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To

**The Principal Secretary**

Department of Environment, Forests & Climate Change

Government of Bihar, Sinchai Bhawan

Patna-15.

Sub: Diversion of 0.1239 ha forest land for construction of approach road (Entrance/Exit and Emergency Exit Point) for opening grass root LPG Bottling plant of IOCL at Village – Masudanpur in Banka district of Bihar.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to letter No.Van Bhumi-25/2019-535(E)/Pa.Va. dated 14.05.2019 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

After due consideration of the proposal of the State Government, the Central Government, hereby, conveys “**in-principle**” approval for diversion of 0.1239 ha forest land for construction of approach road (Entrance/Exit and Emergency Exit Point) for opening grass root LPG Bottling plant of IOCL at Village – Masudanpur in Banka district of Bihar, subject to the following conditions and stipulations:

1. Legal status of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged.
2. **Compensatory Afforestation:**  
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 within or in the surrounding area of the project. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. The user agency shall transfer the cost of plantation and its maintenance for 10 years (revised as on the date to incorporate the existing wage structure) to State Forest Department. Revised CA scheme shall be submitted by the State Forest Department before issuance of final approval.
3. **Net Present Value (NPV):**
  - a) The User Agency shall deposit Net Present Value (NPV) for the 0.1239 ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal. The NPV is to be computed as per prescribed rates and the same shall be transferred into

the State CAF account created/to be created under the CAF Act, 2016 and CAF Rules 2018 as per the prevalent guidelines.

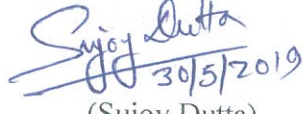
- b) Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall also be deposited by the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
4. User Agency should ensure that the compensatory Levies (CA Cost, NPV etc.) are deposited through challan generated online on web portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>) and deposited in appropriate Bank online only. Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.
5. The User Agency shall submit the FRA certificate as per the Ministry's letter No.11-09/98-FC (pt.) dated 28.10.2014 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.
6. Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake afforestation measures all around the plant in consultation with concerned DFO.
7. User Agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
8. It will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers and staff engaged in construction activity do not damage the nearby forest flora and fauna.
9. The lay out plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
10. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the project life.
11. (a) The forest land under diversion shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the Project proposal.  
(b) The forest land under diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
12. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dated 29.01.2018.

13. 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.

14. The compliance report shall be uploaded on *e-portal* (<http://parivesh.nic.in>)

After receipt of the compliance report on fulfillment of the conditions as stipulated above, from the State Government, formal approval will be issued in this regard under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. **Transfer of forest land to user agency should not be effected by the State Government till formal order approving diversion of forest land is issued by the Central Government.**

Yours faithfully,

  
(Sujoy Dutta)

Technical Officer (Forestry)

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Copy to:-

1. The Director RO(HQ), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of Bihar, Aranya Bhawan, Shahid Pir Ali Khan Path, Patna - 800 014.
3. The APCCF-Cum-Nodal Officer, Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of Bihar, Aranya Bhawan, Shahid Pir Ali Khan Path, Patna - 800 014.
4. The Divisional Forest Officer, Banka Forest Division, Bihar.
5. The Sr. Manager (LPG-Project), Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., LPG Bottling Plant, Village – Masudanpur, SH-19, Block – Barahat, Dist. – Banka, Bihar.
6. Guard File.

  
30/5/2019

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