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Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bag Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110003 Dated: As per E-Sign

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.

Subject: Diversion of 244.039 ha (237.385 ha Dhar & 6.654 ha Alirajpur Forest Division) Reserved Forest land for construction of Chhotaudepur to Dhar New Broad Gauge Railway line in favour of Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction-II) Western Railway in Dhar & Alirajpur Districts of Madhya Pradesh (Online No. FP/MP/RAIL/154962/2022) – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Madhya Pradesh letter no. F-5/1259/2023/10-11/677 dated 18.02.2025 submitting compliance report of the conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval of even no. dated 08.07.2024 and to say that after examination of the compliance report the following shortcomings has been observed:

- i. In compliance of condition no. (ii), it is to mention that the Advisory Committee during discussion has observed that the proposal was earlier considered in REC meeting of RO, Bhopal wherein the committee was informed that the forest area of 6.654 ha is alleged to be under violation. Further as per details available in online Part-II the proposed area for diversion is having Eco-Class 3 and Density 0.4 and NPV rates for the same is Rs. 12,28,590 per ha. Therefore the user agency needs to deposit Rs. 4,08,75,189 against Penal NPV. However the user agency has deposited Rs. 2,15,50,050 against Penal NPV. Therefore the user agency needs to deposit the balance amount of Rs. 1,93,25,139 online in CAMPA account.
- ii. In compliance of condition no.(iii), the State Government has not initiated action under section 3A and /or 3B of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as may be applicable for violation of the provisions of the said Adhiniyam against such person or authority or organization, prima-facie found responsible for the violation. The reason justification for the discrepancy between the forest and revenue record shall also be provided.
- iii. In compliance of condition no.(v), the detailed Animal Passage and mitigation plan along with financial provisions has not been submitted.
- iv. In compliance of condition no.(vi), a certificate that only 244.039 ha area is required for the project has not been submitted.
- v. In compliance of condition no.(viii), it is to mention that as per details

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available in online Part-II the proposed area for diversion is having Eco-Class 3 and Density 0.4 and NPV rates for the same is Rs. 12,28,590 per ha as per revised rates. Therefore on the user agency needs to deposit Rs. 29,98,23,875 against NPV. However the user agency has deposited Rs. 23,37,35,673 against NPV. Therefore the user agency needs to deposit the balance amount of Rs. 6,60,88,202 online in CAMPA account.

- vi. In compliance of condition no.(xiv), the user agency has not submitted a duly approved scheme related to comprehensive soil conservation measures.
- vii. In compliance of condition no.(xvii), the KML file of Stage-I approved forest land and degraded forest land approved for CA has not been found uploaded on e-Green watch portal.
- viii. The User Agency has not submitted necessary undertakings with regard to conditions no.(xix), (xxvii) of Stage-I approval.

Accordingly, it is requested to submit the necessary information as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours sincerely,

Digitally signed by SUNEET BHARDWAJ Date: 18-03-2025 18:22:48

Sd/-(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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- 1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal:
- 2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
- 3. The Nodal Officer, Department of Forest Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal:
- 4. User Agency;
- 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.