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To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Chhattisgarh,  
Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhavan, New Raipur (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).

Ref.: 1. This Office letter File no. FC-III/IROCH-04/2022/673 dt.12/04/2022, Letter no. 727 dt.24/05/2022, letter no.991 dt.27.10.2022 and 1083 dtd 02.12.2022  
2. MoEF & CC, Wildlife Division letter no. 6-112/2022 WL dt. 03/07/2023.

Sir,

On the above mentioned subject and reference letter FC-III/IROCH-04/2022/673 dt.12/04/2022, it is informed that the project proposal was discussed in 6<sup>th</sup> REC meeting dtd 05.04.2022 of the IRO, Raipur and Stage-I approval was granted in favour of NHAI Division, Dhamtari for Raipur- Vishakhapatnam corridor, excluding the stretch from 89.641 km to 124.661 km. In the Stage-I approval, condition (vi) was imposed for the stretch from 89.641 to km 124.661 (35.020 km) of the Raipur-Vishakhapatnam Bharatmala Pariyojana, falling under default (10 km) ESZ of Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve and constituting an area of 47.875 ha. The condition (vi) reads as:

*"For the stretch from 89.641 km to 124.661 (35.020 km) falling under default (10 km) ESZ of Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve and constituting an area of 47.875 ha, the User Agency shall obtain the revised ESZ notification or approval from the NBWL as mandated under the FC Act, rules and guidelines. In case any realignment or other changes are suggested by NBWL or MoEF& CC during the course, the consequential changes, if any, will be effective in the "In Principle" FC approval accordingly."*

It is informed that the above proposal in respect of wildlife clearance was discussed in the 72<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the standing committee of National Board for Wildlife held on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 as agenda no. 72.4.33. The said proposal relating to wildlife clearance has been recommended by the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL), which has been communicated by the Wildlife Division, MoEF & CC, vide its

No.- F.No.-6-112/2022 WL dtd 3<sup>rd</sup> July,2023 (Copy enclosed). The standing committee of the NBWL has laid down conditions in the recommendation and the WII has also given suggestions in compliance to the NBWL recommendations. The diversion proposal will be subject to following additional conditions:

1. The user agency must ensure fencing of remaining length of the road passing through the forest in order to avoid any collision. It shall also comply with all the mitigation measures suggested by WII.
2. The Construction work shall be allowed from dawn to dusk only.
3. Any other condition imposed from time to time by forest department.
4. There shall be caution sign boards at every 500 meters about animal passing, restriction on feeding animals, garbage dumping, no stopping/honking and hunting etc. as per the advice of forest department.
5. All forest patches within ESZ and wildlife corridor not covered under clear opening of mitigation structures shall be provided with a small pipe/cc culvert at every 100 meters (where there are no existing/proposed cross drainage structures) for the movement of reptiles, amphibians and small animals.
6. Underpasses will also have integrated options of light and sound barriers, camouflaging, and landscaping including restoration of habitat beneath underpasses after construction for the forest patch through which corridor is passing.
7. There will not be a right of passage to the public via the underpass.
8. The Chief Wild Life Warden should have an adequate monitoring mechanism in place.
9. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the project proponent to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government of India.

The User Agency shall comply with the above conditions in additions to the conditions stipulated vide the letter FC-III/IROCH-04/2022/673 dt.12/04/2022, letter no. 727 dt.24/05/2022, letter no.991 dt.27.10.2022 and 1083 dtd 02.12.2022 of IRO, Raipur.

In view of recommendation by the NBWL in respect of the default ESZ areas , the Central Govt accords **"In-approval"** approval for diversion of 228.0425 ha, including the default ESZ areas, for the said proposal under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.


Yours faithfully,



Chaturbhuja Behera, IFS,  
Inspector General of Forests.

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1. The ADG (FC), MoEF & CC, New Delhi
2. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Chhattisgarh, Aranya Bhawan, Sector-19, Nava Raipur, C.G
3. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh, Aryan Bhawan, Nawa Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
4. Guard file

  
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