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

To

Dated 20/09/2021

Principal Chief Conservator of Forest
(HoFF), Punjab.

Subject: Diversion of 0.00597 ha Forest land for laying underground pipeline for irrigation of agricultural land in Village Loolbai and Bhadurgarh Jandian tehsil & district Bathinda from Canal Outlet No. 51500/R of Raike Feeder Canal (RHS) under Forest Division Bathinda, Punjab (FP/PB/Approach/143276/2021/

1. After careful examination of the proposal under General Approvals issued by Govt. of India vide letter No. F.No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019 "Stage-1" approval is hereby conveyed for diversion of 0.00597 ha of forest land for the above mentioned following conditions:-
 - i. Cost of compensatory Afforestation as per forest area's CA scheme may be realized from the User Agency.
 - ii. Cost of Addl. compensatory Afforestation as per forest area's CA 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 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 Right Act, 2006 from the concerned Deputy Commissioner to Divisional Forest Officer. The use of forest land will not be allowed till final approval is accorded.
2. The following conditions shall also be complied with after according final approval:-
 - i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
 - ii. Total 11 plants will be removed.

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- iii. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and shall under no circumstances, be transferred to any one without prior approval of the Central/State Government.
- iv. The User Agency shall ensure, no damage is caused to the wildlife available in the area during or after execution of this project.
- v. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar.
- vi. 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 area.
- vii. The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required.
- viii. As recommended by the Geologist and Task Force, 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.
- ix. Muck disposal should be taken up as per the scheme approved by the Forest Department.
- x. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- xi. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government.
- xii. The User Agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird's nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project.
- xiii. Any other condition that the Forest Department, Punjab may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
- xiv. The User Agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV as and when increased on the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- xv. The User Agency and concerned Divisional Forest Officer shall ensure compliance to the provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

3. 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 Forests (Conservation) Act.

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