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Date: 21.11.2024

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Revenue and Forest Department,
Hutatma Rajguru Chowk
Madame Cama Marg, Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400032.

S u b : Diversion of 4.446 ha forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Allapalli for improvement/upgradation and maintenance of Hedri (SH-381) to Bande Road (VR-91 and ODR-62) in Etapalli Tehsil of District Gadchiroli in the state of Maharashtra.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the APCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra vide letter no. Desk-17/NC/I/ID-/1079/20-21 dated 20.01.2021 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980**. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government, **'in-principle'** approval was accorded by the Central Government vide its letter of even number dated 30.11.2021. The Addl. PCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, vide his letter no. Desk-17/Nodal//Gadchiroli/ID-12863/38/2023-24 dated 05.04.2023, submitted compliance report and requested to grant final approval to the proposal.

After careful consideration of the proposal and compliance report, I am directed to convey the Central Government's **'final approval'** under Section- 2 of the **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980** for diversion of 4.446 ha forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Allapalli for improvement/upgradation and maintenance of Hedri (SH-381) to Bande Road (VR-91 and ODR-62) in Etapalli Tehsil of District Gadchiroli in the state of Maharashtra subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground by the **State Forest Department from the amount which has already been realized from the User**


Agency;

- iii. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over **9.00 ha** degraded forest land in Compt. No. C-61 at Village- Vihirgaon, Division- Wadsa, District- Gadchiroli from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Gadchiroli District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided;
- iv. If the requisite number of plants @ 1000/ ha cannot be planted on degraded forest land identified for taking up CA, then the balance number of plants will be planted in degraded forest land as per provisions of Working Plan;
- 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.;
- vi. 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. Maximum number of trees up to 60 cm girth proposed to be felled shall be translocated by the State Government at the cost of the User Agency;
- vii. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector;
- viii. To improve the Forest/ Tree cover and to reduce pollution, as mandated in National Forest Policy, 1988 and Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 respectively, the User Agency shall develop a separate nursery at one or more places to raise at least 5,000 seedlings of forestry species along with bamboo, fruit bearing, medicinal, ornamental and indigenous/local every year. At least 50% of seedlings shall be planted by User Agency in the vicinity of project area including forest area and for hand holding with local people residing in vicinity of proposed road, User Agency shall voluntarily distribute remaining 50% of seedlings to them free of cost. A compliance report including species wise details of seedlings raised, location of plantation area and details of villagers whom seedlings have been distributed need to be prepared every six month and submitted to Regional Office of MoEF&CC. **The State Forest Department has reported that, the User Agency has already deposited the cost with the DCF concerned and hence, it is requested that the said amount shall be transferred to the designated CAMPA account immediately and condition shall be complied with by the State Forest Department from the amount which has claimed to be deposited by the user Agency;**




- ix. **State Forest Department shall undertake avenue plantation of 8 feet tall plants as per IRC norms from the amount which has claimed to be realized from the User Agency;**
- x. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas;
- xi. Wherever river/stream/nala are passing through the road, causeway must be avoided and bridges or box culverts shall be constructed;
- xii. **User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;**
- xiii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- xiv. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xv. 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;
- xvi. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xvii. **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;**
- xviii. The Forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal and **diverted forest area shall not exceed 4.446 ha;**
- xix. 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;
- xx. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980** and action would be taken as per the provision of **Adhiniyam** and rules/guidelines issued there under;
- xxi. 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;

Yours faithfully,


(C.B. Tashildar)
AIGF (Central)

Copy to:

- i. The IGF (RoHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003 for information please
- ii. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iii. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iv. User Agency.
- v. Guard file.



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