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Dated the 19th September, 2016

To

The Secretary (Forests),
Government of Goa,
Secretariat Annexe,
Junta House, 3rd Floor,
Panaji (Goa)

Subject: Diversion of 0.9959 ha. of forest land in Sy.No.44 of Curti village of Ponda Taluk, North Goa Division for four laning of NH-4A (NH-748) between KM 118/00 to 125/00 including construction of new Khandepar bridge at Km 118/800 in favour of P.W.D, Ponda, Goa.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Dy. Conservator of Forests, Monitoring & Evaluation, Forest Department, Government of Goa's letters No.6-843-2015-2016-FD/1282 dated 07/06/2016 and No.6-843-2015-2016-FD/2600 dated 22/08/2016 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect of the above project.

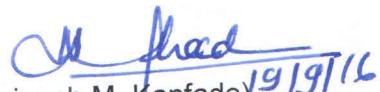
After careful consideration of the proposal, I am directed to convey Central Government's approval in-principle (**Stage-I**) under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.9959 ha. of forest land in Sy.No.44 of Curti village of Ponda Taluk, North Goa Division for four laning of NH-4A (NH-748) between KM 118/00 to 125/00 including construction of new Khandepar bridge at Km 118/800 in favour of P.W.D, Ponda, Goa, for a period of 20 years, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The demarcation of the common boundary of the forest area being diverted and the adjoining forest land shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency, before issue of Stage-II clearance.
3. The cost of raising plantation of ten times the number of trees to be felled (101 trees to be felled x 10) shall be realised from the user agency.
4. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 0.9959 ha. from 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.

5. 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 User Agency. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
6. The User Agency shall make online payment of cost of Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value with Adhoc- CAMPA through e-payment module of Forest Clearance portal- forestclearance.nic.in.
7. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.9959 ha.
8. Any other condition that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and public convenience, shall also be applicable.
9. Violation of any of the conditions shall invite penal action, as deemed fit by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore.

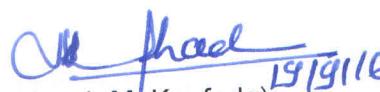
After receipt of the compliance report on the above conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. Transfer of forest land to User Agency shall not be effected prior to the issue of final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years. In the event of noncompliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

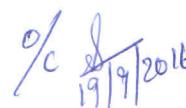
Yours faithfully,


(Dr. Avinash M. Kanfade) 19/9/16
Conservator of Forests (Central)

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1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Department, Government of Goa, Panaji (GOA), PIN- 403001.
3. The Deputy Conservator of Forests (Monitoring & Evaluation)/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Department, Government of Goa, Panaji (GOA), PIN- 403001.
4. The Executive Engineer, WD XV(NH), Public Works Department, Ponda, North Goa District, Goa State.
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