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GOVERNMENT OF GOA
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“Goa Van Bhawan” Forest Department,
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No. 6-901-2024-25-FD/2799

Dated: 01/10/2024

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To
The Deputy Director General of Forest (Central)
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Government of India
Regional office (Southern Zone)
Kendriya Sadan, IVth Floor, E & F Wings
17th Main Road, IInd Block, Koramangala
Bangalore, 560 034.

Sub: - Diversion of 0.06 ha. of forest land in Sy. No. 135 of Torxem village, North Goa Division for construction of existing NH-17 (New NH-66) from Km 475.000 to 502.500 in the State of Goa under NHDP-III (Patradevi to Karaswada Section) on NH-17) in favour of Public Work Department, WD-VII (NH), Panaji-Goa.

Ref: MoEF&CC letter No. 4-GOB1216/2019-BAN/1310 dated 09/12/2019

Sir,

Pursuant to the in-principal approval No. 4-GOB1216/2019-BAN/1310 dated 09/12/2019 granted by the RO (Central), MoEF&CC, Bangalore for diversion of 0.06 ha. of forest land in Sy. No. 135 of Torxem village, North Goa Division for construction of existing NH-17 (New NH-66) from Km 475.000 to 502.500 in the State of Goa under NHDP-III (Patradevi to Karaswada Section) on NH-17) in favour of Public Work Department, WD-VII (NH), Panaji-Goa, the conditions conveyed (copy enclosed) stands complied with as under:

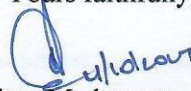
1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The boundary of the forest land to be diverted has been demarcated by the User Agency by erecting boundary pillars. CD containing KML file of demarcated area is enclosed **(Annexure-I)**.
3. An amount of Rs. 1,43,800/- towards Net Present Value & CA has realized from the user agency in online mode **(Annexure-II)**.
4. The Undertaking regarding additional payment of NPV has been submitted by the User Agency enclosed as **(Annexure-III)**.

5. The User agency has transferred the fund to CAMPA account through online mode **(Annexure-II)**.
6. The User Agency has noted & agreed.
7. The Certificate of Forest Right Act, 2006 submitted by the User Agency has been enclosed as **(Annexure-IV)**.
8. The User Agency has noted & agreed.
9. The User Agency has noted & agreed.
10. The User Agency has noted & agreed.
11. The User Agency has noted & agreed.
12. The Forest area utilized for this project is restricted to 0.06 ha.
13. The User Agency has noted & agreed.
14. The User Agency has noted & agreed.
15. The User Agency has uploaded the compliance report online.
16. The User Agency has noted & agreed.
17. The User Agency has already carried out the work in the diverted area by utilizing 0.0278 Ha area. The NH division of PWD has taken up the work on behalf of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH). The User Agency has submitted that, the work was taken up on an emergency basis considering the Stage-I Clearance as deemed to be the working permission for commencement of the work after the payment of the NPV as per the guideline of the MoEFCC dated 08.08.2014 **(Annexure-V)**. The detail justification submitted by the User agency along with KML file of the demarcated area **(Annexure-VI)**
18. The User Agency has noted & agreed.

The project has been recommended by the State Government of Goa for final (Stage-II) approval. It is therefore requested to further consider the proposal please.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,


(Aditya Madanpotra, IFS)
Dy. Conservator of Forest
Monitoring & Evaluation

Copy for information to:

1. The Inspector General of Forest (FC Division), MoEF&CC, GoI, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, "Agni Wing" Aliganj Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-110003.
2. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, North Goa Division, Ponda-Goa.
3. The Under Secretary (Forest), Secretariat, Porvorim, Goa.
4. The Executive Engineer, Public Work Department, WD-VII (NH), Panaji Goa.

