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Date: 20th October 2021

To

The Principal Secretary,
Department of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Government of Bihar,
Sichai Bhawan Secretariat, Patna - 800015.

Sub: In-principle (Stage-I) approval of Central Government under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 for diversion of 0.48 ha forest land in favour of Road Construction Department (RCD), Jamui for construction of 3x14.00 m RCC High Level Bridge over Dhathuria River in 23rd Km of Sharawan-Bakshila Road in Jamui district of Bihar - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to you the Bihar Govt.'s letter No.Van Bhumi-32/2021-313(E)/Pa.Va.Ja.Pa. dated 12.4.2021 of the State Government, Bihar and letter No.Va.Sa./101/2020-912 dated 1.10.2021 of the Nodal Officer (FC), Bihar on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

After due consideration of the proposal of the State Government, the "in-principle" approval of Central Government, is hereby conveyed for diversion of 0.48 ha forest land in favour of Road Construction Department (RCD), Jamui for construction of 3x14.00 m RCC High Level Bridge over Dhathuria River in 23rd Km of Sharawan-Bakshila Road in Jamui district of Bihar, subject to the following conditions and stipulations.

A: Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department.

- (1) The user agency shall transfer the cost of rising and maintain the compensatory afforestation (100 trees plantation and maintenance for 10 years) at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal.
- (2) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 0.48 ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the order 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.

- (3) All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred / deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
- (4) The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- (5) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.
- (6) The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

B: Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the User Agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:

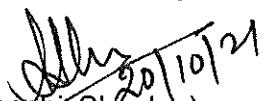
- (1) Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (2) The State Forest Department shall plant 100 trees to maintain the green cover at the project cost. Planting site for the purpose shall be identified by the State Forest Department preferably in the vicinity of the project site. Indigenous tree species should be preferred for such plantation.
- (3) 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 also be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- (4) Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall in consultation with SFD undertake appropriate afforestation/ vegetation enrichment measures all around the site related to the area diverted under this approval, at the project cost.
- (5) The User Agency shall ensure that the labourers and staff engaged in construction activities do not damage the nearby forest flora and fauna. The User Agency shall provide alternate fuels preferably LPG to the labourers

and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.

- (6) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
- (7) (a) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
(b) The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of the project life/ requirement.
(c) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department, or person without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
- (8) Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forest & wildlife.

After receipt of the report from the State Government regarding due compliance and fulfillment of the above conditions and stipulations, formal approval will be issued in this regard under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Transfer of forest land by the State Government to the user agency should not be given effect to till formal order approving diversion of forest land is issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. To facilitate speedy execution of this project, the in-principle approval may be considered for issuance of working permission for commencement of works by the competent authority, if the required funds for NPV and all other compensatory levies specified in the in-principle approval are realized from the user agency and accordingly the State Government, by passing an order, may allow the commencement of work of the linear project in forest land for a period of one year (The detail guideline issued vide Ministry letter No. 11-306/2014-FC, dated 28.08.2015 may be referred).

Yours sincerely,



(Shashi Shankar)

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Copy to:-

1. The DIGF(ROHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi - 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), / The APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FC), Deptt. of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of Bihar, Aranya Bhawan, Shahid Pir Ali Khan Path, Patna - 800 014.

3. The Divisional Forest Officer, Jamui Forest Division, Jamui, Bihar.
4. The Executive Engineer, Road Construction Department, Road Division, Jamui, Bihar.
5. Guard File.


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