Lohara-Rengadabri-Junnapani Chowki Road proposal.
- viii. User Agency shall submit Muck Management plan or furnish the undertaking that no muck will be dumped inside the forest area.
- ix. User Agency in consultation with State Forest Department Government shall explore the possibility of retaining as many as possible number of trees in proposed RoW and an enumeration report in this regard shall be submitted.
- x. The boundary of the diverted forest land, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar;
- xi. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Forest Areas;
- xii. The reclamation of quarry should be done under the supervision of the State Forest Department. The quarry shall be reclaimed and afforested completely before the project is closed.
- xiii. User Agency shall submit the Map and KML file of entire alignments duly highlighting forest area proposed for diversion and location of all structures (Bridge, Box culverts etc).
- xiv. The designing of culverts/bridges, over the natural streams/rivers/canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals.
- xv. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xvi. The User Agency shall provide fuels 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;
- xvii. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
- xviii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- xix. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- xx. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;
- xxi. Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- xxii. The User Agency shall submit six monthly self-compliance reports as on 1st January and 1st July of every year to this office as well as to the Nodal Officer of the State;



- xxiii. The State Government shall monitor compliance of conditions of Forest Clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly report as on 31st December of every year;
- xxiv. Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;
- xxv. Grant of working permission to the extant proposal may be considered by the State Government in accordance with the provisions as contained in the MoEF&CC's Guidelines dated 28.08.2015;
- xxvi. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

After receipt of a satisfactory compliance report from the State Government in respect of conditions no. (ii), (iii) (iv), (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix), (xiii), (xiv) and undertakings in respect of all other conditions, duly authenticated by the competent authority in the State Government, the proposal will be considered for grant of Stage-II approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

**Yours faithfully,**

*Chaturbhuj*  
11/10/21

**Chaturbhuj Behera**  
**Inspector General of Forests**

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1. The PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur
2. The Nodal Officer FCA), O/o of the PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
3. Director (ROHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi.
4. User Agency.
5. Guard File.

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