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**विषय:- Final (Stage-II) approval of Central Government under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for proposed diversion of 4.04 ha forest land in favour of Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Limited (JUSNL) for construction of 132/33 KV Grid substation at Barhi, Village - Khodahar under Hazaribagh West Forest Division in Hazaribagh districts of Jharkhand - reg.**

महाशय,

I am directed to refer to you the Jharkhand Govt. letter No.Van Bhumi-22/2019-2211/Va.Pa. dated 18.06.2019, wherein prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for diversion of 4.04 ha forest land in favour of Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Limited (JUSNL) for construction of 132/33 KV Grid substation at Barhi, Village - Khodahar under Hazaribagh West Forest Division in Hazaribagh districts of Jharkhand, was sought in accordance with Section-2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. After due consideration of the proposal of the State Government, the 'in-principle' approval of the Central Government for diversion of the said forest land was accorded vide this office letter of even number dated 14.07.2023 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Government of Jharkhand vides their letter No. Van Bhumi-22/2019-4880/Va.Pa. dated 23.12.2024 have furnished compliance report in respect of the relevant conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval for grant of final approval.

In this connection, on the basis of the compliance report under reference, the **final approval** of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 is hereby accorded for diversion of 4.04 ha forest land in favour of Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Limited (JUSNL) for construction of 132/33 KV Grid substation at Barhi, Village - Khodahar under

Hazaribagh West Forest Division in Hazaribagh districts of Jharkhand subject to the following conditions and stipulations:-

- (1) Legal status of the forest land diverted shall remain unchanged.
- (2) Compensatory afforestation: Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 8.08 ha. non forest land (Mouza – Adar, Thana - Barhi/32, Khata No.104, Plot No.2013 under Hazaribagh West 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) **The KML files of the area to be diverted and the CA area shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal before issue of final approval by the State Government of Jharkhand.**
- (4) The State Government shall ensure that compliance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 has been completed in accordance with the relevant Rules and Guidelines issued by the MoEF&CC, GoI in this regard.
- (5) User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
- (6) Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake appropriate afforestation measures all around the project site related to this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department, at the project cost.
- (7) 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 Officers.
- (8) The layout plan of the proposed diversion of the forest land shall not be changed without prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- (9)
  - a) No labour camp shall be established inside 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.
  - c) Earth or any other material shall not be brought from and debris resulting during construction shall not be disposed of in the adjoining forest area by the user agency.

- (10) a) The diverted 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.
- c) The diverted forest land shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department, or person without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- (11) 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 in force, as applicable to the project.
- (12) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the Consolidated Guidelines of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry on dated 29.12.2023.
- (13) 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 forests and wildlife.

2. As has been mentioned at Para-2 of the Stage-II approval, this approval for diversion of forest land is subject to the fulfillment of stipulated conditions mentioned in this approval letter. Therefore, in the event of non-compliance of any of the conditions laid out in this approval letter, the Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may withdraw the said approval for diversion of the forest land and stop the non-forest activity being carried out in the forest land besides initiating the legal action as per provisions of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

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