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To,  
Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Chhattisgarh,  
Forest Department, Mantralaya,  
Mahanadi Bhavan, Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar (CG).  
**Sub: Diversion of 8.795 ha. Forest land for non-forest purpose under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 proposed for MGR (Merry-Go-Round) Railway line of Talaipalli Coal Mining Project of NTPC Limited area-regarding.**

Sir,

Kindly refer to the State Government of Chhattisgarh letter no. krmank/F-5-19/2020/10-2 dated 5.12.2020 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government, in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. It is to say that after careful examination of the proposal of the State Government, 'in-principle' approval was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 31.03.2021. Now, the State Government of Chhattisgarh, vide letter no. krmank/F-5-19/2020/10-2 dated 12.08.2021 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, It is informed that on the basis of compliance report submitted by the State Government of Chhattisgarh, vide letter no. krmank/F-5-19/2020/10-2 dated 12.08.2021, the Central Government hereby accords **Final Approval** under Section - 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Diversion of 8.795 ha. Forest land for non-forest purpose under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 proposed for MGR (Merry-Go-Round) Railway line of Talaipalli Coal Mining Project of NTPC Limited area-regarding 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 17.590 ha. Degraded Forest Land of Compt. No. 190, at village-Pulsada, Division-Raigarh, District-Raigarh 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;
- iii. 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;



- iv. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector;
- v. The User Agency in consultation with the State Forest Department shall review the existing Wildlife Conservation Plan and if any additional requirements are needed, same shall be added and implemented under the instant proposal. The same shall be submitted by the user agency along with Stage-II, compliance report;
- vi. Approved Wildlife Conservation Plan for the habitat improvement, protection and conservation of Wildlife in the area shall be implemented at the project cost by the State Government in consultation with the PCCF (Wildlife), Government of Chhattisgarh. The same shall be submitted by the user agency along with Stage-II, compliance report;
- vii. Underpasses as per the final Wildlife management Plan approved by the PCCF (Wildlife), Chhattisgarh, shall be constructed by the User Agency during the project construction phase at the locations suggested by the PCCF (Wildlife). The same shall be submitted by the user agency along with Stage-II, compliance report;
- 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 25,000 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 project, 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;
- ix. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the railway line at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/Forest Areas;
- x. The User Agency in consultation with Forest Department shall provide under/over pass for safe passage of wild animals at suitable places as per Wildlife Institute of India's manual entitled "Ecofriendly Measures to Mitigate Impacts of Linear Infrastructure on Wildlife" published in 2016;
- xi. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
- 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. 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;
- 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;
- 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. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project.
- xxi. 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;
- xxii. 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;
- xxiii. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

Yours faithfully,

*Chubey*  
21/12/21  
**Chaturbhuja Behera**  
**Inspector General of Forests**

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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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