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F.No. FC-I/MH-207/2021-NGP/ 13750

Date: 21.11.2024

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Revenue and Forest Department,
HutatmaRajguru Chowk
Madam Cama Marg, Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400032.

Sub: Diversion of 3.67 ha forest land in favour of Public Works Division, Allapalli for construction and maintenance of JijawandiErapnar Road (upto state border) VR-61 including Minor Bridge at CH 0+350 in Tehsil- Etapalli, District- Gadchiroli, in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra letter No. Desk-17/NC/I/ID- /1078/20-21 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 State Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-2021/C.R.-46/F-10, dated 03.05.2023 and the APCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra's letter no. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-48724/Gadchiroli/528 dated 03.06.2024 submitted compliance report and requested to grant final approval.

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 **3.67 ha** forest land in favour of Public Works Division, Allapalli for construction and maintenance of JijawandiErapnar Road (upto state border) VR-61 including Minor Bridge at CH 0+350 in Tehsil- Etapalli, District- Gadchiroli, in the State of Maharashtra- regarding subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- i. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. The boundary of the. diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground by the **State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency;**
- iii. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 8.00 ha degraded forest land in Compt. No. C-71 at Village- Jogisakhara, 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. Atleast one water body shall be constructed in the form of tank/ stop dams etc if the same

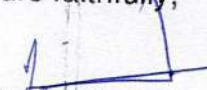
- are not available in the area or in nearby vicinity. Further, if existing tank/ stop dams are available and needs desilting/repair, same shall be carried out to meet the water requirement of wild animals throughout the year;
- iv. Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming 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;
 - v. 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;
 - vi. State Government, Maharashtra/ Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra 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;
 - vii. To improve the Forest/ Tree cover and to reduce pollution in the State, as mandated in National Forest Policy, 1988 and Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 respectively, the State Government at the cost of the User Agency shall develop a separate nursery at one or more places to raise at least 5000 seedlings of forestry species along with bamboo, fruit bearing, medicinal, ornamental and indigenous / local every year., At least 50% of seedlings shall be planted in the vicinity of the proposed road, the State Government shall 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, Nagpur;
 - viii. The State Government shall under take avenue planation as per the IRC norms from the amount which has claimed to deposited with the DCF concerned by the User Agency;
 - ix. The State Government shall take necessary steps and instruct the DCF concerned to transfer the amount claimed to be deposited by the User Agency with the DCF concerned in compliance to the condition No vii & viii in to designated CAMPA account immediately and issue direction to all field Officers to raise demand note to the User Agency as per the provision of the VSS Rules and the CMAPA rules and all such levies shall be deposited in to the CAMPA account only (except for the works which are exemption provided to do so);
 - x. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
 - xi. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas;
 - xii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
 - xiii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
 - xiv. 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



- xv. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xvi. 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;
- xvii. 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 3.67 ha**;
- xviii. 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;
- xix. 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;
- xx. 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;


This order issues with the approval of DDGF (C), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur.

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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