

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

No. - FCA/1980/261/2018/PB-102/3437 Dated:- 10-12-19  
FP/PB/Others/29888/2017  
To  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)  
Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar.  
Subject: **Diversion of 0.82101 ha forest land for laying of water supply and sewerage line at Malout-Fazilka Road KM Stone no. 25-28 RHS and KM Stone no.26-28 LHS Distt Fazilka.**  
Ref: Your Office U.O. no. 190 dated: 18-9-19

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1. After careful examination of the proposal under General Approvals issued by Govt. of India vide letter No. F.No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019 **"In-principle" approval** is hereby conveyed for diversion of **0.82101 ha.** of forest land for the above mentioned project **with directions for strict compliance of the orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in O.A. 161 & O.A. 162 of 2016 dated 05.09.2018 titled Dr. Amandeep Aggarwal v/s State of Punjab & others and Peacock Environment & Wildlife v/s State of Punjab & others subject to the following conditions:-**

- i) Cost of compensatory Afforestation as per 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 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India's Order dated 30<sup>th</sup> October 2002, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2008, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 and 9<sup>th</sup> May 2008.
- iii) The user agency shall deposit payment of NPV of the forest land and all other CA levies only on MoEF & CC web portal [http://: parivesh.nic.in](http://parivesh.nic.in) or [http://: efclearance.nic.in](http://efclearance.nic.in).
- iv) Cost of equivalent non-forest land as per State Govt. Policy may be realized from the user agency.
- v) **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 Ferozepur division" be submitted. Compliance of the same will be mandatory for the final clearance of this proposal by this office.**

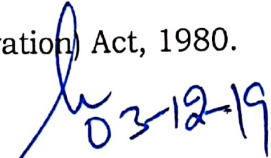
2. The following conditions shall also be complied with after according final approval:-

- i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii) 01 Tree, 04 Poles & 300 Plants will be felled in this case.
- iii) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and shall under no circumstances, be transferred to any one without prior approval of the Central/State Government.
- iv) The User Agency shall ensure, no damage is caused to the wildlife available in the area during or after execution of this project.
- v) The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar.
- vi) The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the laborers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest area.
- vii) The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required.
- viii) As recommended by the Geologist and Task Force, 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.
- ix) Muck disposal should be taken up as per the scheme approved by the Forest Department.
- x) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- xi) The User agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government.
- xii) The user agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird's nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project.




- xiii) Any other condition that the Forest Department, Punjab may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
- xiv) The user agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV as and when increased on the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- xv) The User Agency and concerned Divisional Forest Officer shall ensure compliance to the provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project and

3. After receipt of the compliance report on fulfillment of the conditions under para-2 above, the proposal shall be considered for the final approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

  
03-12-19  
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Department of Forests and Wildlife  
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Copy to:-

1. IGF (FC), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh, New Delhi- 110003.
2. Addl. Director General of Forests (C), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Bays No. 24-25, Sector 31-A, Chandigarh.
3. Conservator of Forests, Ferozepur Circle/DFO Muktsar's letter No. 3937 dated 07.08.2019.
4. Executive Engineer, W/S & Sew. Division, Ferozepur.

  
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