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To,

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests)  
Govt. of Gujarat  
Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, (Gujarat).

Sub: Diversion of 2.6564 ha section-4 Forest land for Belt conveyor corridor of Lakhpat Cement Works at Village-Maldo & Kapurasi in Taluka Lakhpat of Kachchh district in favour of Adani Cementation Ltd., Ahmedabad.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. FCA-1019/10-03/19/S.F-60/F dated 25.06.2019 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After due consideration of the above proposal of the State Government the undersigned on behalf of the Central Government is hereby directed to convey **In-principle** approval for diversion of 2.6564 ha section-4 Forest land for Belt conveyor corridor of Lakhpat Cement Works at Village-Maldo & Kapurasi in Taluka Lakhpat of Kachchh district in favour of Adani Cementation Ltd., Ahmedabad subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Forest land shall be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over to the user agency.
3. **Compensatory afforestation :**
  - a) Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over **2.6564 ha non-forest land** in Survey No. 4/pt, Village-Khengarpur, Taluka-Lakhpat, District-Kachchh at the cost of the User Agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
  - b) The non-forest land proposed for CA shall be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and notified as RF/PF prior to Stage-II approval. A copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act as the case may be, will be submitted by the State Government prior to Stage-II approval;
4. The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme

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may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.

**5. Net Present Value (NPV):**

- a) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value(NPV) for the **2.6564 ha** forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30.10.2002, 01.08.2003, 28.03.2008, 24/04/2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No. 5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II) dated 18.09.2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/2006-FC dated 03/10/2006, 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 and chapter 3 of handbook 2019 of F(C)A, 1980 & FC Rules 2003 in this regard.
  - b) Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
6. User agency shall restrict the felling of trees upto 113 numbers in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the user agency with the State Forest Department.
  7. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<http://parivesh.nic.in/>).
  8. **CRZ clearance shall be obtained before issuance of working permission and uploaded along with the compliance report for Stage-II approval on e.portal.**
  9. **The CA area and plantation shall attract Para 2.4(vi) of F(C)A, 1980 Handbook 2019 and report accordingly shall be submitted and uploaded along with the compliance report for Stage-II approval on e.portal.**
  10. User agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
  11. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
  12. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
  13. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
  14. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
  15. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
  16. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
  17. The forest land shall not be use for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
  18. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
  19. All the conditions of State Forest Department/Local Forest rules shall be applicable in this project.

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20. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the para 1.21 of Handbook of F(C) 1980 & FC Rules 2003 published in 2019.
21. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
22. The complete compliance report in letter format from Govt. of Gujarat shall be uploaded on e-portal (<http://parivesh.nic.in/>).

After receipt of compliance report on fulfillment of all the above conditions from the State Government, proposal will be considered for final approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Any order for transfer of forest land to user agency shall not be issued by the State Government till formal approval for diversion of forest land is issued by this office.



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Asstt. Inspector General of Forests (C)

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1. Director, ROHQ, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Agni, C-wing, 3rd Floor, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110003.
2. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer (FC), Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
3. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Kutchh (West) Division, Bhuj, Gujarat.
4. Adani Cementation Limited, Adani House, 56m Shrimali Society, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad-380009.
5. Order file.



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