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To

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Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur

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Sub: Diversion of 32.225 ha of forest land (diversion 17.795 ha of forest land + re-diversion of already diverted 14.43 ha) for Baharagoda to Singhara Section of NH-6 for Rehabilitation & Up-gradation to four laning of 7.6 Km stretch (Km 229.000 to Km 236.000) inside buffer zone of Similipal Tiger Reserve of Baharagoda to Singhara Section (Km 199.200 to Km 310.806) of NH-6 in the State of Odisha under NHDP Phase-IV on EPC mode by Project Director, NHAI, Project Implementation Unit, Balasore, Odisha - Stage-I compliance regarding.

Ref:- No.5-ORC597/2023-BHU dated 31.10.2023 of the Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar have accorded Stage-I/In-principle approval vide No.5-ORC597/2023-BHU dated 31.10.2023 for diversion of 32.225 ha of forest land (diversion 17.795 ha of forest land + re-diversion of already diverted 14.43 ha) for Baharagoda to Singhara Section of NH-6 for Rehabilitation & Up-gradation to four laning of 7.6 Km stretch (Km 229.000 to Km 236.000) inside buffer zone of Similipal Tiger Reserve of Baharagoda to Singhara Section (Km 199.200 to Km 310.806) of NH-6 in the State of Odisha under NHDP Phase-IV on EPC mode by Project Director, NHAI, Project Implementation Unit, Balasore, Odisha under Section 2 (1) (ii) of Van (Sanrakhsan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 subject to fulfillment of 9 nos. of conditions prior to handing over of forest land and 23 nos. of conditions after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department stipulated therein. The point wise compliance based on the reports of the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division and the FD, STR-Cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle are as follows:-

A. Condition which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department.

Condition- (i):- *The user agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of 17.795 ha fresh forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the Orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and 22.03.2022. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal in CAMPA account of the State concerned.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs.2,83,97,083/- towards the cost of NPV @ Rs.15,95,790/- per ha over 17.795 ha of forest land having Eco-Value Class-I with canopy density 0.8 in State CAMPA account through online portal as per demand of the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division vide his letter No.4231 dated 20.11.2023. The copy of the demand letter of the DFO, the payment particulars made by the User Agency vide his Letter No.NHAI/88 dated 13.01.2024 vide UTR No.CNRBR52024011271673436 dated 05.01.2024 are enclosed as **Annexure-A Series**.

Condition- (ii):- *The identified degraded forest land (DLC) over 35.787 Ha for raising compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and notified as RF/PF prior to Stage-II approval.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that non-forest Govt. land to the tune of 89.000 Ac or say 36.0170 ha has been identified in village Soso under Bahalda Tahasil of Mayurbhanj District, transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department for raising of CA as intimated vide letter No.316 dated 04.02.2023 of the Tahasildar, Bahalda Tahasil along with Land Schedule and Trace map etc. of the CA land. In proof of mutation of the non-forest Govt. land in favour of the State Forest Department, the RoR issued by the Tahasildar, Bahalda Tahasil dated 25.02.2025 under Khata No.500 etc. are enclosed as **Annexure-B Series**. The proposal for PF Notification of the transferred and mutated Non-forest Govt. land identified for raising of CA has been sent to the State Govt. vide this office Memo No.12645 dated 11.06.2025 which is enclosed as **Annexure-B (i)**.

Condition- (iii):- *The land identified for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India Topo sheet of 1:50,000 scale.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the land identified for the purpose of raising of CA has been clearly depicted on Survey of India Toposheet No.F45I3 in 1:50,000 scale which is enclosed as **Annexure-C**.

Condition- (iv):- *The KML files of the area to be diverted and the CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details before issuing working permission towards linear projects or submitting compliance report for seeking Stage-II approval, as the case may be.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the KML file of the forest area proposed to be diverted and the transferred and mutated CA area has already been uploaded on e-Green watch portal with all requisite details

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before issuing working permission towards linear projects or submitting compliance report for seeking Stage-II approval, as the case may be.

