

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
Northern Regional Office

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To

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),
Government of Haryana,
Department of Forests,
Haryana Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

Sub: Diversion of 7.5 ha of forest land in favour of Executive Engineer, Provincial Division NO. 2, PWD B&R Br., Kurukshetra for widening of Kurukshetra-Dhand road KM. 0 to 15 (MDR 119, ID 8036) under forest division and district Kurukshetra, Haryana.

Ref: (i) Nodal Officer Haryana letters no. Admn-D-3-6896/3535 dated 16.01.2017 and Admn-D-3-6896/440 dated 17.05.2017.
(ii) Minutes of the REC meeting dated 18th May, 2017.

Sir,

Please refer to the above cited letter and online proposal no. FP/HR/Road/20299/2016 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose in accordance with section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government and recommendation of the REC, **"in-principle" approval is hereby conveyed** for diversion of **7.5 hectares** of forest land for the above mentioned project subject to the following conditions:

- i) Cost of compensatory afforestation and Addl CA as per CA scheme may be realized from the user agency;
- ii) 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;
- iii) As per the orders of the Government of India vide letter No. 5-2/2010-CAMPA 24.06.2011, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land and all other CA levies shall be deposited through web portal of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change <http://forestsclearance.nic.in> or <http://efclearance.nic.in>.
- iv) The period of forest clearance and category of proposal in part-I may be corrected.

3. The following conditions shall also be complied with after the final approval is accorded:

- i) Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged;
- ii) Efforts should be made to fell minimum number of trees and in any case, not more than 2954 trees and 2300 plants will be removed.
- iii) The trees should be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- iv) The CA will be carried out over 19.6 ha forest land as per the CA scheme and addl. CA scheme and the funds will be provided by the user agency. The plantation will be done within one year from the date of issue of this letter.
- v) The forest land will not be used for any other purpose than that mentioned in the proposal;
- vi) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without approval of the Central Government;
- vii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- viii) The user agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road at the project cost as per IRC specifications with maintenance of seven to ten years;
- ix) No damage will be done to the adjoining forest land;
- x) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;

- xi) The user agency shall pay additional amount of NPV as and when increased on the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court;
- xii) The user agency shall carry out muck disposal at pre-designated sites in such a manner so as to avoid its rolling down and should be taken up as per the scheme approved by the Forest Department;
- xiii) The required soil conservation measures should be taken up by the user agency for which fund should be provided as per the current rate of works;
- xiv) The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- xv) The boundary of the forest land being diverted shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, using four feet high RCC pillars, each pillar inscribed with the serial number, GPS coordinates, forward and backward bearings and distance from pillar to pillar etc.;
- xvi) The User Agency shall ensure that because of this project, no damage is caused to the flora and the wildlife available in the area;
- xvii) The user agency will assist the State Government in conservation and preservation of flora and fauna of the area in accordance with the plan prepared by the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State.
- xviii) Any other condition that this Regional Office may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;
- xix) The User agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government and to the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry regularly;
- xx) It will be the responsibility of the State Government/User Agency to obtain all other prior approvals/clearances under all other relevant Acts/Rules/ Court's Rulings/instructions, etc., including environmental clearance, as applicable to this proposal;

4. After receipt of the compliance report on fulfillment of the conditions under para-2 above, the proposal shall be considered for the final approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. **The use of forest land will not be allowed till final approval is accorded and environmental clearance, if any applicable, is obtained.**

Yours faithfully,

(C.D. Singh)

Addl. Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The ADGF (FC), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. The Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, Haryana Forest Department, Van Bhawan, Sector-6, Panchkula, Haryana.
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5. The Executive Engineer, Provincial Division NO. 2, PWD B&R Br., Kurukshetra