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To

Adl. Chief Secretary (Forests),
Government of Punjab,
Department, of Forests,
Mini Secretariat, Sector-9,
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Sub: Diversion of 0.7 ha of forest land in favour of Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD B&R Branch, Sangrur for widening & strengthening of road, Sangrur-Elwall road upto National Highway Bye-pass NH-7 B/s, under forest division and District Sangrur, Punjab. (Online proposal FP/PB/Road/43966/2020)-regarding.

Ref: (i) State Government online proposal received on 13.03.2020

Sir,

Please refer to the above cited subject and letters seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose in accordance with section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government, in-principle approval is hereby conveyed for diversion of 0.7 hectares of forest land for the above mentioned project, subject to the following conditions:

- i) Cost of compensatory afforestation CA scheme may be realized from the user agency.
- ii) Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted for non-forestry purpose may be realized from the user agency, as per Ministry's directions issued vide letters No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 5th February 2009 and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India's Order dated 30th October 2002, 28th March, 2008, 24th April, 2008 and 9th May 2008;
- iii) As per the orders of the Government of India vide letter No. 5-2/2010-CAMPA 24.06.2011, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land and all other CA levies shall be deposited through web portal of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change www.parivesh.nic.in.
- iv) User Agency shall ensure that no other proposal in the division, for which Stage-I has already been granted in the past, is still pending for compliance of conditions of Stage-I approval. An Undertaking to this effect that "no such proposal for compliance of conditions of Stage-I approval is pending with this division" be submitted. Compliance of the same will be mandatory for the final clearance of this proposal by this office.
- v) User agency should ensure that the compensatory levies (CA cost, NPV, etc.) are deposited through challan generated online on web portal and deposited in appropriate bank only. Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.

- vi) A fresh inspection report of DFO of proposed site to ascertain any signs of violation to be submitted.
- vii) FRA Certificate of competent authority to be submitted.

(3) The following conditions shall also be complied with after the final approval is accorded:

- i) Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged.
- ii) Efforts should be made to fell minimum number of trees not to exceed 105 trees.
- iii) The trees should be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
- iv) The CA will be carried out over 1.40 ha on degraded forest land respectively as per the CA scheme and the funds will be provided by the user agency. The plantation will be done within one year from the date of issue of the approval.
- v) The forest land will not be used for any other purpose than that mentioned in the proposal.
- vi) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without approval of the Central Government.
- vii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- viii) No damage will be done to the adjoining forest land;
- ix) The User Agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road at the project cost as per IRC specifications with maintenance of seven to ten years;
- x) The user agency shall pay additional amount of NPV as and when increased on the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court;
- xi) The User agency shall carry out muck disposal at pre-designed sites as per the scheme approved by the Forest Department. The required soil conservation measures should be taken up by the user agency for which fund should be provided as per the current rate of works;
- xii) The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- xiii) Any other condition that this Regional Office may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;
- xiv) It will be the responsibility of the State Government/User Agency to obtain all other prior approvals/clearances under all other relevant Acts/Rules/ Court's Rulings/instructions, etc., including environmental clearance, as applicable to this proposal;

4. After receipt of the compliance report on fulfillment of the conditions under para-2, above, final approval order shall be given under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. **The use of forestland will not be allowed till final approval is accorded.**

Yours faithfully,

(C.D. Singh)
Dy. DGF (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The ADGF (FC), Ministry of Environment, Forests, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh, Aliganj, New Delhi (adgfc-mef@nic.in).
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3. The Addl. PCCF (FC)-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Department of Forests, Government of Punjab, Forest Complex, Sector-68, S.A.S. Nagar, Punjab (fcaforest@gmail.com).
4. The Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division and District Sangrur, Punjab.
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