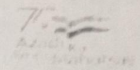




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No. DCE/C/G/DKS-SKS/3rd line/

Date: 09.10.2021

To,
Dy Conservator of Forest
Gondia (MH)

Sub: Compliance of Stage-I clearance for diversion of 34.1914 ha forest Land for construction of 3rd Railway line from Darekasa Salekasa Station in Gondia in lieu of 3rd line Project between Rajnandgaon -Nagpur (Kalumna), in favour of South East Central Railway Gondia District in the State of Maharashtra

- Ref:** (1) AIGF/Nagpur's letter No. FC-II/MH-142/2021-NGP/8406 dated 03.08.2021.
(2) This office letter no DCE/C/G/DKS-SKS/3rd line/ dated 07.09.2021.
(3) DCF/Gondia's letter no Desk-3/Conser/1955/2021-22 dated 28.09.21.

In reference of the diversion of 34.1914 ha Forest Land for construction of 3rd Railway line from Darekasa Salekasa Station in Gondia in lieu of 3rd line Project between Rajnandgaon -Nagpur (Kalumna), in favour of South East Central Railway Gondia District in the State of Maharashtra, approval of MoEF for Stage-I clearance communicated vide letter under reference (1) above.

Compliance to stipulations of Stage-I clearance was submitted by Railway vide letter under reference (2). Demand note for compensatory levies has been received vide your office letter under reference (3) of dated 28.09.21 and same was uploaded on Parivesh Portal on 28.09.2021 by Railway. Verification of demand note was done by APCCF & Nodal office on 04.10.2021 and e-challan generated on 05.10.2021.

Revised compliance of observations given vide letter dated 28.09.2021 (ref-3) is furnished below:

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I. Compensatory Levies:		
1	Cost towards Compensatory Afforestation (ii) The amount of Rs 5,00,08,631/- as per the rate for ready reckonor 2021-22 (Rs 7,30,053/- per ha) is required for raising Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over 68.50 ha of degraded forest land proposed for the Gondia Forest Division. (iii) The cost of Survey, demarcation Rs 2,05,500/- & erection of permanent pillars is Rs 18,48,000/-.	Amount of Rs 7,80,69,210/- has been deposited by Railway to MAHARASHTRA CAMPA (IFSC Code UBIN0903710, Account No 150785945255379, Union Bank of India) as per e-challan (Copy enclosed) vide UTR no SBIN221280609433 on 07.10.2021.
2	Cost towards Addl. Compensatory Afforestation: Nil	
3	NPV: {iv (a)}- Rs 2,60,07,079/- for the area of 34.1914 ha. To be diverted from Gondia forest division.	
4	Cost towards catchment area treatment: NIL	-
5	Cost towards Wildlife Mitigation measures: NIL	-
6	Cost of felling of trees: Rs 19,05,895/-	DD no 496754 of Rs 19,05,895/- issued in favour of Dy Conservator of Forest (as per DCF/Gondia letter No Desk-3/Conser/ 1955/ 2021-22 dated 28.09.21) towards cost of felling trees is herewith enclosed
7	Cost towards Medicinal Plantation: NIL	