Annexure - II

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Payment Details

Sl No	Project Name	Transaction ID	Date	CA: 0/- PCA: 0/- Safety Zone: 0/- NPV: 76060593.5/- Total: 112459537.5/-	PAID	Fund Details	Remarks
12	FP/GA/RAIL/28650/2017 (./Viewreport.aspx?pid=FP/GA/RAIL/28650/2017) Kulem-Madgaon Railway Doubling Project	RAIL286502017974	04 Feb 2021	CA: 36398944/-, Addl CA: 0/- PCA: 0/-, CAT: 0/- Safety Zone: 0/-, Addl PA: 0/- NPV: 76060593.5/- Total: 112459537.5/-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fund Demanded by: 30 Mar 2021 Nodal Officer On: Union Bank Of India Bank Name: NEFT/RTGS Mode of Payment: (Challan) Challan Generated: 09 Apr 2021 On Transaction: 09 Apr 2021 Date	Demand Letter (./writereaddata/Fundpdf/3112612331218CN201ForestFundDocs.pdf) Generated Challan (./UserAccount/Neft_ChallanCorp.aspx?pid=RAIL286502017974)
13	FP/GA/ROAD/42943/2019 (./Viewreport.aspx?pid=FP/GA/ROAD/42943/2019) Four Laning of existing NH-17(new NH-66) from Km 475.000 to Km 502.500 in the state of Goa under NHDP-III (Patradevi to Karaswada Section on NH-17)	ROAD429432019373	09 Dec 2019	CA: 100000/-, Addl CA: 0/- PCA: 0/-, CAT: 0/- Safety Zone: 0/-, Addl PA: 0/- NPV: 43800/- Total: 143800/-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fund Demanded by: 06 May 2020 Nodal Officer On: Corporation Bank Bank Name: NEFT/RTGS Mode of Payment: (Challan) Challan Generated: 30 Jul 2020 On Transaction: 29 Oct 2020 Date	Demand Letter (./writereaddata/Fundpdf/511612321212QMA7WForest1.pdf) Generated Challan (./UserAccount/Neft_ChallanCorp.aspx?pid=ROAD429432019373)
14	FP/GA/Approach/34901/2018 (./Viewreport.aspx?pid=FP/GA/Approach/34901/2018) Construction of approach road to establishment of 2X500 MVA 400/220 KV Substation	APPROACH34901201841129	129 Apr 2020	CA: 0/-, Addl CA: 0/- PCA: 0/-, CAT: 0/- Safety Zone: 0/-, Addl PA: 0/- NPV: 578865/-, of 10 times the tree fa : 3128865/- Total: 3128865/-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fund Demanded by: 14 Aug 2020 Nodal Officer On: Corporation Bank Bank Name: NEFT/RTGS Mode of Payment: (Challan) Challan Generated: 03 Sep 2020 On Transaction: 04 Sep 2020 Date	Demand Letter (./writereaddata/Fundpdf/811812501213PR8EYDemandNoteforApproachRoad.pdf) Generated Challan (./UserAccount/Neft_ChallanCorp.aspx?pid=APPROACH349012018411)
15	FP/GA/Others/25734/2017 (./Viewreport.aspx?pid=FP/GA/Others/25734/2017) Development of Freedom Fighters Memorial at Patradevi and Areas surrounding the Memorial- Phase I	OTHERS257342017043	19 Feb 2018	CA: 645000/-, Addl CA: 0/- PCA: 0/-, CAT: 0/- Safety Zone: 0/-, Addl PA: 0/- NPV: 676053/- Total: 1321053/-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fund Demanded by: 09 Aug 2018 Nodal Officer On: Corporation Bank Bank Name: NEFT/RTGS Mode of Payment: (Challan) Challan Generated: 10 Aug 2018 On Transaction: 16 Aug 2018 Date	Demand Letter (./writereaddata/Fundpdf/811912381214H9CZELetterfromDCFfordepositingamount.pdf) Generated Challan (./UserAccount/Neft_ChallanCorp.aspx?pid=OTHERS257342017043)

Annexure II
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Annexure - III

Name of the Project:	Four Laning of existing NH-17(new NH-66) from Km 475.000 to Km 502.500 in the state of Goa under NHDP-III (Patradevi to Karaswada Section on NH-17)
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UNDERTAKING

(To pay Additional Cost of Net Present Value (NPV))

This is to certify that as per the guidelines for diversion of forest land for Non-forest purposes by the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change government of India, this office Executive Engineer VII, PWD (NH), Government of Goa is agrees to bear the additional cost of Net Present Value (N.P.V) for the purpose as demanded by the Forest Department and also undertake to pay the additional amount if any, due to escalation or any other changes etc., at later date as per demand raised by the Forest Authorities against for the project **Four Laning of existing NH-17(new NH-66) from Km 475.000 to Km 502.500 in the state of Goa under NHDP-III (Patradevi to Karaswada Section on NH-17).**

