

Government of Punjab
Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation
(Forest Branch)

Dated: 15-03-2024

To

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar.

Subject: Diversion of 0.004368 ha. of forest land for approach access to M/s V-Max Multiplex Ludhiana-Malerkotla road km. 26.280 (RHS) at village Pohir, Tehsil & Distt. Ludhiana, Under Forest Division Ludhiana (FP/PB/Approach/145601/2021).

The MoEF&CC notification dated 29.11.2023, under clause No.9 of 5074 (E) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023, the State Government has authorized to grant of In-principle approval upto 0.1 ha. of forest land.

Kindly refer to the subject cited above and letter under reference for seeking prior approval in accordance with MoEF&CC notification dated 29.11.2023, under clouse No.9 of 5074 (E) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023 for diversion of 0.004368 ha. of forest land for non-forestry purpose. After careful examination of the proposal, **Stage-1** approval is hereby conveyed for the above-mentioned project, subject to the following conditions:

1. General Conditions

Sr. No.	Conditions
1.	Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2.	Cost of Compensatory Afforestation, as per CA scheme, may be realized from the user agency.
3.	Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land 0.0244 hectares being diverted for non-forestry purpose may be realized from the user agency, as per Ministry's directions issued vide letters No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 6th January 2022

	and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India's Order WP(C)No. 202/1995, I.A.No. In 566, dated 30th October 2002, 28th March, 2008, 24th April, 2008 and 9th May 2008.
4.	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 .
5.	Complete compliance report will be uploaded in the e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).
6.	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.
7.	The User Agency shall provide certificate regarding Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers Recognition of Forest Right Act, 2006 from the concerned Deputy Commissioner to Division Forest Officer.
8.	CLU Certificate from Local Government to be submitted by the User Agency.
9.	The Divisional Forest Officer shall furnish undertaking that the approved CA site(s) will not be changed without the approval of competent authority.

2. Standard conditions

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1.	The number of trees/plants to be felled shall not in any way exceed the number indicated in the proposal and no harm shall be done to the wildlife during felling of trees. The felling of trees/plants will be carried out under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the amount spent on felling of trees/plants will be deposited by the user agency to the State Forest Department.
2.	As per the proposed CA Scheme, Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Divisional Forest Officer over degraded forest land in Mand Chounta Forest C. No. 6

	(Mattewara Range) Ludhiana by planting plants at the cost of the user agency. The Compensatory afforestation scheme, as approved, shall be implemented by the Divisional Forest Officer at the project cost within a period of three years from the date of grant of " Final Approval ". As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species shall strictly be avoided.
3.	The Divisional Forest Officer shall ensure that the approved CA site will not be changed without the approval of Competent Authority.
4.	The Divisional Forest Officer shall upload the KML files of the degraded forest area accepted for raising compensatory afforestation in the E-Green watch portal of FSI, before handing over of forest land to the user agency.
5.	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
6.	The user agency shall pay additional amount of NPV as and when increased by the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court and the State Government will ensure that the increased amount is deposited.
7.	The initial permission will be given to this proposal for 99 years. After that the permission shall again be obtained from the Government of India. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favor of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
8.	No kind of damage will be done to the adjoining forest land. Simultaneously, all efforts will be made to save adjoining forest and forest land.
9.	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall, under no circumstances, be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without approval of the State Government.
10.	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of State Government.
11.	The user agency shall carry out muck disposal at pre-designated sites as per the scheme approved.
12.	Any other condition may be stipulated by this regional office

	from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
13.	User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
14.	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF & CC, guideline 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan), Adhinyam, 1980 as issued by Ministry's letter 29.12.2023.
15.	It will be the responsibility of the Divisional Forest Officer/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.

3. Specific Conditions:

After receipt of the compliance report on the fulfillment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval as per MoEF&CC notification dated 29.11.2023 under clause No.9 of 5074 (E) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023. Transfer of forest land shall not be affected till final approval is granted by the Government in this regard.

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UNDER SECRETARY
15-03-2024

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3. Conservator of Forests, South Circle, Patiala.
4. Divisional Forest Officer, Ludhiana.
5. Sh. Manjot Singh, Village Pohir, Tehsil Dehlon, Distt. Ludhiana.