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To,

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

Sub: Diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 proposed for Construction of Kondagaon Bypass Road (from NH-30 KM 223/2 To KM 230/10 from 1/2 to 9/8 =8.727 KM) area - 9.304 Ha in Dahikonga Range in PF Compartment no. 795, 794, 777 and RF 793 in South Kondagaon Forest Division, Kondagaon District in the State of Chhattisgarh- regarding.

Sir,

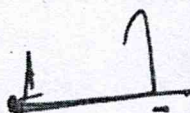
Kindly refer to the letter no. F-5-24/2022/10-2 dated 26.12.2022 of the State Government of Chhattisgarh, on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section -2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. It is to say that after examination of the proposal of the State Government, 'In-principle' approval was accorded by the Central Government vide its letter dated 30.01.2023. The State Government of Chhattisgarh has now submitted a report on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' approval and requested for final approval of the proposal.

In this connection, it is to inform that on the basis of compliance report submitted by the Government of Chhattisgarh vide letter no. 5-24/2022/10-2 dated 25.08.2023 and additional information submitted by the State Government vide letter no. 5-24/2022/10-2 dated 01.10.2024 and on the recommendation by the State Government, the Central Government hereby accords **"Final /Stage-II Approval"** under Section- 2 (i) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of **9.304 ha Forest land for Construction of Kondagaon Bypass Road (from NH-30 KM 223/2 To KM 230/10 from 1/2 to 9/8 =8.727 KM)** in favour of Executive Engineer Public Works Department (B and R) Kondagaon, Kondagaon District of Chhattisgarh, which is subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

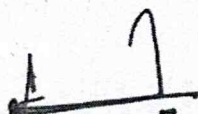
- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over by the user agency;
- iii. **Compensatory Afforestation:**

a. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the User Agency carried out on 18.608 ha. P.H. no. 41 Degraded Revenue Forest land in Khasra No. 1/1 (total area 38.019 ha) at Village Aadnar, in Kondagaon Forest Division 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;
- b. The non-forest land which has been transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department for the purpose of compensatory afforestation shall be declared as Reserved Forest under Section-4 or Protected Forest under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the State Forest Act.
- iv. 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 escalation for works scheduled for subsequent years;
- v. 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;
- vi. The State Government of Chhattisgarh/ Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department of Chhattisgarh shall ensure settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (No. 2 of 2007) before issuing an order for handing over of forest land to the User Agency as per the provision of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023;
- vii. The total project affected trees are 321; comprised of 59 trees above 90 cm girth and the remaining 262 trees below 90 cm girth class. The 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;
- viii. **Width of the right of way (RoW) for the proposed road shall be limited to 18m;**
- ix. 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;
- x. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas;
- xi. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the



- provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
- xii. The State Forest Department shall ensure that all proposed structures provide safe passage for the smooth movement of wildlife and cattle as suggested by the Wildlife Institute of India in manual entitled "Eco-friendly Measures to Mitigate Impacts of Linear Infrastructure on Wildlife, published in 2016;
 - xiii. 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;
 - xiv. The plantation along the road side or in RoW of the road as per the IRC norms should preferably be done by the State Forest Department besides general and standard conditions from the funds provided by the User Agency. The State forest department shall prepare the plantation proposal giving preference to the native forest tree species including fruit-bearing tree species;
 - xv. The plantation schemes along with the selection of species and other technical inputs should be approved from the concerned State Forest Department. Further the user agency & State Forest department shall ensure good quality of plantation & ensure survival of all such plantations;
 - xvi. No labour camp shall be established in the forest land;
 - xvii. 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;
 - xviii. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
 - xix. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
 - xx. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
 - xxi. 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;
 - xxii. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;
 - xxiii. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest

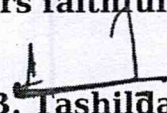


(Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F. No. 11- 42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018;

- xxiv. 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 offorests & wildlife;
- xxv. The compliance report shall be uploaded one-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

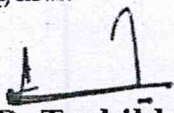
This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,


(C. B. Tashildar)
AIGF (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Inspector General of Forests (RoHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Clmate Change, Indira ParyavaranBhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003 **for information please.**
2. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Chhattisgarh, AranyaBhawan, Sector-19, Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
3. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh, Aryan Bhawan, Nawa Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
4. User agency.
5. Guard file


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