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To

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests) Govt. of Gujarat Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, (Gujarat).

Sub: Diversion of 0.4189 ha Reserved Forest land for HRIDAY project at Beyt, Ta. Dwarka, of Devbhumi Dwarka District in favour of Chief Officer, Okha Nagarpalika, Okha.

Sir.

I am directed to invite a reference to your letter No. FCA-1019/10-05/19/S.F-130/F dated 30/09/2019 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section – 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After due consideration of the above proposal of the State Government the undersigned on behalf of the Central Government is hereby directed to convey **In-principle** approval for diversion of 0.4189 ha Reserved Forest land for HRIDAY project at Beyt. Ta. Dwarka, of Devbhumi Dwarka District in favour of Chief Officer, Okha Nagarpalika, Okha, Gujarat subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.

2. Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over by the user agency.

3. Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 1.00 ha degraded forest land (Survey No. 474) Village-Beyt, Tal-Dwarka, District-Jamnagar at the cost of the User Agency. As far as practicable a mixture of local indigenous species will be planted and monoculture of species has to be avoided.

4. The cost of Compensatory Afforestation, survey, demarcation and erection of pillars shall be deposited in advance at prevailing wage rate with the Forest Department by the User Agency. The CA shall be maintained for 10 years. The scheme shall include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years

5. NPV:

a) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value(NPV) for the <u>0.4189</u> <u>ha</u> 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

0.418949 OKHA 95 12/12/19 from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

- 6. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited in CAMPA fund only through e.portal (http://parivesh.nic.in).
- 7. FRA certificate for diverted land as per Para 6(e)(ii) of CA rules-2003 shall be submitted and uploaded along with compliance report of Stage-I approval.
- 8. The user agency shall obtain CRZ clearance before Stage-II approval and the same shall be submitted and uploaded along with compliance report of Stage-I approval.
- 9. The proposed land is only 1.6 Km away from the Marine Wildlife Sanctuary. Thus, the CWLW comments shall be submitted along with compliance report of Stage-I approval.
- 10. The user agency shall submit Environmental clearance, if applicable.
- 11. All the conditions of State Forest Department/Local Forest rules shall be applicable in this project.
- 12. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the Para 1.21 of F(C) Act, 1980 Handbook 2019.
- 13. The compliance report in the letter format from Govt. of Gujarat shall be uploaded on e.portal (http://parivesh.nic.in).

After receipt of compliance report on fulfillment of all the above conditions from the State Government, proposal will be considered for final approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Any order for transfer of forest land to user agency shall not be issued by the State Government till formal approval for diversion of forest land is issued by this office

(B. Abhay Bhaskar)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forests (C)

Copy to:-

 Director, ROHQ, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Agni, C-wing, 3rd Floor, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110003.

2. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer (FC), Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

3. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Jamnagar Forest Division, Jamnagar, Gujarat

4. Chief Officer, Okha Nagar Palika, Okha, District Jamnagar, Gujarat.

5. Order file.

0.4189hs

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