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2. Document, Certificate and undertaking as stipulated in the in-principle approval																																		
1	i) Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;	Noted and Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-I																																
2	<p>ii) Compensatory afforestation</p> <p>a) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 68.50 ha degraded forest land at the cost of the User Agency as under:</p> <table><tr><th>SL No.</th><th>Range</th><th>Village Name</th><th>Comptt. No.</th><th>Area (ha)</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td rowspan="3">Amgaon</td><td>Manegaon</td><td>489</td><td>10.00</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Kumbhartoli</td><td>475</td><td>10.00</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Birsi</td><td>478</td><td>10.00</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td rowspan="2">S/Arjuni</td><td>Medhaki</td><td>834</td><td>18.50</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>Duggipar</td><td>168</td><td>20.00</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td colspan="3">Grand Total</td><td>68.50</td></tr></table> <p>As far as possible , a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Gondia District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided;</p>	SL No.	Range	Village Name	Comptt. No.	Area (ha)	1	Amgaon	Manegaon	489	10.00	2	Kumbhartoli	475	10.00	3	Birsi	478	10.00	4	S/Arjuni	Medhaki	834	18.50	5	Duggipar	168	20.00	6	Grand Total			68.50	<p>Cost for Compensatory afforestation has been deposited by Railway to MAHARASHTRA CAMPA (IFSC Code UBIN0903710, Account No 150785945255379, Union Bank of India) as per e-challan (Copy enclosed) vide UTR no SBIN221280609433 on 07.10.2021.</p> <p>Rest of action is required to be taken by Forest department.</p>
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3	iii)The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars of 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:	<p>Noted and undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure – III.</p> <p>Cost for Compensatory afforestation(Rs 5,00,08,631/-), cost of survey, demarcation (Rs 2,05,500/-) and erection of permanent pillars (Rs 18,48,000/-) has been deposited by Railway to MAHARASHTRA CAMPA (IFSC Code UBIN0903710, Account No 150785945255379, Union Bank of India) as per e-challan (Copy enclosed) vide UTR no SBIN221280609433 on 07.10.2021.</p>																																
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4	a) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 34.1914 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 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 in this regard.	<p>Noted. Charges of Rs 2,60,07,079/- (NPV) for the 34.1914 ha forest has been raised by Forest department vide DCF/Gondia letter No Desk-3/Conser/1955/2021-22 dated 28.09.21. The above mentioned amount has been deposited by Railway to MAHARASHTRA CAMPA (IFSC Code UBIN0903710, Account No 150785945255379, Union Bank of India) as per e-challan (Copy enclosed) vide UTR no SBIN221280609433 on 07.10.2021.</p>																																
5	b) Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hob'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 as undertaking to this effect.	<p>Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure – IV.</p>																																

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6	<p>v) User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department. Maximum number of trees in outer RoW will be kept intact. Maximum number of trees below 60 mtrs to be transplanted in nearby forest area at the cost of User Agency.</p> <p>A detailed report in this regard shall be submitted to IRO, MoEF&CC along with Stage-I compliance report;</p>	<p>Noted and Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-V.</p> <p>DD no 496754 of Rs 19,05,895/- issued in favour of Dy Conservator of Forest (as per DCF/Gondia letter No Desk-3/Conser/ 1955/ 2021-22 dated 28.09.21) towards cost of felling trees is herewith enclosed.</p>
7	<p>vi) All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through <i>e-portal</i> (https://parivesh.nic.in/);</p>	<p>Total amount of Rs 7,80,69,210/- has been deposited by Railway to MAHARASHTRA CAMPA Fund (IFSC Code UBIN0903710, Account No 150785945255379, Union Bank of India) as per e-challan (Copy enclosed) vide UTR no SBIN221280609433 on 07.10.2021.</p>
8	<p>vii) The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector;</p>	<p>Noted. Prescribed certify already submitted to with stage I compliances. English translated copy of FRA proceeding is herewith enclosed as Annexure- VII (Total pages -43 nos)</p>
9	<p>viii) Speed regulating signage will be erected along the railway line at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/Forest Areas;</p>	<p>Noted and Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-VIII.</p>
10	<p>ix) User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;</p>	<p>Not applicable and Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-IX.</p>
11	<p>x) User Agency in consultation with State Forest Department shall prepare a site specific Wildlife Management Plan for 10 years. The plan so prepared shall be approved by Chief Wildlife Warden and a copy of same shall be submitted to Integrated Regional Office;</p>	<p>Specific Wildlife Management Plan for 10 years is under preparation with WII. It will be submitted after approval of Chief Wildlife Warden. Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-X.</p>
12	<p>xi) User Agency in consultation with State Forest Department shall construct underpasses at same places as are in existing line with wider openings and interconnected guided bio fences for smooth movement of wildlife. Further, wherever feasible, User Agency in consultation with State Forest Department shall construct new underpasses both in old and new lines in a synchronized way so that a continuous passage covering both lines is available for wildlife movement. For purpose of dimension of all such under passes the manual of Wildlife Institute of India entitled "Eco-friendly Measures to Mitigate Impact of Liner Infrastructure on Wildlife, published in 2016" shall be consulted. A detail report in this regard shall be submitted to Integrated Regional Office;</p>	<p>Noted and will be submitted alongwith Wildlife Management Plan for 10 years. Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-XI.</p>

