## F. No. 8-61/2017-FC

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

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Aliganj, Jorbagh Road New Delhi – 110 003 Dated: 7 August, 2018

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests), Department of Forest & Environment, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 100 ha of forest land in favour of DCF, Mukundra National Park Kota for Village relocation of Mukundra Hills National Park in Kota district in State of Rajasthan. – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Rajasthan's letter no. P.1 (49) VAN/2017, Jaipur dated 03.11.2017 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 constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the aforesaid Act.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government of Rajasthan and on the basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby agrees to accord stage-I / In-principle approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the diversion of 100 ha of forest land in favour of DCF, Mukundra National Park Kota for Village relocation of Mukundra Hills National Park in Kota district in State of Rajasthan, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) The user agency shall obtain the Environmental clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required under the said act;
- (iii) The abandoned revenue village shall be notified as part of protected area as per the provision of Indian Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and shall be developed as per the approved management plan.
- (iv) 100% enumeration of the existing tree growth in the proposed site be carried out and all fully grown trees like Tamarind, Neem etc. which are part and parcel of the

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daily life of villagers are retained, felling of trees on the forest land being diverted shall be reduced to the bare minimum and the trees should be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;

- (v) Connectivity of the proposed residential site of the village to the metal road should be worked out in advance, as at present the connectivity is not there;
- (vi) No labour camps shall be established on the forest land;
- (vii) The area of Forest which is to be granted for rehabilitation of revenue village will not be more than the total area of revenue village;
- (viii) The rehabilitation will be carried out as per approved R&R plan;
- (ix) First of all, the forest land proposed to be diverted for residential purposr only shall be developed and only when the villagers are shifted in these newly built houses. the forest land diverted for the purpose of agriculture shall be allowed to be developed;
- (x) The bonafide residents of the revenue village will be entitled to enjoy all the rights and privileges after rehabilitation for which they were entitled prior to rehabilitation;
- (xi) The relocation of villagers to be preferably done near to existing habitation on the fringe area of forest. The area shall preferably be degraded forest area;
- (xii) All the other restriction/privileges will be considers as per the prescription of the working plan of the area;
- (xiii) The residents of rehabilitated villages will be bound to assist Forest-Officers and Police-Officers as per the provisions of section 79 of Indian Forest Act, 1927;
- (xiv) The State Forest Department at appropriate level shall be made part of the body responsible for preparing detailed layout plan of the village so as to ensure that as far as possible naturally growing trees are retained along roads, in the school, other government/ public utility complexes, around the boundaries of the village, at natural groves;
- (xv) The State Government Shall complete settlement of rights, in terms of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted and submit the documentary evidence as prescribed by this Ministry in its letter No. 11-9/1998-FC (pt.) dated 03.08.2009, in support thereof;
- (xvi) The user agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and this Ministry regularly.
- (xvii) Any other condition that the Regional Office (Central Zone), Lucknow of this Ministry, may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and

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(xviii) The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

(Shrawan Kumar Verma)
Deputy Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:-

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
- 2. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office (CZ), Lucknow.
- 3. The Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
- 4. User Agency.

5. Forest Conservation Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.

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