Condition- (v):- *The user agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The Scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs.1,67,19,700/- towards the cost of raising CA over an area of 35.787 ha identified in village Soso under Bahalda Tahasil of Mayurbhanj District in State CAMPA account through online portal as per demand of the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division vide his letter No.4231 dated 20.11.2023. The copy of the financial outlay of the approved CA Scheme by this office, demand letter of the DFO, the payment particulars made by the User Agency vide his Letter No.NHAI/88 dated 05.01.2024 vide UTR No.CNRBR52024011271673436 dated 12.01.2024 are enclosed as **Annexure-D Series.**

Further, on revision of wage rate as per one-time cost norm, the above CA Scheme has been further revised and approved for Rs.3,32,81,613/- by the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division. As per demand of the DFO vide his letter No.9557 dated 20.08.2024, the User Agency has further deposited the differential amount of CA of Rs.1,65,61,913/- in State CAMPA account through web-portal vide UTR No.CNRBR52024082887518073 dated 28.08.2024. The copy of the approved financial outlay of the CA Scheme, the demand letter of the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division along with the payment particulars made by the UA vide his Letter No. NHAI/1327 dated 30.08.2024 etc are enclosed as **Annexure-D Series.**

Condition- (vi):- *All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has deposited all the Compensatory Levies in State CAMPA account through e-portal like cost of NPV, cost of CA and differential amount of CA etc. The details of such Compensatory Levies transferred by the User Agency has been shown in 12 Point CAMPA Format duly authenticated by the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division and countersigned by the APCCF (FD & NO, FC Act) which are enclosed as **Annexure-E Series.**

Condition- (vii):- *The compliance report of the Stage-I approval shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the compliance report of the Stage-I approval shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

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Condition- (viii):- *The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished the required FRA certificate obtained from the Collector and District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj District vide his office Order No.1711/Rev dated 13.06.2016 communicated vide Memo No.1764/Rev dated 21.06.2016 and vide Order No.304/Rev dated 03.02.2017 communicated vide Memo No.305/Rev dated 03.02.2017 which are enclosed as **Annexure-F Series.**

Condition- (ix):- *The boundary of the proposed forest land for diversion, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has already posted the required 4' high RCC pillars around the Forest land proposed to be diverted in consultation with the State Forest Department and the information regarding the Serial number of pillars posted with their GPS co-ordinates and pillar to pillar distance etc duly authenticated by the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division and reported by the User Agency vide their letter No.NHAI/996 dated 23.05.2025 etc. are enclosed as **Annexure-G Series.**

B: Conditions which need 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-11 approval.

Condition- (i):- *Legal status of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division that the legal status of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged which is enclosed at **Page No.1 of Annexure-J Series.**

Condition- (ii):- *The Sate Govt. and user agency shall comply with the following conditions imposed by NBWL vide letter No.WL-6/74 2023-WL dated 26.09.2023.*

a) The trees required to be felled for the project shall be identified in consultation with the Forest Department before the construction starts and should be properly marked on ground. Attempt shall be made that tree cutting is minimal. The User Agency shall transplant the trees with adequate care for maximization of survival in consultation with the DFO, Rairangpur Division as far as possible.

b) The User Agency shall construct Elephant Under Passes (EUPs) and Animal Under Passes (AUPs) at the identified vulnerable locations as per "Guidelines of Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun on Mitigative Measures for Linear Infrastructure Projects" after obtaining prior approval of the plan and design from the CWLW, for adaptability of the structures by the Wildlife to facilitate unhindered movement of wild animals.

