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To,

✓ Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),
Government of Chhattisgarh,
Forest Department, Mantralaya,
Mahanadi Bhavan, Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar (CG).

Sub: Diversion of 1.82 ha forest land in favour PWD B and R Division Surajpur for Construction of New District Court Building, under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 at Surajpur District, in the State of Chhattisgarh-reg.

Sir,

Kindly refer to the State Government of Chhattisgarh letter no. F-5-17/2022/10-2 dated 27.09.2022 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section - 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh vide his letter no. क्र./भू -प्रबंध /विविध/115-925/2082 dated 14.09.2022. It is to say that the said proposal has been examined by the Integrated Regional Office in light of relevant provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Rules and Guidelines framed thereunder.

After examination of the proposal and on the basis of recommendation of the State Government, the Central Government hereby accords '**In-Principle**' approval under Section -2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 1.83 Ha forest land in favour of PWD B and R Division Surajpur for Construction of New District Court Building, Surajpur District, in the State of Chhattisgarh subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- i. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. **Compensatory afforestation**
 - a) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 3.64 ha degraded Revenue forest land in Khasra. No. 780 at Beat- Premnagar, Range- Ramanujnagar, Village - Bkirma, District- Surajpur at the cost of the User Agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Surajpur District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. At least 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;
 - b) The proposed non-forest CA land shall be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department before Stage-II clearance.
- 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 provisions for anticipated cost escalation for works scheduled for subsequent years;

iv. **NPV:**

- a) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 1.82 ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No. 5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II) dated 18/09/2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/2006-FC dated 03/10/2006 and 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;

- v. No tree felling or cutting shall be permitted under instant proposal;
- vi. All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through **e-portal** (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);
- vii. 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 order for handing over of forest land to the User Agency as per Rule- 9 (6) (b) (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2002 dated 28.06.2022;
- viii. 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 User Agency in consultation with local DCF shall raise at least 1500 seedlings of forestry species along with bamboo, fruit bearing, medicinal, ornamental and indigenous/local for 10 years. 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. A six-monthly compliance report species wise seedlings raised and location of plantation area shall be submitted to Regional Office of MoEF&CC;
- ix. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
- x. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- xi. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xii. 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;
- xiii. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer;
- xiv. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xv. 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;

- xvi. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
- xvii. 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;
- xviii. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action shall be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018;
- xix. 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 shall apply;
- xx. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);

After receipt of a report on the compliance of conditions no ii, iii, iv (a), vi, vii, viii and undertakings, duly authenticated by the competent authority in the State Government and fulfilment of other necessary conditions, formal approval will be considered under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

Chaturbhuja Behera
12/10/22

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Inspector General of Forests

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2. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Chhattisgarh, Aranya Bhawan, Sector-19, Nava Raipur, C.G
3. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh, Arany Bhawan, Nawa Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
4. User agency.
5. Guard file

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