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To

Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),
Government of Haryana
Haryana Civil Secretariat
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Sub: Diversion of 27.792 ha (25.402 ha in Ambala Division and 2.39 ha in Kurukshetra Division) of forest land in favour of General Manger (Tech) & Project Director, NHAI, PIU Ambala for widening/construction of 4 laning of Saha-Shahbad road (NH 444-A) section from km. 14.840 to 31.760, under Forest Division and District Ambala and Kurukshetra, Haryana. (Online proposal FP/HR/ Road/44256/2020

Ref: i) Pr. Chief Conservator of Forest letter no. Admn-D-3-9510/7796 dated 09.10.2020
ii) Nodal Officer, Haryana letter no. Admn-D-3-9510/8135 dated 16.10.2020
iii) Minutes of REC meeting held on 18.11.2020.

Sir,

Please refer to the above cited subject and letters seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose in accordance with section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government and recommendation of the REC, in-principle approval is hereby conveyed for diversion of 27.792 hectares of forest land for the above mentioned project, subject to the following conditions:

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

- i) Amended CA scheme with provisions of EPA, fencing, and modified species selection, etc be prepared & provided and accordingly Cost of compensatory afforestation as per 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 5th February 2009 and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India's Order dated 30th October 2002, 28th March, 2008, 24th April, 2008 and 9th May 2008;
- iii) As per the orders of the Government of India vide letter No. 5-2/2010-CAMPA 24.06.2011, 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.

- iv) 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.
- v) **The Divisional Forest Officer shall furnish undertaking that the approved CA site(s) will not be changed without the approval of competent authority.**
- vi) **The CEO State CAMPA shall furnish undertaking that the funds under State CAMPA will be released to Divisional Forest Officer as per approved CA scheme.**
- vii) 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 this division" be submitted. Compliance of the same will be mandatory for the final clearance of this proposal by this office.
- viii) Original copy of FRA certificate to be submitted.
- ix) The User Agency shall give an undertaking that at least single row plantation of permanent nature (avenue rotation) shall be done by User Agency on both sides of road.
- x) The User Agency shall give an undertaking that suitable passage (similar to footpath) within the box culverts be provided at appropriate open stretches to facilitate the movement of wild animals across the road.

(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:

- i) Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii) Efforts should be made to fell minimum number of trees not to exceed 12,137 trees (under Ambala Forest Division) & 976 trees (under Kurukshetra Forest Division)
- iii) The trees should be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- iv) At least single row plantation of permanent nature (avenue rotation) shall be done by User Agency on both sides of road.
- v) The CEO, State CAMPA Authority shall ensure release of funds under CAMPA to the DFO for raising CA plantation as per CA scheme approved by this office;
- vi) The DFO shall ensure taking up CA plantations at approved CA sites and shall not alter the approved sites without obtaining the permission of the competent authority;

- vii) The CA will be carried out over 50.804 ha (in Ambala Forest Division) & 4.78 ha (under Kurukshetra Forest Division) on degraded forest land as per the CA scheme and the funds will be provided by the user agency. The plantation will be done within one year from the date of issue of the approval;
- viii) Suitable passage (similar to footpath) within the box culverts be provided at appropriate open stretches to facilitate the movement of wild animals across the road;
- ix) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- x) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xi) Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
- xii) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xiii) The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less;
- xiv) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
- xv) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India; and
- xvi) Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

3. After receipt of the compliance report on fulfillment of the conditions under para-2, above, final approval order shall be given under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The use of forestland will not be allowed till final approval is accorded.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(C.D. Singh)
Dy. DGF (Central)

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1. The ADGF (FC), Ministry of Environment, Forests, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh, Aliganj, New Delhi. (adgfc-mef@nic.in)
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3. The CCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forests, Government of Haryana, C-18, Van Bhawan, Sector-6, Panchkula, Haryana. (cffcpanchkula@gmail.com)

4. CEO, CAMPA O/o PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forests, Government of Haryana , C-18, Van Bhawan, Sector-6, Panchkula, Haryana.(haryanacampa@gmail.com)
5. The Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division and District Ambala and Kurukshetra, Haryana.
6. The General Manger (Tech) & Project Director, NHAI, PIU Ambala.