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Government of Punjab
Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation
O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)
Forest Complex, Sector-68, SAS Nagar.
(FCA Branch)

21-02-2024

To

Divisional Forest Officer,
Sri Amritsar Sahib,Punjab.

**Sub:-DIVERSION OF 3.62 HA.OF FOREST LAND FOR LAYING
SURFACE WATER PIPELINE BELONGS TO DRINKING WATER
SUPPLY SCHEME IN 99 VILLAGES OF VARIOUS, BLOCKS OF
DISTRICT TARN TARAN,TAPPING POINT BHUCHAR KALAN,
TEHSIL PATTI & TARN-TARAN DISTRICT TARN TARAN.
(FP/PB/WATER/149388/2021)**

1. The **Stage-I approval** was accorded by State Government to the proposal file no **File No. FOREST-FCA0FC5A/20/2023-FCA Dated 17.07.2023.**

Divisional Forest Officer Sri Amritsar Sahib has submitted compliance report vide letter No.1059 dated 20.02.2024. Government of India has accorded general approval under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 Vide letter No.11-9/98-FC dated 08.04.2009 dated 02.02.2015 in the case of laying of Underground Telephone Lines, Optical fiber Cable/Underground Laying of Drinking Water Supply Pipeline.

The Nodal Officer (FCA) has been authorized by the State Government to issue Final Approval Vide e-office file no.38957.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-II approval**" is hereby conveyed for Diversion of 3.62 ha. Forest land for laying surface water pipeline belongs to drinking water supply scheme in 99 village of various, blocks of district Sri Taran Taran Sahib, tapping point Bhuchar kalan, tehsil patti and Sri Taran Taran Sahib, district Sri Taran Taran Sahib of forest land for the above mentioned proposal subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged.
2. The forest land will not be used for any other purpose.
3. No tree will be felled by the user agency.
4. User Agency has deposited the 50% NPV as per the Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 (Guidelines & Clarification) .
5. User Agency has given Bank Guarantee of Rs.12,65,325/-to DFO,Sri Amritsar

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Sahib.

6. It is mandatory for the User Agency not to exceed the permissible trench limit of 0.9 mtrs. in width, 0.6 meters in depth and **50613** meter in length.
7. Laying water surface, drinking water supply will be laid along the road within the existing right of way and close to the outermost edge of the forest land. The dug out land shall be restored by the User Agency and the same shall be made good immediately after the approved operation.
8. User agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance under prevailing Acts/Rules/Guidelines, if applicable.
9. This approval is subject to the clearance of the proposal under relevant local Acts/Rules/Court's Rulings/instructions etc. as applicable.
10. The User Agency shall seek prior permission from the DFO, Sri Amritsar Sahib for carrying out any maintenance operation.
11. The User Agency shall abide by any other condition (s) that may be imposed by this Department in the interest of afforestation and protection of environment.
12. The State Forest Department may revoke/suspend this approval, if any of the above conditions is not satisfactorily fulfilled by the User Agency.
13. An undertaking is signed by the User Agency for abiding by all the aforesaid conditions.
14. If any other NOC is necessary under any Act/Rules/Guidelines etc. from other Departments, the user agency should obtain the same before the commencement of laying of Cable.
15. CF, Bist Circle, Jalandhar / DFO, Sri Amritsar Sahib shall ensure fulfillment of the above conditions.

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NODAL OFFICER (FCA)
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CC:-

1. Financial Commissioner (Forest), Govt. of Punjab, Forest & Wildlife Preservation department., Chandigarh.
2. Deputy Director General of Forests (C), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Bays No. 24-25, Sector 31-A, Chandigarh.
3. Member Secretary, Pollution Control Board, Nabha Road, Patiala.
4. Member Secretary SEIAA, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Punjab, Directorate of Environment, Science & Technology, MGSIPA, sector-26, Chandigarh.
5. Conservator of Forests, Bist Circle, Jalandhar.
6. Office of Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation, division No.01, Sri Amritsar Sahib.

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