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To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 08.386 ha forest land for Non-Forest Purpose under Forest Conservation Act -1980 proposed for Widening and Strengthening work in Kanger Ghati National Park of Existing Road from Jagdalpur- Sukma –Konta Road (Km 25.530 to 31.540 =6.010 km of NH-30 (Old 221) Sukma District in State of Chhattisgarh- FP/CG/ROAD/145285/2021-In principle approval- regarding.

Sir,

Please refer to the Government of Chhattisgarh letter no.F-5-07/2023/10-2 dated 08.11.2023 and online application No FP/CG/ROAD/145285/2021, seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with **Section'2' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam,1980. for the above-mentioned project.**

After careful consideration of the proposal and with the approval of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC), I am directed to convey the Central Government's **'in-principle'** approval under Section'2' of **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam,1980** for diversion of **8.386 ha** forest land for Non-Forest Purpose under Forest Conservation Act -1980 proposed for Widening and Strengthening work in Kanger Ghati National Park of Existing Road from Jagdalpur- Sukma –Konta Road (Km 25.530 to 31.540 =6.010 km of NH-30 (Old 221) Sukma District in State of Chhattisgarh, subject to the following conditions;

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out at suitable places as per the direction of the DCF concerned at the cost of the User Agency;
3. The State Government shall carry out compensatory afforestation (CA) over an extent of **17.00 ha in Mardum Village, Lohandiguda Tehsil, Bastar District** at the cost of the User Agency;
4. **As per the Ministry's guidelines, a minimum of 1,000 trees per hectare of DFL shall be raised. In case it is not possible to plant the required**

number of trees in the identified area, the balance shall be planted in nearby degraded forest areas, as prescribed in the working plan

5. The entire extent of **17.00 ha identified in Mardum Village, Lohandiguda Tehsil, Bastar District** identified for Compensatory Afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department. The land shall be notified as RF/ 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, before handing over of the forest area to the User Agency. A copy of the notification shall be uploaded in to PARIVESH by the Nodal Officer;
6. The State Forest Department shall implement CA scheme within time line framed under VSS rules, 2023;
7. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring of **8.386 ha** from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and Ministry's guideline.
8. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
9. 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/>);
10. **All conditions and suggestions recommended by the Standing Committee of the NBWL shall be strictly complied with by the User Agency. A compliance report to this effect shall be submitted to the Regional Office and the CWLW;**
11. **The state shall ensure that the wildlife mitigation plan duly approved by the CWLW is implemented.**
12. Tree felling shall be carried out in the forest area wherever necessary under the strict supervision of the DFO concerned at the project cost;
13. The muck shall not be dumped in the forest area;
14. The State / UA shall ensure all other approvals / permission under relevant rules / regulation, if any required prior to commencement of the project work.
15. Proper labour camps shall be constructed in the non-forest area and in any case, labour camp shall not be made within the RF area;
16. After ensuring settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007) and compliance to all such conditions, the State Government shall issue order for working permission or diversion as the case may be;
17. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
18. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
19. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
20. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;

21. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed of **8.386 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. **The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;**
22. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the all acts, rules, regulation and guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the subject project;
23. Any other condition that the Regional Office, Nagpur may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area shall be complied by the User Agency;
24. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / guidelines issued under **Van(Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980;**
25. The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
26. State Government shall ensure compliance all such conditions before issuing of working permission as per the provision of VSS rules, 2023 and provision made under Consolidated Guidelines and Clarification issued by the Ministry;
After receipt of the Compliance report on the above conditions, the proposal will be considered to accord final approval. The in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of **2 years** from the date of issue of the same. In the event of non- compliance of the above conditions within the stipulated period, this in-principle approval **shall be deemed to be null and void;**

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority, Regional Office, MoEF & CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,



(Vijay Sahebrao Kanthale)
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 Chhattisgarh, Raipur
- iii. User agency.
- iv. Guard file.



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