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To

The Principal Secretary,
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New Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar

Sub: Diversion of 10.08 ha. forest land for six lane with paved shoulder for existing Chotila bypass left out section of NH-47 (old NH-8A) from. Km 165/925 to 172/275 on EPC mode in Surendranagar district in Gujarat State.

(Online Proposal no. FP/GJ/ROAD/145850/2021)

Ref: Government of India's In-principle approval letter no.

FC-6/GJC-75/2023-GNR, Dt. 31/08/2023

Sir,

With reference to the above subject and letter the compliance report of conditions of In-principle approval is as under:

Sr. No.	Conditions	Sr. No.	Reply
A: Conditions which needs to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department:			
1	The cost of compensatory afforestation on the degraded CA land at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars, if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.	1	The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 1,32,59,980/- towards the cost of Compensatory Afforestation in the CAMPA fund.



2	The Net Present Value (NPV) for the 10.08 ha. forest area to be diverted under the proposal shall be deposited by the user agency as per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA-566 in W.P. (Civil) No.202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the MoEF&CC vide letters No.5-1/1998-FC(pt-II) dated 18/09/2003 as well as letter No.5-2/2006-FC dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 and revision of NPV vide Ministry letter no. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-1) dated 06/01/2022 in this regard.	2	The User Agency has already deposited an amount of Rs.67,55,012/- towards the cost of Net Present Value in the CAMPA fund.
3	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.	3	The User Agency has already given the undertaking in this regard.
4	The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.	4	FRA certificate of Collector, Surendranagar is attached herewith.
5	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.	5	The User Agency has agreed
6	The KML files of diverted area and CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details prior to Stage-II approval.	6	The KML files of CA area is uploaded on the e-Green watch portal.
7	All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited in CAMPA fund only through e-portal.	7	Funds from the user agency has been transferred online to the CAMPA fund through e-portal.
B: Conditions which needs to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:			



1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.	1	The User Agency has Agreed
2	Forest land will be handed over to the user agency only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over to the user agency.	2	The User Agency has Agreed
3	Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 21.00 ha. degraded forest land Survey no.174 pt., Village-Samdhiyala, Taluka-Chuda, District-Surendranagar. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species shall be avoided.	3	The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 1,32,59,980/- towards the cost of Compensatory Afforestation in the CAMPA fund.
4	User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to 73 trees/ minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the user agency with the State Forest Department.	4	The User Agency has Agreed
5	User Agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the IRC norms.	5	The User Agency has stated that as per prevalent IRC norms and guidelines, every effort will be made to raise strip plantation on both side/ central verge of the road.
6	Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected areas/ Forest areas, if applicable.	6	The User Agency has Agreed
7	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.	7	The User Agency has Agreed
8	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.	8	The User Agency has Agreed
9	No labour camp shall be establishment on the forest land.	9	The User Agency has agreed



10	Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.	10	The User Agency has agreed
11	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.	11	The User Agency has agreed
12	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.	12	The User Agency has agreed
13	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.	13	The User Agency has undertaken that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose, other than that specified in the FCA Proposal.
14	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.	14	The User Agency has agreed
15	The user agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Integrated Regional Office, Gandhinagar by the end of March every year.	15	The User Agency has agreed
16	The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.	16	The User Agency has agreed
17	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violations of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as Para 1.21 of FCA, 1980 Handbook 2019.	17	The User Agency has agreed



18	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.	18	The User Agency has agreed
19	The compliance report in letter format of State Govt. of Gujarat shall be uploaded on e-portal. (http://parivesh.nic.in)	19	The Compliance report is uploaded on e-portal.
Specific Conditions:			
1	The user agency shall construct underpass of 2-3 meter height at every 500 meter along the length of the road in forest land for safe passage of the animals.	1	The User Agency has agreed
2	The user agency shall construct 6 feet high wall at its cost along the boundary of the CA land.	2	The User Agency has already deposited an amount of Rs.1,36,34,440/-
3	The user agency shall provide at its cost the required number of Solar Pumps as given by the Forest Department for irrigating the CA plantation.	3	towards the cost of 6 feet high wall and Solar Pumps in the CAMPA fund.

1. The User Agency has already deposited an amount of Registration Fee Rs. 5,000/- and Processing Fee Rs.23,100/- in the 8782 - Forest Remittance - Deposit Head on date. 28/04/2022 as per the Government of Gujarat's Resolution dated: 12/6/2015.

In view of above and since the conditions of In-principle approval have already been complied with, the matter may now be referred to Integrated Regional Office, Gandhinagar for issuance of formal approval.

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1.	Name of Regional Office	:	Gandhinagar
2.	State/District/Forest Division to which the proposal relates	:	Gujarat /Surendranagar/ SF Division Surendranagar
3.	Name of User Agency, nature of proposal	:	Executive Engineer, National Highway Division, Rajkot Road Widening
4.	Extend of forest area involved	:	10.08 ha.
5.	Whether original, or extension	:	Original
6.	If extension of lease, pl clarify if proposal involves additional forest area, and if so, specify	:	—
7.	Date of 1st stage clearance	:	Date. 31/10/2023
8.	Extend of CAMPA charges, head wise viz	:	
	(a) Compensatory Afforestation	:	Rs. 1,32,59,980/-
	(b) Additional CA	:	—



	(c) Penal CA	:	—
	(d) Catchment Area Treatment	:	—
	(f) Additional charges for diversion of area falling under notified/protected areas	:	—
	(g) Net Present Value	:	Rs. 67,55,012/-
	(h) Cost of 6 feet high wall and solar pump	:	Rs. 1,36,34,400/- —
9.	Details of Bank Drafts (Bank, Draft No., Date & Amount), head-wise against items indicated in paragraph 9 above.	:	—
10.	Whether deposited by RTGS, if so, the particulars & dated of remittance.	:	User Agency online transferred in CAMPA fund through e-portal.
11.	Bank [Corporation Bank, Lodhi complex/union bank of India, Sunder Nagar] in which deposited, with date of deposition.	:	Union Bank of India, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, Date. 16/02/2024
12.	Any other remarks.	:	—

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Addl. Pri. Chief Conservator of Forests

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Gujarat State, Gandhinagar

Copy to Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Circle, Ahmedabad/ Deputy Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division, Surendranagar for necessary information.