D. J. J. J.
Executive Engineer WD VII
PWD (NH), Panaji, Goa
Division VII (NH), P.W.D.,
Panaji-Goa.

Place: Panaji

Date: 14/08/2024

W.D. VII (NH), P.W.D., Panaji
 Invoice No. 3328
 Date 12/09/2023
 Time



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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, NORTH GOA
Revenue Branch, Collectorate Bldg., Panaji – Goa – 403001.
Phone Nos: 2225383, 2225083, 2225383(EPBX)

NO.30/10/2019/RB/DLC/Meeting /3137

Dated: 06/08/2023

TO WHOMSOEVER IT, MAY CONCERN

In compliance of the Rule 6(3)(e) of the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 [as amended vide the Forest (Conservation) Amendment Rules 2014; Forest (Conservation) second Amendment Rules 2014; and Forest (Conservation) Amendment Rules 2016] it is certified that 00.6 hectares of forest land proposed to be diverted in favour of the Executive Engineer, Works Division VII (NH), PWD, Panaji Goa for four Laning of existing NH-17 new NH-66 from KM 475.000 to KM 502.500 in State of Goa on BOT(Toll) basis under NHDP-III(Patradevi to Karaswada Section on NH-17, in North Goa District falls within jurisdiction of Torxem village in Pernem Taluka.

It is further certified that:

- (a) The complete process of recognition and vesting of forest rights under FRA has been carried out for the entire area 0.06 Hectares under Sy.No.135/0 in village Torxem in Pernem Taluka, of forest land proposed for diversion and there is no FRA claims as per the report submitted by the Mamlatdar of Pernem vide letter No.MAM/PER/CI-I/Forest Land/2023/2970 dated 25/08/2023.
- (b) The diversion of forest land for facilities managed by the Government as required under section 3(2) of the FRA, 2006 have been completed and there are no any Forest Right Claims involving area of 0.06 Hectares under Sy.No.135/0 in village Torxem in Pernem Taluka under proposed area of diversion, hence no Gram Sabhas have been taken.
- (c) The proposed area does not involve recognized rights of Primitive Tribal Groups and Pre-Agricultural Communities.

W.D. VII (NH), P.W.D., Panaji
 Invoice No. 3467
 Date 25/09/2023
 Time

(Mamu Hage, IAS)
 Collector of North-Goa

To,
 The Executive Engineer,
 Work Division VII (NH), P.W.D.,
 Ground Floor, Junta House,
 Panaji- Goa.

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Greenfield
Forest file
Asst. Engr. AC III
12/09/23

certificate may be
renewed for forest

Annexure - V

F. No. 11- 306/ 2014-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Aliganj, Jorbagh Road
New Delhi - 110 001
Dated: 8th August, 2014

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests)
All State / Union Territory Governments

Sub: Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980- Simplified procedure for grant of permission for felling of trees standing on forest land to be diverted for execution of linear projects: *reg.*

Sir,

I am directed to say that guidelines issued under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 provides that forestry clearance will be given in two stages. In 1st stage, the proposal shall be agreed to in principle in which usually the conditions relating to transfer and mutation of equivalent non-forest land for compensatory afforestation and realization of funds for raising compensatory afforestation thereof and NPV etc. are stipulated and after receipt of compliance report from the State Government in respect of the stipulated conditions, formal approval under the afore-mentioned Act is issued. Central Government while according in-principle approval stipulates a condition that till receipt of the formal/ final approval of the Central Government, transfer of forest land to the User Agency shall not be affected by the State Government.

This Ministry has received representation to relax the above conditions in respect of projects involving linear diversion of forest land and allow the user agency to fell trees standing on the forest land even before grant of formal/final approval by the Central Government once the conditions relating to transfer and mutation of equivalent non-forest land for compensatory afforestation, wherever required and funds for NPV and raising compensatory afforestation etc. are complied with.

The matter has been examined in this Ministry and after careful consideration with a view to facilitate speedy execution of projects involving linear diversion of forest land such as laying of new roads, widening of existing highways, transmission lines, water supply lines, optic fiber cabling, railway lines etc., the Central Government hereby decides that for linear projects of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Border Roads Organization (BRO), Central Public Works Department (CPWD), Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), Ministry of Railways, and various other central agencies, in-principle approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 may be deemed as the working permission for tree cutting and commencement of work, if the required funds for compensatory afforestation, NPV, wildlife conservation plan, plantation of dwarf species of medicinal plants, and all such other compensatory levies specified in the in-principle approval are realised from the user agency. In case of linear projects of other user agencies, in-principle approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 may be deemed as the working permission for tree cutting and commencement of work, if the required compensatory levies as above, stipulated in the in-principle approval are realised from the

user agency and where necessary, for compensatory afforestation, transfer and mutation of non-forest/revenue forest land in favour of State Forest Department is affected.

