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Date: 21/12/2021

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests)
Govt. of Chhattisgarh,
Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan
Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar, Chhattisgarh.

Sub: Diversion of 1.732 ha of Forest land for non-forest purpose under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 proposed for "Widening of the existing PMGSY road from the village Salhepalli to Kotrimal, from Auraimuda to Teram and at village Kanchanpur revenue forest in Raigarh Forest Division- regarding".

Sir,

Kindly refer to the State Government of Chhattisgarh vide his letter no. krmank/F-5-17/2020/10-2 dated 12.01.2021 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section - 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 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 letter of even number dated 23.02.2021. Now, the State Government of Chhattisgarh, vide letter no. krmank/F-5-17/2020/10-2 dated 09.11.2021 has submitted a report on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the 'In-Principle' approval and requested the Central Government to grant final approval to the proposal.

In this connection, inform you that on the basis of compliance report submitted by the State Government of Chhattisgarh, vide letter no. krmank/F-5-17/2020/10-2 dated 09.11.2021, the Central Government hereby accords **Final Approval** under Section -2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 1.732 ha of Forest land for non-forest purpose under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 proposed for "Widening of the existing PMGSY road from the village Salhepalli to Kotrimal, from Auraimuda to Teram and at village Kanchanpur revenue forest in Raigarh Forest Division 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 3.464 ha. Orange Area of Compo No. Saigabahri OA at Village- Pusalda in Raigarh District at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Raigarh District 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. The Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 may report compliance within a period of six (6) months from the date of grant of final approval and send a copy of the original notification declaring the

non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act as the case may be, to this Office for information and record;

- iii. User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
- iv. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- v. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
- vi. 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 ending 30/06 and 31/12 and submitted to Integrated Regional Office of MoEF&CC, Raipur.
- vii. User agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the Indian Roads Congress (IRC) norms. The user agency shall submit the compliance report to the IRO, Raipur.
- viii. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas.
- ix. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- x. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xi. 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;
- xii. 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;
- xiii. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xiv. 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;
- xv. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
- xvi. 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;

- xvii. 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;
- xviii. 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;
- xix. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);

Yours faithfully,

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21/12/21

Chaturbhuja Behera
Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The PCCF & HoFF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Sector-19, Aranya Bhavan, Atal Nagar, Naya Raipur (CG).
2. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh, Sector-19, Aranya Bhavan, Atal Nagar, Naya Raipur (CG).
3. User Agency.
4. Guard File.

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