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F. No. FC-II/IROCH-22/2023/14137

Date: 31.03.2025

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Chhattisgarh, Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhavan, Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar (CG)

Subject : Diversion of 9.80 ha forest land for Non-Forest Purpose under Forest Conservation Act -1980 Construction of ITI, Polytechnic and other associated infrastructures in village-Chokawada, Tehsil-Jagdalpur, District-Bastar by the NMDC Ltd- In-principle regarding.

Sir,

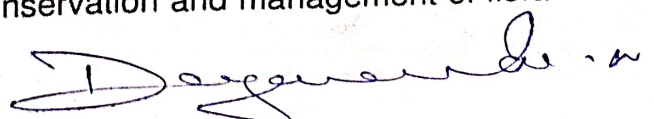
Please refer to the Government of Chhattisgarh letter no F-5-02/2023/10-2 dated 01.06.2023 and online proposal registration No FP/CG/Others/28963/2017 seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal submitted by the State Government and with the approval of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC), I am directed to convey the Central Government 'In-principle' approval under Section-2 (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for diversion of **9.80 ha** forest land for Non-Forest Purpose under Forest Conservation Act -1980 Construction of ITI, Polytechnic and other associated infrastructures in village-Chokawada, Tehsil-Jagdalpur, District-Bastar by the NMDC Ltd subject to the fulfillment of the following condition in addition all other standard conditions:

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out at suitable places by erecting 4 feet cement concrete pillars at 20 mtrs intervals at the cost of the User Agency. The User Agency shall construct a compound wall along the entire forest area proposed for diversion, at its own cost;
3. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 20.00 hectare Orange Area (OA) in Range: Machkot, Compartment: 1 142 at the cost of the User Agency;
4. The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) area shall be notified under the Indian Forest Act, 1927, as a reserved forest;
5. Compensatory afforestation shall be carried out as per the provision of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rule, 2023 and State shall carryout CA in

time bound manner:

6. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 9.80 ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders 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;
7. 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 be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
8. No tree felling shall be carried out in the diverted area;
9. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAM PA fund only through portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>);
10. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and 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 areas;
11. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government ;
12. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
13. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less;
14. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
15. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;
16. The State Government of Chhattisgarh shall ensure settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (No. 2 of 2007) before issuing an order for handing over of forest land to the User Agency as per Rules, 2023;
17. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
18. The User Agency shall ensure that no waste is dumped in nearby forest areas.
19. The campus shall be managed as a plastic-free zone.
20. If any new activities beyond the proposed scope are undertaken, the User Agency shall obtain prior permission from the Central Government for such changes in land use;
21. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 9.80 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
22. Any other condition that the Regional Office, Nagpur may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora

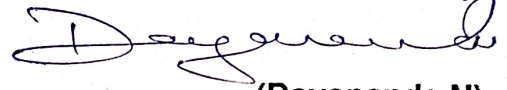


- and fauna in the area shall be complied by the User Agency;
23. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions, the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvarchhan) Adhiniyam, 1980;
24. The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>)

After receipt of the Compliance report on the above conditions, the proposal will be considered to accord final approval. The in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 2 years from the date of issue of the same. In the event of noncompliance of the above conditions within the stipulated period, this in-principle approval shall be deemed to be null and void;

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority, Regional Office, MoEF & CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,



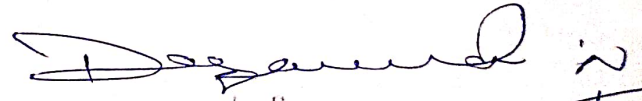
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1. The IGF (RoHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003 for **information please**
2. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Chhattisgarh, Aranya Bhawan, Sector-19, Nava Raipur, C.G.
3. The Add. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh, Aryan Bhawan, Nawa Rail)ur, Chhattisgarh
4. User agency.
5. Guard file.



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