The State Governments, in such cases will seek and obtain from the Central Government final/formal approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of such forest land at the earliest, and in any case not later than five years from the date of grant of the in-principle approval.

This issues with approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

(H.C. Chaudhary)
Director

Copy to:-

1. Prime Minister's Office (*Kind attn.:* Shri Santosh D. Vaidya, Director), North Block, New Delhi.
2. Secretary, Ministry of Power, Government of India, Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. Chairman, Railways Board, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India, Transport Bhawan, New Delhi.
6. The Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
7. Director General, Border Roads Organization, New Delhi.
8. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, all State/UT Governments.
9. Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, all State/UT Governments.
10. All Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India (GoI).
11. Joint Secretary in-charge, Impact Assessment Division, MoEFCC, GoI.
12. All Assistant Inspector General of Forests/ Directors in the Forest Conservation Division, MoEFCC, GoI.
13. Director, Regional Offices Headquarters Division, MoEFCC, GoI.
14. Sr. Director (Technical), NIC, MoEFCC, GoI with a request to place a copy of this letter on website of this Ministry.
15. Sr. PPS to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, GoI.
16. Sr. PPS to the Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, MoEFCC, GoI.
17. Sr. PPS to the Addl. Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEFCC, GoI.
18. PS to the Inspector General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEFCC, GoI.
19. Guard File.

(H.C. Chaudhary)
Director

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Office of the Executive Engineer,
Work Division. VII (NH),
Public Works Department,
Government of Goa,
Junta house, Panaji-Goa.

Dated: - 14/08/2024.

BY CONSERVATION OF FOREST
NORTH GOA DIVISION
PONDA GOA

INWARD NO. 5101
PAGE No. 106
DATED 16/8/24

To,
The Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Forest Department,
North Goa Division,
Ponda-Goa.

Name of project: - Four Laning of existing Maharashtra / Goa Border- Panaji Goa Section of NH-17 from Km. 475.000 to Km. 500.500 (Existing Km.502.500) in the state of Goa on EPC basis under NHDP-III (Patradevi to Karaswada Junction Section)...Package -I.

Sub:- Diversion of 0.06Ha of forest land in survey no.135 of Torxem Village North Goa Division for the above mentioned project .

Ref No:- 1. Your letter no.5/FCA-157 /DCFN/TECH/2024-25/498/666,
Dated:- 02.07.2024.

2. F.12/2024-25/PWD/WDVII (NH)/ASW/964, Dated:- 18.07.2024.


Sir;

This has reference to the above cited subject regarding diversion of 0.06Ha of forest land in survey no.135 of Torxem Village North Goa Division for the above mentioned project. In this connection, it is submitted that :

1. A vehicular underpass is constructed at Ch.475/000 as per contract agreement with service road on either sides.
2. The said work was taken up on emergency basis considering the stage -I clearance, after payment of the NPV.
3. In the absence of service road and underpass, the residents of village Patradevi and traffic coming from Village Banda, State Maharashtra would have faced problem in crossing the National Highway. Hence, the service lanes had to be constructed to avoid accidents and to reduce inconvenience to the road users pending stage-II approval.
4. National Highway Division of PWD is taking up the 4-laning of Highways on behalf of Ministry of Road Transport and Highway (MoRTH) and the stage - I approval was conveyed by the IRO, Bangalore in December, 2019. Accordingly, the NPV was paid during July, 2020. After payment of the NPV and since being a linear project, the work was taken up on emergency basis considering the stage -I clearance as deemed to be the working permission for commencement of the work. Apart from payment of NPV, no other compliances were to be made form the part of the User Agency as per the guidelines of MoEFCC dated 8th August, 2014.

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In view of above, the compliance report along with the KML file may be considered granting the stage-II approval please.


Engineer Engineer,
Div. VII (NH),
PWD, Panaji - Goa.

Copy to: -

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Van Bhavan, Altinho, Panaji, Goa
2. The Principal Chief Engineer, PWD, Altinho, Panaji-Goa.
3. The Chief Engineer, (NH,R&B), PWD, Altinho, Panaji-Goa.
4. The Superintending Engineer Circle IX, PWD, Altinho, Panaji-Goa.
5. The Executive Engineer, Works Division VII(NH), PWD
6. The Assistant Engineer ,SDIII, WDVII,(NH), PWD, Colvale Baedez-Goa.