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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 Forest Conservation Act - 1980 proposed for Modification of 220 KV Transmission Line, new BG Electrified East West Rail Corridor from Gevra Road - Pendra Road Railway line between location no. 278-281, area 2.128 ha, Marwahi Forest Division, District Gaurela- Pendra-Marwahi, State Chhattisgarh -regarding.**

Sir,

Kindly refer to the letter no. F-5-25/2023/10-2 dated 29.08.2023 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 26.03.2024. 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.

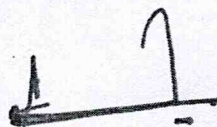
In this connection, it is informed that on the basis of compliance report submitted by the Government of Chhattisgarh vide letter no. 5-25/2023/10-2 dated 16.08.2024 and Online compliance through PARIVESH portal dated 28/10/2024. the Central Government hereby accords **"Final /Stage-II Approval"** under Section- 2 (i) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of **2.128 ha Forest land for Modification of 220 KV Transmission Line, new BG Electrified East West Rail Corridor from Gevra Road - Pendra Road Railway line between location no. 278-281** in favour of CSPTCL, Korba, Korba District of Chhattisgarh, which is subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- Legal status of the diverted 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 realised from the User Agency;
- Compensatory Afforestation will be carried over 4.300 ha. double degraded Forest Land at, Compartment No. PF-2357 (Protected Forest) in Village- Kesla (Kotmi), Range- Pendra, Forest Division- Marwahi, District- Gavrela- Pendra- Marwahi from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along fruit trees and 10% RET species shall be planted and monoculture of any species shall be avoided. The User agency shall make necessary facility/



construction in the area to meet the water requirement for plantation and for 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. 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;
- vi. User agency shall restrict the felling to 168 trees in the area that fall in diversion. However, only the required and minimum number of trees will be felled. The trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department at the cost of 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 User Agency with involvement of Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMC's) and in consultation with local DFOs shall raise at least 1,000 seedlings of forestry species along with bamboo, fruit bearing, medicinal, ornamental and indigenous/local each years for 5 years. At least 10% of seedlings shall be planted in the vicinity of project area and remaining 50% of seedlings shall be distributed among villagers as per choice of villagers. The concerned JFMC's shall maintain record of plantation/ seedling distribution to villagers;
- viii. The trees having bird nests shall not be felled without written permission from the DCF concern, both in forest as well as non-forest land;
- ix. Bird diverters shall be installed at suitable intervals throughout the transmission line in consultation with the State Government, and also as per the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court from time to time;
- x. The State Forest Department shall implement a scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under the transmission line from the amount which has already been realised from the user Agency;
- xi. The State Government from the amount which has already been realised from the User Agency shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird's nests artificially made out of eco-



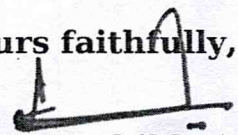


friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project;

- xii. Width of right of way for the transmission line shall be limited to **35m**. The minimum clearance between conductors and trees shall be **4.6 m**.
- xiii. The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter no. 7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014 and by the Hon'ble Supreme Court from time to time;
- xiv. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
- xv. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- xvi. No labour camp shall be established on 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. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xix. 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;
- xx. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
- xxi. The forest land proposed for diversion, shall under no circumstances, be transferred to any other agencies, department or any person without prior approval of Govt. of India;
- xxii. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of VSSA 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline and other relevant rules/ orders in this regard;
- xxiii. 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 is issued with the approval of Competent Authority of the Regional Office Nagpur.**

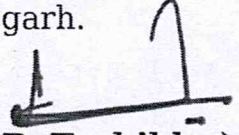
**Yours faithfully,**

  
**(C. B. Tashildar)**  
**AIGF (Central)**



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

  
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