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To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Govt. of Chhattisgarh, Forest Department,  
Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhavan,  
Nava Raipur (CG) - 492001

Sub: Diversion of 228.0425 ha of forest land in favour of NHAI PIU Dhamtari for Development of Economic Corridors, Inter-corridors, feeder routes and Coastal Road to improve the efficiency of freight movement in India (Lot-3/ Odisha & Jharkhand/ Package-2) Raipur-Vishakhapatnam (Ch. 0.000 - Ch. 124.661) in the State of Chhattisgarh under Bharatmala Pariyojana. (Forest Proposal is for between km 42+844 to Km 124.661) (The **additional 3703 number of trees proposed to be felled in the interchange location** of the project in the Dhamtari Forest Division)-Reg.

Sir,

Kindly refer to letter no. /F-5-29/2021/10-2 dated 05.07.2023 of the Government of Chhattisgarh, and additional information was provided vide his letter no. /F-5-29/2021/10-2 dated 21.11.2023 by the Government of Chhattisgarh on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section- 2 (i) of the of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

The instant proposal was placed before the REC in 111<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 22.12.2023. After detailed examination of the proposal and deliberation, the Committee **approved the proposal for felling of additional 3703 numbers of trees affected at the interchange location for road construction within the 228.0425 ha of forest land for which in principle approval** has already been accorded, subject to the condition that, *"Tree felling shall be done under the strict supervision of DFO concerned and the cost towards felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency."* Further, considering the facts and circumstances, the Committee **recommended to extend the working permission dated 25/08/2022 for further period of one year**, subject to the condition that *"the User Agency shall submit the undertaking to obtain **Final approval** within the period of two years from the date of issue of in-principle approval and the State Government shall ensure realization of all levies from the User Agency before extending the working permission period."*

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

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16/1/24  
Chaturbhuja Bèhera, IFS  
Inspector General of Forests