



File No. FC-III /IROCH-04/2022/ 1083

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To,

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Chhattisgarh,  
Forest Department, Mantralaya,  
Mahanadi Bhavan, Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar (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).

Ref.: 1. प.नि./पकाई/राय-विशा/Forest/4641 dated 03.10.2022 and 10/11/2022.  
2. APPCF, FCA-Nodal letter no. LM/Misc./115-883/2352 dated 12.10.2022  
3. File no. FC-III/IROCH-04/2022/673 dt.12/04/2022, Letter no. 727 dt.24/05/2022 and Letter no. 1060 dt.24.11.2022

Sir,

Kindly refer to the letter no. F-5-29/2021/10-2 dated 07.01.2022 of the State Government, on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. It is to say that instant proposal was accorded Stage-I approval vide letter dated 12.04.2022.

The Project Director, NHAI, Project Implementation Unit Dhamtari vide his letter no. प.नि./पकाई/राय-विशा/Forest/4641 dated 03.10.2022 and 10.11.2022, the has sought prior approval for the felling of trees in 45-meter RoW citing the reason that it is not possible to work within 30 meters RoW for the construction work of the project.

In this connection, the instant proposal was placed in the 12th REC meeting dated 29.11.2022. The decisions of the committee are as follows:

- The Committee approved the proposal for felling of trees in 45m RoW of the project, the 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.
- In lieu of the translocation, block plantation of 10 times of trees felled in RoW beyond 30m will be carried out in the nearby area/Divisions identified by Forest Department. The block plantation will consist particularly of the slow-growing tress *Shorea robusta*, *Pterocarpus marsupium* and *Terminalia tomentosa*. The plantations will be facilitated by drip-irrigation and intensive care to ensure their survival. Henceforth, the plantations will be raised by the Forest Department instead of the NHAI to ensure better success. All costs including

maintenance will be borne by the User Agency and in every six month a report will be submitted to the Regional Office of MoEF&CC, Raipur;

- (c) Avenue plantations of 10 times of trees felled in 30 m RoW will be raised by the User agencies at their own cost.

In view of the above, state government and user agency shall ensure the stipulated of additional condition (a), (b) and (c) besides the conditions laid down in Stage-I approval remains unchanged.

Yours faithfully,

*Chibhuja*  
*2/12/22*

**Chaturbhuja Behera, IFS**

**Inspector General of Forests**

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- i. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Chhattisgarh, Aranya Bhawan, Sector-19, Nava Raipur, C.G.
- ii. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh. Aranya Bhawan, Sector-19, Nava Raipur, C.G.
- iii. User agency.
- iv. Guard file.

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