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दिनांक : 27/08/2024.

प्रति,

प्रधान सचिव (वन)
मध्यप्रदेश शासन,
वल्लभ भवन, भोपाल ।

विषय: सीधी एवं सिंगरौली जिले में रीवा-सीधी-सिंगरौली नई बड़ी रेलवे लाईन के निर्माण हेतु 176.402 हेक्टेयर (Earlier proposed 176.24 ha) (34.482 हे. सीधी एवं 141.92 हे. सिंगरौली वनमण्डल) आरक्षित एवं संरक्षित वनभूमि उप मुख्य अभियंता (निर्माण) पश्चिम मध्य रेलवे जबलपुर को उपयोग पर देने बाबत (Online Proposal No. FP/MP/Rail/33238/2018).

Sir,

This refers to letter Nos. F-5/1230/2022/10-11/1917 dated 12/05/2023, 5183 dated 03/12/2023, 1986 dated 08/04/2024 and 3619 dated 10/07/24 of PCCF/ APCCF (LM), Nodal Officer, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh 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 decision of Regional Empowered Committee in its 8th meeting of 2024 on 30/07/2024, the "in-principle" approval of the Central Government, is hereby conveyed for diversion of 176.402 ha (earlier proposed 176.24 ha) Reserved, Protected & Revenue Forest land (34.482 ha in Sidhi & 141.92 ha in Singrauli Forest Division) for construction of new Railway line, Rewa-Sidhi-Singrauli Project in favour of Chief Engineer (Construction), West Central Railway Jabalpur in Sidhi & Singrauli Districts of Madhya Pradesh, subject to following conditions and stipulations:

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

- (1) In view of the guidelines dated 27.12.2023, compensatory afforestation on the equivalent non-forest land is required. Thus, KML file of non-forest land for CA along with the CA scheme, suitability certificate, certificate of non encumbrances, digital map and the KML file of the area shall be submitted before submitting compliance of In-principle approval.
- (2) The non-forest land shall be transferred and mutated in favour of State Forest department and documents shall be submitted.
- (3) The non-forest land which is transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department for the purpose of compensatory afforestation shall be declared as Reserved Forest under Section-4 or Protected Forest under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the State Forest Act. A Copy of PF/RF notification may be submitted in Stage-I compliance report.
- (4) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 176.402 ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per 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, 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 & 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06/01/2022 in this regard.

- (5) 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/>).
- (6) Complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- (7) All conditions of CWLW/SBWL/NBWL shall be strictly complied, wherever applicable.
- (8) **Working permission shall not be issued by the State Govt. in this project and suitability of the area proposed for CA will be reviewed by the REC prior to issue of "Final Approval" in this project.**
- (9) **The DFO Sidhi and Singrauli shall submit a certificate of distance from nearest (National Park/ Wildlife Sanctuary/ Biosphere/Tiger Reserve/ Elephant Corridor etc) Protected Area accordingly before Stage-II approval.**
- (10) **A revised land schedule with details in online Part-II of the proposal in the Sidhi Forest Division shall be updated accordingly before Stage-II approval.**
- (11) ***The User Agency shall submit an undertaking that no muck shall be disposed off in forest land.***
- (12) The KML files of Diverted and CA areas shall be uploaded on the e.Green watch portal with all requisite details prior to Stage-II Approval.
- (13) 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.
- (14) 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) **As per the provisions contained in the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, the compensatory afforestation can not be allowed on degraded forest land in the instant case. The State Govt. shall therefore identify alternative land for CA as per the provisions of extant Rules. The said land shall be transferred and mutated in the name of the Forest Department and notified as protected forest under the provisions of Indian Forest Act, 1927 or the State specific laws.**
- (3) Detailed animal passage and mitigation plan shall be prepared in consultation with the State Forest Department and the same shall be implemented at the cost of the User Agency.
- (4) Additional amount of 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.
- (5) The User Agency shall restrict felling of trees to the enumerated **25960 numbers/minimum** number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department or the cost of felling of trees shall be

- deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department and the State Forest Department shall undertake the fellings.
- (6) Boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost.
 - (7) **Speed regulating signages shall be erected all along the railway line at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas.**
 - (8) Layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
 - (9) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
 - (10) The User Agency shall provide alternate fuels preferably LPG to the labourers and staff working at the site so as to prevent any damage and pressure on the nearby forests.
 - (11) No additional or new path shall be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
 - (12) The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the project life.
 - (13) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
 - (14) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of all the Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and National Green Tribunal Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
 - (15) 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 Central Government.
 - (16) 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 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.

This has been issued with the approval of the competent authority.

(डॉ. योगेश गैरोला)
तकनीकी अधिकारी(वानिकी)

प्रतिलिपि:

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2. अपर प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक(भू-प्रबंध) एवं नोडल अधिकारी, वन विभाग, वन भवन, तुलसीनगर, भोपाल ।
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Signed by Yogesh Gairola
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