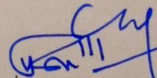
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13	xii) Wherever feasible, State Forest Department shall carry out plantation along the railway line by planting 8 mtr tall plants at the cost of User Agency. A scheme in this regard shall be prepared and submitted to Integrated Regional Office;	Pertains to State Forest department. Railway undertakes to bear the cost. Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-XII.
14	xiii) To improve the Forest/Tree cover and to reduce pollution, as mandated in National Forest Policy, 1988 and Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 respectively, the User Agency shall develop a separate nursery at one or more places to raise at least 35,000 seedlings of forestry species along with bamboo, fruit bearing, medical, ornamental and indigenous/local every year. At least 50% of seedlings shall be planted by User Agency in the vicinity of project area including forest area and for hand holding with local people residing in vicinity of proposed road, User Agency shall voluntarily distribute remaining 50% of seedlings to them free of cost. A compliance report including species wise details of seedlings raised, location of plantation area and details of villages whom seedlings have been distributed need to be prepared every six month and submitted to Regional Office of MoEF&CC;	Noted for compliance. It is requested that this work may be taken up by Forest Department at the cost of SEC Railway. We undertake to bear the cost of this work. Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-XIII.
15	xiv) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;	Noted and Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-XIV.
16	xv) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;	Noted and Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-XV.
17	xvi) 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 or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;	Noted and Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-XVI.
18	xvii) 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;	Noted and Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-XVII.
19	xviii) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;	Noted and Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-XVIII.
20	xix) 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;	Noted and Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-XIX.
21	xx) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;	Noted and Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-XX.
22	xxi) 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;	Noted and Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-XXI.
23	xxii) Violation of any 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 dt 29/01/2018;	Noted and Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-XXII.
24	xxiii) Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Changes may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;	Noted and Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-XXIII.
25	xxiv) The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/);	Noted and Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-XXIV.

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Condition laid down by The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Nodal Officer, M.S. Nagpur vide its letter no Desk-17/NC/I/ID/20-21/1183 dated 05.02.2021		
1	7.6) Ex-Situ conservation of endemic species of flora/fauna lost/ disturbed in the process of execution of the project may be ensured.	Noted and Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-XXV.
2	7.8) All necessary precaution should be taken to protect the area from fire.	Noted and Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-XXVI.
3	7.9) The user agency will undertake compressive soil conservation measure at the project cost in consultation with the State Forest Department.	Noted and Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-XXVII.
4	7.15) No damage to flora & fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.	Noted and Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-XXVIII.
5	7.17) The designing of culverts/bridges if any, over the natural stream/rivers/canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise of water logging and also does not hampered movement of wild animal.	Noted and Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-XXIX.
6	7.18) Forest land should not be used for construction of new station or other building. The User Agency shall ensure that such structure are established on the non-forest land.	Noted and Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-XXX.
7	7.19) The User Agency will provide retaining walls, breast wall and drainage as per requirement to make the slope stable.	Noted and Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-XXXI.
8	7.20) Artificial water holes under/near box culvert or under pass shall be created by the Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency.	Noted and Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-XXXII.
9	7.21) Sound barriers on either side of the line to reduce the sound shall be installed by the Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency.	Noted and Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-XXXIII.
10	7.22) Forest land shall not be used for any kind of quarrying and muck to be generated during the construction of railway line shall be dumped with the permitted RoW.	Noted and Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-XXXIV.
11	7.25) The user agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all-Acts Rules Regulations Guidelines and Court Tribunal directions for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.	Noted and Undertaking is herewith enclosed as Annexure-XXXV.

The work of 3rd line on detour alignment between Darekasa- Salekasa is the part of sanctioned project 3rd line between Rajandgaon – Nagpur for increasing traffic handling capacity and is a very important National Infra-structure Project. This work has been accorded highest priority by the Hon'ble PM and is being monitored at his level through Pragati portal.

In view of the above, it requested to give working permission at earliest and take necessary action for submission of compliance of observation of stage –I clearance to Integrated Regional office, Central Government.

Encl: DD no 496754 of Rs 19.05,895/- & 32 No Undertakings


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Copy to:-

1. CE /CON/Nagpur for kind information please.
2. APCCF & Nodal officer/ Nagpur for kind information and necessary action.