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Forest & Environment Department

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From

Sri Debidutta Biswal, IFS
Special Secretary to Government

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha

Sub: Proposal for repair, maintenance and black topping of part of forest road from SH-24 to Gardega over a length of 2.185 km(1.72km through RF and 0.465Km through Revenue forest) involving forest area of 1.247ha. under PMGSY Package No. OR-28-33/Phase VII)(2007-08) in Bamra Block of Sambalpur district (within the jurisdiction of Bamra(WL) Division)by Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division, Kuchinda, Dist. Sambalpur

Sir,

With reference to your proposal made vide letter No. 27303 dt. 26.12.2017 and No. 878 dt. 12.1.2018 seeking permission for repair, maintenance and black topping of part of forest road from SH-24 to Gardega over a length of 2.185 km(1.72km through RF and 0.465Km through Revenue forest) involving forest area of 1.247ha. under PMGSY Package No. OR-28-33/Phase VII)(2007-08) in Bamra Block of Sambalpur district (within the jurisdiction of Bamra(WL) Division) by Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division, Kuchinda, I am directed to say that your proposal was examined as per guidelines prescribed by the GoI, MoEF vide their letter F.No. 5-3/2007-FC dt. 17.1.2011 in the matter of black topping and bituminous work of roads constructed after 1980 that are to be improved/maintained under PMGSY. As indicated by the user agency, this proposed road, will provide all-weather connectivity to tribal villages such as Kisanpada, Charichuan, Gardega, Nuapali, Jurapali, Kichinda, Dahamunda, Sunamunda, Rangiatikira in Bamra Block of Sambalpur district. This road will provide accessibility to the inhabitants of the area to avail social, economic, educational, health care benefits as is being provided by the Government under various schemes. It was also noted that total length of forest road is 12km out of which length of road where maintenance will be taken up at present is 6km(SH 24 to Gardega). In view of the essentiality involved for up-gradation of the Forest road especially in LWE affected district of Sambalpur as mentioned above, recommendation of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha and general approval of GoI, MoEF&CC accorded vide their guidelines dt.17.12011, referred to above, permission is hereby granted by the Forest and Environment Department in favour of the Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division, Kuchinda, Dist. Sambalpur for up-gradation of Forest Road of 2.185 Km involving forest area of 1.247ha. of Forest land comprising of 1.01ha. of Bandhawar



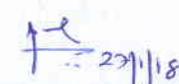
RF and 0.237ha. of Revenue forest land in villages of Rangiatikira, Gardega and Charichuan of PMGSY Package No. OR-28-33/Phase VII subject to fulfillment of the following conditions.

1. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
2. No widening of road shall be undertaken without prior permission of GoI, MoEF&CC under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980.
3. No tree felling in the area shall be allowed nor shall fresh breaking of forest area be permitted. Improvement of the road shall be restricted to the existing width of the forest road(6mt.) to be upgraded under the project.
4. No crushing/breaking of stones shall be allowed inside forest areas. Readymade materials shall be used for construction of the concrete structure.
5. No labour camps shall be established on the forest land.
6. Fuel wood required to be provided to the labourers engaged for the purpose of improvement of the road, shall be procured in advance from the depots of Odisha Forest Development Corporation Ltd. or any other authorized sources.
7. No work shall be allowed after sunset.
8. As suggested by PCCF, Odisha avenue plantation activities by the Divisional Forest Officer, Bamra(WL) division, shall be taken up along the road immediately at project cost.
9. Both sides of the upgraded roads shall be reinforced with brick/stone works and vegetative measures to check soil erosion at project cost in consultation with the Divisional Forest Officer.
10. Any damage to forest area due to such upgradation works, shall be compensated by the User Agency at the project cost as per assessment of the Divisional Forest Officer.
11. For black-topping of the road, bitumen cold mix shall be prepared outside the forest or at a site approved by the Divisional Forest Officer, Bamra(WL) Division.
12. The project authority shall maintain the curves of the road inside the forest, if any and will not straighten the same.
13. The project authority shall install speed breakers and speed control signages at regular intervals to avoid accident with wild animals.
14. Forest Department shall establish permanent check posts on the road, if considered necessary.
15. Since intention of allowing permission for up-gradation of the forest road is to provide all weather road to the commuters, the project authority shall try to maintain the road

surface as rough as possible to act as regular speed governor, even if it means going below the standards prescribed for the particular class of roads.

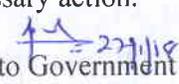
16. The project authority shall provide proper drainage facility on both sides of the road to be upgraded at their cost.
17. The permission granted by the State Government shall be subject to the monitoring by the Eastern Regional Office, GoI, MoEF&CC.
18. Any other condition that the Divisional Forest Officer may impose from time to time for protection and improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area.
19. The user agency will carry out the work under the supervision of the Divisional Forest Officer.
20. Any deviation to the conditions prescribed above while upgrading the forest road under PMGSY by the project proponent, the same shall be taken note of and reported by the Divisional Forest Officer, Bamra(WL) Division immediately to the State Government/Pr. CCF, Odisha/RCCF, Sambalpur/Eastern Regional Office, MoEF&CC along with action taken at his level against the project proponent, if any.

Yours faithfully,


Special Secretary to Government

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Copy forwarded to Additional Principal C.C.F(Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, Eastern Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.


Special Secretary to Government

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Copy forwarded to PCCF (WL) &CWLW, Odisha/Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Sambalpur Circle/Divisional Forest Officer, Bamra(WL) division for information and necessary action.

Strict supervision may be made by the DFO in course of execution of the project and thereafter. **It must be ensured by the DFO that there is no cutting of trees.**


Special Secretary to Government

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