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F. No. FC-III/IROCH-04/2022 - 727

Date: 24th May, 2022

To,

Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Chhattisgarh,
Forest Department, Mantralaya,
Mahanadi Bhavan, Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar (CG).

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).

Sir,

The under signed is directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 18.05.2022 whereby the Stage-I approval to the subject cited matter has been kept in abeyance due to non conduction of Site Inspection of proposed area by the IRO as mandatory under the Forest (Conservation) Amendment Rules, 2016; in Rule 7(h) and to say that after submission of Site Inspection Report of the IRO matter was placed before the REC in its meeting dated 24.05.2022. After the approval of the REC, the Central Government hereby withdrawal the abeyance letter dated 18.05.2022 and regularized the Stage-I approval dated 12.04.2022. The Committee further directed that as the instant proposal is passing through the Tiger Corridor as notified by the NTCA; the User Agency shall also obtain the clearance from the NBWL. The minutes of meeting are attached herewith.

This issues with the approval of the DDGF/RO (Central), MoEF&CC, IRO, Raipur.

Yours faithfully,


N K Dimri

Technical Officer (Gr-I)

Copy to:-

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Chhattisgarh, Aranya Bhawan, Sector-19, Nava Raipur, C.G
2. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh, Nawa Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
3. User agency (NHAI PIU Dhamtari).
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE 7th OF THE REGIONAL EMPOWERED COMMITTEE, HELD ON 24th May, 2022 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF DDGF/ REGIONAL OFFICER, AT INTEGRATED REGIONAL OFFICE, MoEF&CC, NAGPUR/ RAIPUR.

The following members were present:

1. Shri V N Ambade, DDGF (Central), (Chairperson).
2. Prof. Suresh Chopane
3. Shri Rajendra Nannaware (Member- attended meeting through video conferencing)
4. Dr. D. Manjunatha, DIGF (Central), (Member Secretary)

Special Invitees:

1. Shri Sunil Mishra, Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh.

The following proposals were placed before the REC for discussions.

AGENDA NO. 1

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1. The Committee considered the above-mentioned proposal and various facts related to the proposal in the factsheet prepared by the Integrated Regional Office, Raipur and in the proposed file submitted by the Government of Chhattisgarh. The APCCF, Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh and the representatives of the user Agency were also present in the meeting. After examination of the proposed and interaction with representatives of the user Agency, the Committee noted as under:
 - i. Committee noted that proposal envisages 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), under Forest Conservation Act 1980, in favour of NHAI PIU Dhamtari District in the State of Chhattisgarh. The total forest area proposed for diversion is 228.0425 ha.
 - ii. The Committee noted that the instant proposal was placed before the REC in its meeting dated 5.04.2022, wherein, the Committee approved the proposal subject to general, standard and additional conditions. Accordingly, IRO, Raipur has accorded approval vide letter dated 12.04.2022.

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- iii. The Committee was further apprised that observed that it has been observed later on that the Site Inspection Report after the inspection of proposed area by the IRO has not been submitted. However as the proposed area under the instant case is more than 100 ha, submission of the Site Inspection Report after inspecting the proposed area by the IRO is mandatory as per Rule 7(h) of Forest (Conservation) Amendment Rules, 2016.
 - iv. The Committee was further noted that it was a procedural mistake as the site inspection is mandatory under the Rules. The Committee was apprised that the Site Inspection has been conducted by the IRO and report has been submitted. The DIG (C), IRO, Raipur apprised the Committee that all facts as mentioned in the Form-A of proposal were inspected and no specific observation were found during inspection. It was further submitted that the CA sites identified for raising CA were also found suitable for raising plantation.
 - v. The Committee further opined that as the proposed alignment passes through the notified tiger corridor by the NTCA, the proposal need the Wildlife Clearance and accordingly suggested that User Agency shall take the permission from NBWL.
 - vi. It was also informed to the Committee that instant exercise was only done by the IRO, Raipur to correct its earlier committed procedural mistake and no other documentary/technical parameters of proposal were reexamined/reconsidered.
2. After detailed discussion, the Committee appreciated the early notice of procedural mistake by the IRO, Raipur as ensuring strict compliance of all the relevant Acts and Rules is utmost important for any Government Agency. The Committee further opined that the IRO should ensure complete scrutiny of proposals prior to its submission before the Committee. The Committee accordingly decided that the Stage-I approval to instant proposal shall be regularized and the User Agency shall also obtain the clearance from the NBWL.

AGENDA NO. 2


F.No. FC-II/IROCH-05/2021

Sub:- Diversion of 20.954 ha Forest Land for construction of 3rd Railway line from Paniajob to Bortalao approximate 8 km in lieu of 3rd line Project between Khairagarh- Nagpur (Kalumna), in favour of South East Central Railway Raipur in Khairagarh District in the State of Chhattisgarh.

1. The Committee considered the above-mentioned proposal and various facts related to the proposal in the factsheet prepared by the Integrated Regional Office, Raipur and in the proposed file submitted by the Government of Chhattisgarh. The APCCF, Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh, the DCF, Khairagarh and the representatives of the user Agency were also present in the meeting. After examination of the proposed and interaction with representatives of the user Agency, the Committee noted as under:
 - i. The instant proposal has been accorded Stage-I approval by the IRO, Raipur vide letter dated 23.02.2021 and Stage-II approval vide letter dated 26.11.2021. The Committee was further apprised that at the time of approval of proposal total number of project affected trees were 3544 and the same was approved.

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- ii. The Committee was further apprised that now State Government have submitted that a the proposal involves construction of 540 meter long tunnel and for technical feasibility two small tunnels of 150-150 meters in length has to be constructed on both sides of the proposed tunnel. For this reason, additional 1219 number of tress has been proposed for felling.
- iii. It was further submitted that no additional forest land has been proposed for diversion; only change in nature of work due to construction of 150-150 meters cave on both sides has been proposed.
- iv. The DCF Khairgarh apprised the Committee that 30 numbers of trees are having girth more than 90 cm and all others are less than 90 cm.
2. After detailed discussion, the REC opined that since the proposed work is necessary for construction of main tunnel, accordingly, the Committee decided to approve the felling of additional 1219 number of trees. The Committee further opined that all other conditions of Stage-II approval will remain same.

 Prof. Suresh Chopane (Member)	<i>approved by email.</i> Shri. Rajendra L. Nannaware (Member)
<i>24/5/2012</i> Shri V N Ambade, DDGF (Central) (Chairperson)	
<i>approved by email.</i> Dr. D. Majunatha, DIGF (Member-Secretary)	

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Sir,

Approved the MoM of meeting of REC dated 24.05.2022.

With regards,

Dr D Manjunatha

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