- c) The User Agency shall provide animal passage structures in 20% of the stretch of the project area.
- d) Retro Reflecting signages shall be erected by the User Agency at regular intervals to slow down the speed of vehicles at animal crossing points besides providing visual and sound barriers in addition to olfaction & other sensory enhancers as mentioned in the above guidelines.
- e) The elephant and animal underpasses shall be concrete (RCC) structures so as to enhance their longevity and minimize disturbances caused during annual repair/ Maintenance of otherwise bitumen structures. The bottom of structures shall, as far as possible, have similar substrates to that which would occur naturally in the absence of the structure. The approach to an animal crossing is a crucial factor in determining its use. Appropriate use of vegetation (trees, shrubs and grasses) can play a significant role in enhancing the naturalness of an engineered structure.
- f) Divisions between the elephant underpasses shall be of pillar (isolated pier) type, instead of wall-type.
- g) The User Agency shall ensure that all the underpasses are fortified with integrated options of light and sound barriers (2 m high), camouflaging, and landscaping including restoration habitat beneath underpasses after construction.
- h) As far as possible, the minimum height of the underpasses shall not be achieved by ground excavation, but by elevating the road. This would prevent water logging during rains.
- i) The User Agency shall ensure that the animal passages are not inundated with water during rains. Regular removal of debris and silts at the passage structures should be done by the User Agency.
- j) The underpasses shall be kept free of all human-related activities and disturbances including foot-trails and roads by Forest Department, as these have a negative influence on the use of crossing structures by wildlife.
- k) Additional features on crossing structures such as walkways or planks/ ledges/ shelves (50 cm wide) shall be installed by the User Agency on the interior walls of underpasses and box culverts to encourage mammals to use culverts built on natural drainage sites. These structures help animals use the structures in seasons when the culverts may be inundated with water. Edges/ shelves along the inner walls of all crossing and drainage structures shall be constructed for use by small mammals. These structures shall extend up to the exit of the structures and brought to ground level.
- l) Chain link mesh fencing shall be done by the User Agency for 100 m on either side of the animal passages (elephant and animal underpasses) on both sides of the road for funneling wildlife through the animal passages. A concrete base of 50 cm shall be constructed on which the chain-link mesh fencing should be installed. The height of the fencing shall be a minimum of 10 feet height on all sections so that species like leopards and other herbivores cannot cross them to get trapped inside the highway. The bottom 1-1.5 feet of the fences shall be fitted with mesh wires so as to prevent small mammals and herpetofauna from crossing the highway. All fences shall be maintained in future by the User Agency. Remaining portions of the Highway shall have crash barriers on both sides of the road.
- m) Cattle guards (2 m wide) shall be installed at both ends of the underpasses (including the fenced portions) and other fenced sections of the Highway to prevent wild and domestic animals from getting trapped within the fences crossing structures
- n) Apart from mitigation structures and fenced sections, the remaining portion of the road (where it passes through a flat terrain) shall be provided with rumble strips at regular intervals so as to maintain a vehicular speed of 30 km/hour within the Tiger Reserve. Rumble strips shall be appropriately marked to make them visible to the drivers (both during day and night) so as to avoid vehicular accidents. Sign posts warning about movements of wild animals shall also be placed by User Agency at regular intervals along

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the upgraded road. These shall be placed where wildlife crossings are maximum and shall be determined in consultation with Forest Department.

o) Disturbance during construction in the wildlife sensitive areas shall be kept minimum by the following mechanisms:

- ✓ Use of pre-fabricated materials for construction
- ✓ Use of water from sources other than the rivulets within Tiger Reserve
- ✓ Prohibition on procurement of construction materials from forest
- ✓ Disposal of construction-related debris away from the wildlife sensitive site

p) High observation towers and cameras as recommended during 8th meeting of Standing Committee of State Board of Wild Life, Odisha on 25.04.2023, shall be constructed at suitable locations in consultation with Forest Department by User Agency, for monitoring of vehicular movement and prevention of any traffic congestion.

q) The User Agency shall deposit Rs 2 Crore annually to Similipal Tiger Conservation Foundation. The funds shall be used for monitoring and protection activities.

r) The CWLW, Odisha shall have appropriate monitoring mechanism in place for compliance of the conditions laid in this report during various phases of project implementation.

