

**Government of Punjab
Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation
(Forest Branch)**

Dated: 16/03/2022

To,

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)
Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar.

Subject: Diversion of 0.456 Ha. of Forest Land {(0.2250 Ha. at Narwana Branch Canal RD 78 – 81 RHS WTP Site Pabra), (0.0945 HA at Bahadurghar to Ghanaur Road from Shekhu pura to Siyalu RHS, Mandauli Cluster), (0.1365 HA at Banur Canal RD Nanhera to Bhuri Majra (RHS)} for the laying of drinking water Pipe line, under forest Division, Patiala, FP/PB/Pipeline/146466/2021.

Government of India has accorded general approval under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 vide letter No. **F.No.5-2/2017-FC** dated **28.03.2019** under para **4.2** according in the cases of laying of Underground Telephone Lines, Optical Fiber Cable/Underground Laying of Drinking Water Supply Pipeline, CNG/PNG and slurry pipeline.

1. After careful consideration of the proposal submitted vide your letter under reference general approval of Govt. of India under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for " Stage-I approval " diversion of 0.456 ha. of forest land for digging of trenches measuring 4050 mtrs. long water pipeline along & across the road/rail/canal declared as PF in Punjab State towards PNGRB authorization for development of CGD Network is hereby conveyed subject to the following conditions:-

- i. Cost of compensatory Afforestation as per CA scheme may be realized from the user agency.
- ii. Cost of Addl. compensatory Afforestation as per ACA scheme may be realized from the user agency.
- iii. Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted for non-forestry purpose may be realized from the user agency, as per Ministry's directions issued vide letters No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 5th February, 2009 and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India's Order dated 30th October 2002, 28th March, 2008, 24th April, 2008 and 9th May 2008.
- iv. The user agency shall deposit payment of NPV of the forest land and all other

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CA levies only on MoEF & CC web portal <http://parivesh.nic.in> or <http://efclearance.nic.in>.

- v. The user agency shall provide certificate regarding Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers Recognition of Forest Rights Act, 2006 from the concerned Deputy Commissioner to Divisional Forest Officer.

2. The following conditions shall also be complied with after according final approval:-

1. Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged.
2. The forest land to be diverted as per in-principle approval will not be used for any other purpose.
3. 72 plants and 12 poles will be felled by the user agency in this case.
4. As per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide order dated 28-3-08 in I.A No. 826 in 566 in W.P.(C) 202 of 1995, the user agency is exempted for paying of the charges under NPV provided: (a) no felling of trees is involved and (b) the areas fall outside National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary.
5. The water pipeline will be laid along the road within the existing right of way and close to the outermost edge of the forest land. The dug out land shall be restored by the User Agency and the same shall be made good immediately after the approved operation.
6. This approval is subject to the clearance of the proposal under relevant local Acts/Rules/Court's Rulings/instructions etc. as applicable.
7. The User Agency shall seek prior permission from the **DFO Patiala** for carrying out any maintenance operation.
8. The User Agency shall abide by any other condition (s) that may be imposed by this Department in the interest of afforestation and protection of environment.
9. The State Forest Department may revoke/suspend this approval, if any of the above conditions is not satisfactorily fulfilled by the User Agency.
10. An undertaking is signed by the User Agency for abiding by all the aforesaid conditions.
11. If any other NOC is necessary for the work under any Act/Rules/Guidelines etc. from other Departments, the user agency should obtain the same on its own before the commencement of laying of pipeline.
12. **DFO, Patiala** shall ensure fulfillment of the above conditions and **CF, South Circle, Patiala** will supervise it.

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Copy to:-

1. Deputy Director General of Forests (C), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Bays No. 24-25, Sector 31-A, Chandigarh.
2. Conservator of Forests, South Circle, Patiala,
3. DFO Patiala.
4. Mr. Ramanpreet Singh, Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Rajpura, Distt. Patiala.