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सेवा में,

प्रधान सचिव

पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन विभाग

बिहार सरकार, सिंचाई भवन

पटना – 800015.

विषय :- भागलपुर कटिहार पूर्णिया, अररिया एवं किशनगंज जिलान्तर्गत नुमालीगढ़ रिफाईनरी लि० द्वारा पारादीप-नुमालीगढ़ crude Oil अन्दर ग्राउंड पाईप लाईन बिछाने हेतु वन (संरक्षण एवं संवर्धन) अधिनियम, 1980 के तहत 0.42541 हे० वन भूमि अपयोजन प्रस्ताव पर सैद्धांतिक (स्टेज-I) स्वीकृति के संबंध में।

महाशय,

I am directed to refer to State Govt. letter No.Van Bhumi-05/2024-157(E)/Pa.Va.Ja.Pa dated 15.03.2024 and letter No. FC/61/2022-718 dated 26.09.2024 of APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer, Bihar on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change under section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980.

After due consideration of the proposal of the State Government, the Central Government, hereby, conveys “**in-principle**” approval for diversion of 0.42541 ha forest land for Paradip-Numaligarh Crude Oil underground Pipeline (PNCPL) Project in Banka, Araria, Purnia forest divisions falls under Bhagalpur, Araria, Kishanganj, Purnia, Katihar districts of Bihar, subject to the following conditions and stipulations:

A: Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department.

1. The user agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintain the compensatory afforestation (100 trees plantation and maintenance for 10 years) at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal.
2. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 0.42541 ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated

30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letter No. 5-1/1998-FC(Pt.II) dated 18/09/2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/2006-FC dated 03/10/2006, 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 and **letter No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 6/1/2022** in this regard.

3. 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>).
4. The FRA certificate as per Ministry's guidelines shall be submitted before the issuance of final approval. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
5. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed Guidelines.
6. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<http://parivesh.nic.in>).

B: Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the User Agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:

1. Legal status of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged.
2. The State Forest Department shall plant 100 trees to maintain the green cover at the project cost. Planting site for the purpose shall be identified by the State Forest Department preferably in the vicinity of the project site. Indigenous tree species should be preferred for such plantation.
3. Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall also be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
4. Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall in consultation with SFD undertake appropriate afforestation / vegetation enrichment measures near the site related to the area diverted under this approval, at the project cost.
5. The pipeline shall be laid down 1.5 meter below the ground and after laying down of pipeline the ground will be leveled.
6. The User Agency shall ensure that the labourers and staff engaged in construction activity do not damage the nearby forest flora and fauna.

7. The lay out plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
8. (a) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
(b) The User Agency shall provide alternate fuels preferably LPG to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.
9. (a) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the Project proposal.
(b) The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of the project life.
(c) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
10. Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forest and wildlife.

After receipt of the compliance report on the fulfillment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. Transfer of forest land shall not be affected till final approval is granted by the Government in this regard.

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