s) An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government of India

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished all the above undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division that they shall comply with all the above conditions imposed by NBWL vide letter No.WL-6/74 2023-WL dated 26.09.2023 from **Condition No.(ii) Sl. No. (a) to Sl. No. (s)** which are enclosed at **Page No.2-5 of Annexure-J Series**. The above conditions have been stipulated by the National Board of Wildlife as per the Site Inspection Report of NTCA Committee on Rehabilitation and Up-gradation to four laning of 7.6 Km Stretch (Km. 229.00 to Km. 236.600) inside buffer zone of Similipal Tiger Reserve of Baharagora to Singhara Section (Km.199.200 to Km. 310.806) of NH-6 in the State of Odisha under NHDP Phase-IV on EPC mode, which are enclosed as **Annexure-I Series**.

Regarding compliance of stipulated condition No.(ii) (q)- the User Agency has already deposited annually Rs.2,00,00,000/- each for the year 2023-24 and 2024-25 (totalling to Rs.4,00,00,000/- only) to Similipal Tiger Conservation Foundation Fund which shall be used for monitoring and protection activities as per demand letter of the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division against the User Agency vide his Memo No.394 dated 20.01.2024 and Letter No.2044 dated 04.04.2025. The copy the demand letter of the DFO, the payment particulars made by the User Agency vide their letter No.NHAI/174 dated 02.02.2024, No.NHAI/831 dated 30.05.2024 and No.NHAI/275 dated 07.05.2025 vide UTR No.EPV8PFMS010698101026202401300011 dated 30.01.2024 and UTR No.RBI1232524100041 dated 02.05.2025 etc. are enclosed as **Annexure-H Series**.

iii) **Compensatory afforestation shall be raised over 35.787 ha degraded forest land (DLC) identified in village Soso under Bahalda Tahasil of Mayurbhanj District under Rairangpur Forest Division within one years from the date of Stage-II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department, at the cost of user agency. The species to be**

planted in the CA scheme shall be of native species of the area. At least 18 month old seedlings should be planted. Intensive monitoring of the plantation needs to be done and documented using Geo tagging so that the increase of canopy density and survival and growth of plantation can be evaluated at regular intervals.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to that effect duly countersigned by the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division which is enclosed at **Page No.6 of Annexure-J Series.**

Condition- (iv):- *At the time of payment of Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the user agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India which is enclosed at **Page No.7 of Annexure-J Series.**

Condition- (v):- *The user agency shall carry out road side plantation on both sides of road in the entire project area as per IRC norms.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division that they shall carry out road side plantation on both sides of road in the entire project area as per IRC norms which is enclosed at **Page No.8 of Annexure-J Series.**

Condition- (vi):- *The user agency shall use fly ash for the road construction and for filling up of void created due to soil borrows which will be followed by compaction and spreading of top soil over it as per Fly Ash Notification No. S.O. 254 (E) dated 25.01 2016.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division that they shall use fly ash for the road construction and for filling up of void created due to soil borrows which will be followed by compaction and spreading of top soil over it as per Fly Ash Notification No. S.O. 254 (E) dated 25.01 2016 which is enclosed at **Page No.9 of Annexure-J Series.**

Condition- (vii):- *The user agency shall submit an undertaking to ensure that flanks of roads should be filled by transported soil and not with soil dug from the side of the roads.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division to ensure that flanks of roads should be filled by transported soil and not with soil dug from the side of the roads which is enclosed at **Page No.10 of Annexure-J Series.**

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Condition- (viii):- *The designing of new culverts/ bridges and re-designing the existing ones over the natural streams/ rivers/ canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, so that it does not hamper movement of wild animals including fishes & amphibians migration.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division that the designing of new culverts/ bridges and re-designing the existing ones over the natural streams/ rivers/ canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, so that it does not hamper movement of wild animals including fishes & amphibians migration which is enclosed at **Page No.11 of Annexure-J Series.**

Condition- (ix):- *Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division that speed regulating signages will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas which is enclosed at **Page No.12 of Annexure-J Series.**

