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No. 6-GJB-14/2016-BHO/545

To,

The Principal Secretary
Govt. of Gujarat
Forest and Environment Department
Sachivalaya
Gandhinagar (Gujarat).

Sub.: Diversion of 4.6074 ha Protected Forest land for construction of flexible pavement of Puna-Valthan canal road km 0/28 to 6/610 of Surat district in favour of Executive Engineer, Surat Urban Development Authority, Surat, Gujarat - reg.

Ref.: That office letter No.FCA-1016/7-11/15/S.F.-19/F dated 17/03/2016.

Sir,

Kind attention is invited to the subject matter and reference cited by which prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 was sought.

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 4.6074 ha Protected Forest land for construction of flexible pavement of Puna-Valthan canal road km 0/28 to 6/610 of Surat district in favour of Executive Engineer, Surat Urban Development Authority, Surat, Gujarat subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. a) Forest land shall be handed over to the User Agency only after the User Agency has got possession of non-forest land, if any, required for the project.
- b) Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 10.00 ha degraded-forest land (compartment no. 577pt.) Village-Mandan, Tal-Mangrol, Range-Vankal, Div.-Surat, Dist.-Surat at the cost of the User Agency. Compensatory afforestation shall be of a mix of local indigenous species. Monoculture of any species shall be avoided.

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3. a) The cost of compensatory afforestation, survey, demarcation and erection of pillars, if required shall be deposited in advance at prevailing wage rates with the Forest Department by the User Agency. The CA shall be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.
b) Land identified for CA shall clearly be depicted on a Survey of India Toposheet of 1:50,000. The bearing of each corner point and distances between two successive points shall be recorded alongwith the GPS readings of Geo coordinates (Latitudes & Longitudes).
4. a) The State Government shall charge the "Net Present Value" (NPV) for the 4.6074 ha of forest land to be diverted under the 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 and 09/05/2008 in IA No. 566 in WP (Civil) 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 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 from the User Agency, which shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
5. All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred to the Ad-hoc Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management & Planning Agency (CAMPA) in Savings Bank A/c No. (CAF Gujarat) SB 01025208 Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex, New Delhi-110003.
6. Felling of trees upto 380 numbers in the diverted forest land shall be done by the State Forest Department with strict supervision.
7. No additional or new path shall be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
8. No labour camps shall be established on forest land.
9. Proposed labour camps outside the forest area are to be dismantled and removed. The labourers shall be sent back immediately after the completion of the work.
10. The User Agency shall provide alternate fuel to the labourers working at the site to avoid damage / felling of trees.
11. The User Agency shall ensure that because of this project, no damage is caused to the Wildlife.

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12. Relevant directions contained in various notifications issued by the Central Government under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 made thereunder and as amended from time to time regarding use of fly ash shall be fully complied with.
13. Muck disposal, if required, shall be taken up as per the scheme approved by the Forest Department.
14. Soil conservation measures, if required, shall be taken up by the User Agency for which fund should be provided as per the current rate of works.
15. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost.
16. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of User Agency or the project life whichever is less.
17. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
18. Road side plantation & plantation on the central verge shall be raised by the User Agency as per the standard norms.
19. No taxes/toll shall be levied on the vehicles of Forest Department plying on the road.
20. All statutory provisions under various Acts, rules thereunder and guidelines applicable to this project shall be strictly adhered to.
21. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
22. 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.
23.
 - a) The User Agency shall submit compliance report as on 1st January of every year to the Nodal Officer of the State.
 - b) The State Government shall monitor compliance of conditions of Forest Clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly report as on 1st July of every year.
24. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation and development of forests & wildlife.

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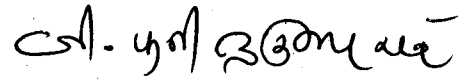


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After receipt of compliance report on fulfillment of the condition Nos. 3,4,5 & 6 from the State Government, proposal will be considered for final approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

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.

Yours faithfully,



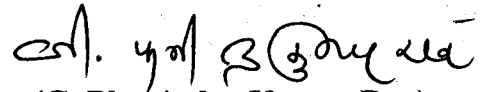
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2. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer (FC), Gandhinagar,
3. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division Surat, District-Surat, Gujarat.
4. The Executive Engineer, Surat Urban Development Authority, Suda Bhawan, B/H old Multistorage building, Nanpura, Surat, District-Surat-395001, Gujarat.
5. Order file.

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