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

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Dated: the 30 October, 2020

To,

The Addl. Secretary (Forest)
Uttarakhand Forest Department
Government of Uttarakhand
Dehradun

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 106.16 ha of forest land Compartment No. 3 and 8 of Kalagarh Tiger Reserve of Pakhron Range, Pakhron Block of District Pauri Garhwal for establishment of Tiger Safari (Online Proposal No. FP/UK/Others/48385/2020):reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the **Online Proposal No. FP/UK/Others/48385/2020** dated **18.08.2020** and letter 787/FP/UK/Others/48385/202 dated 14.09.2020 of the Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA) Department of Forests, Govt. of Uttarakhand, on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and to say that the said proposal has been examined by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the aforesaid Act.

2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the Government of Uttarakhand and on the basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby agrees **to accord “In-principle”** approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 106.16 ha of forest land Compartment No. 3 and 8 of Kalagarh Tiger Reserve of Pakhron Range, Pakhron Block of District Pauri Garhwal for establishment of Tiger Safari subject to the following conditions:

- 1 Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2 **All conditions in the statutory approvals obtained from NTCA and CZA shall be complied.**
- 3 **The State Government shall ensure the infrastructure of the Tiger Safari is created mainly from bamboo and other natural materials.**
- 4 **Compensatory afforestation:**
 - (a) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department

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over 16.0 ha. of Non-forest land (Village Namely: Juva patti sila-4-: 16.0 ha located in Pauri Garhwal district of Uttarakhand State) at the cost of the User Agency. As far as practicable, a mixture of local indigenous species will be planted, and mono-culture of a species has to be avoided.

- (b) The non-forest land proposed for Compensatory Afforestation (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;
- 5 The cost of CA at the prevailing wage rates as per CA 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 may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.

6 NPV:

- (a) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 275.16 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 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 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.
- 7 The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
- 8 User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number 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;
- 9 All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (parivesh.nic.in)
- 10 The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- 11 The complete compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (parivesh.nic.in).

3. After receipt of the report on compliance to the conditions stipulated in the paragraph-2 above, from the Government of Uttarakhand, **final / stage-II** approval for diversion of the proposed forest land under Section-2 of

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the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 will be issued by this Ministry. Transfer of the said forest land to the user agency shall not be affected by the Government of Uttarakhand till Final/Stage-II approval for its diversion is issued by this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-
(Sandeep Sharma)
Asst. Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to: -

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun.
2. The Regional Officer, North Central Regional Office, Subhash Road, Dehradun.
3. The Addl. PCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.