Condition- (x):- *The user agency shall provide suitable under/ over pass in Protected Area/Forest Area as per recommendations of NBWL.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division that they shall provide suitable under/ over pass in Protected Area/Forest Area as per recommendations of NBWL which is enclosed at **Page No.13 of Annexure-J Series.**

Condition- (xi):- *The user agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Ac., 1986, if applicable.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division that they shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Ac., 1986, if applicable, which is enclosed at **Page No.14 of Annexure-J Series.**

Condition- (xii):- *No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the user agency shall provide fuels 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.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the

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user agency shall provide fuels 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, which is enclosed at **Page No.15 of Annexure-J Series.**

Condition- (xiii):- *No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division that no additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work, which is enclosed at **Page No.16 of Annexure-J Series.**

Condition- (xiv):- *The user agency while executing works, shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division that while executing works, they shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner which is enclosed at **Page No.17 of Annexure-J Series.**

Condition- (xv):- *The layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be changed without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division that the layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be changed without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, which is enclosed at **Page No.18 of Annexure-J Series.**

Condition- (xvi):- *The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal which is enclosed at **Page No.19 of Annexure-J Series.**

Condition- (xvii):- *The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other user agency, department or person without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division that the forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other user agency, department or person without the prior

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approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change which is enclosed at **Page No.20 of Annexure-J Series.**

Condition- (xvii):- *No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused which is enclosed at **Page No.21 of Annexure-J Series.**

Condition- (xix):- *The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division that the concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area which is enclosed at **Page No.22 of Annexure-J Series.**

Condition- (xx):- *The user agency shall submit annual self monitoring report on compliance of stipulated conditions to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and concerned Integrated Regional Office of this Ministry by the end of March every year.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division that they shall submit annual self monitoring report on compliance of stipulated conditions to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and concerned Integrated Regional Office of the Ministry by the end of March every year which is enclosed at **Page No.23 of Annexure-J Series.**

Condition- (xxi):- *Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change 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.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division that any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change 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 them, which is enclosed at **Page No.24 of Annexure-J Series.**

Condition- (xxii):- *The State Govt and user agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT Order (s) & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division that the State Govt and user agency shall ensure compliance to

provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT Order (s) & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project, which is enclosed at **Page No.25 of Annexure-J Series.**

Condition- (xxiii):- *Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in Para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No.5-2-2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division that violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in Para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No.5-2-2017-FC dated 28.03.2019, which is enclosed at **Page No.26 of Annexure-J Series.**

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by Government of India, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar is sent herewith for according final approval for diversion of 32.225 ha of forest land (diversion 17.795 ha of forest land + re-diversion of already diverted 14.43 ha) for Baharagoda to Singhara Section of NH-6 for Rehabilitation & Up-gradation to four laning of 7.6 Km stretch (Km 229.000 to Km 236.000) inside buffer zone of Similipal Tiger Reserve of Baharagoda to Singhara Section (Km 199.200 to Km 310.806) of NH-6 in the State of Odisha under NHDP Phase-IV on EPC mode by Project Director, NHAI, Project Implementation Unit, Balasore, Odisha under Section 2 (1) (ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set

Yours faithfully

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No.

12944

/Dt.

17-08-2025

Copy alongwith one set of Stage-I compliance forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action with reference to No.5-ORC597/2023-BHU dated 31.10.2023 of the Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set

Memo No.

12945

/Dt.

17-08-2025

Copy forwarded to the FD, STR-Cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.2283 dated 04.06.2025.

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

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Memo No.

12946

/Dt. 17-06-2025

Copy forwarded to the DFO, Rairangpur Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.2285 dated 04.06.2025 of the FD, STR-Cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle to his address.

16/6/2025
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No.

12947

/Dt. 17-06-2025

Copy forwarded to the Project Director, NHAI, Project Implementation Unit, Chandamari Padia Road, Sahadev Khunta, Balasore-760001 for information.

16/6/2025
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)