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To

✓ The Principal Secretary,
Department of Forests, Environment & Climate Change,
Government of Jharkhand,
Nepal House, Ranchi.

Sub: In-principle (Stage-I) approval of Central Government under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 for diversion of 9.71 ha forest land (jungle jhari) for construction of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya at Village - Pokhraha Khurd in favour of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya under Palamau district, Jharkhand - reg.

Sir,

This refers to letter No.Van Bhumi-14/2020-3032/Va.Pa. dated 1.10.2020 and Van Bhumi-14/2020-389/Va.Pa. dated 5.2.2021 of the State Government, Jharkhand 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 and on the basis of decision of Regional Empowered Committee in its 42nd meeting, the "in-principle" approval of Central Government, is hereby conveyed for diversion of 9.71 ha forest land (jungle jhari) for construction of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya at Village - Pokhraha Khurd in favour of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya under Palamau district, Jharkhand, 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 cost of compensatory afforestation on the CA land (20 ha) at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme (including the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars etc. as required for securing the land against encroachment) shall be deposited in advance with the State Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.
- (2) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 9.71 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/>).

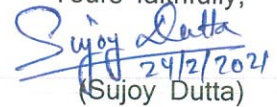
B: Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the User Agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:

- (1) Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (2) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 20 ha. degraded forest land (Mouza - Aredana, Patan Range, Compartment No.792, 793 under Medininagar Forest Division) at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local native species shall be planted and monoculture of any species, especially non-native species should be avoided.
- (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) The User Agency shall maintain green belt (50%) within the allotted area as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer at their own project cost.
- (5) The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- (6) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- (7) (a) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.

- (b) 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.
- (8) The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of the project life.
- (9) (a) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
(b) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department, or person without prior approval of Central Government.
- (10) 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.

2. After receipt of the compliance report regarding fulfillment of the conditions as stipulated above, from the State Government, formal approval will be issued in this regard under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Transfer of forest land to user agency should not be given effect to by the State Government till formal order approving diversion of forest land is issued by the Central Government.

Yours faithfully,


24/2/2024
(Sujoy Dutta)

Technical Officer (Forestry)

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2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)/ The PCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FC), Forests, Environment & Climate Change Department, Government of Jharkhand, Van Bhavan, Doranda, Ranchi.
3. The Divisional Forest Officer, Medininagar Forest Division, Jharkhand.
4. The Principal, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Daltonganj (Palamau), Jharkhand.
5. Guard File.


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