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To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Govt. of Chhattisgarh,  
Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan  
Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar, Chhattisgarh.

**Sub: Diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 proposed for Widening and Upgrading of Panduka, Jatamai- Ghatarani, Gaydabri, Madeli, Mundagaon Road (Two Lane Public Road) area - 24.569 Ha in Gariyaband Forest Division, Gariyaband District in the State of Chhattisgarh- regarding.**

Sir,

Kindly refer letter no. F-5-12/2021/10-2 dated 22.08.2022 of the State Government of Chhattisgarh on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section -2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. It is to say that after examination of the proposal of the State Government, 'In-principle' approval was accorded by the Central Government vide its letter dated 12.10.2022. The State Government of Chhattisgarh has submitted compliance report on conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' approval and requested for final approval of the proposal.

After examination of the compliance report submitted by the Government of Chhattisgarh vide letter no./ F-5-12/2021/10-2 dated 10.08.2023 and additional information was submitted by the State Government vide letter no. F-5-12/2021/10-2 dated 29.08.2024 (Online compliance uploaded on PARIVESH portal dated 06/01/2025) on the recommendation by the State Government, the Central Government hereby accords "**Final Approval**" under Section- 2 (i) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of **24.569 Ha** of forest land for non-forest purpose **for Widening and Upgrading of Panduka, Jatamai- Ghatarani, Gaydabri, Madeli, Mundagaon Road (Two Lane Public Road); Gariyaband Forest Division, Gariyaband District** in the State of Chhattisgarh, which is subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- i. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the State Forest Department over revenue land of **24.600 ha**. Which are spread in 3 different patches-Khasra No. 356, area 12.00 ha; Khasra No. 260

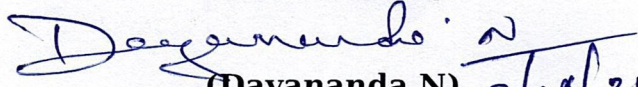
- area 4.10 ha.; and Khasra no. 468,694, area 8.500 ha in Taluka-Rajim, Block Fingeshwar, District Gariaband from the amount which has already been realized from the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided;;
- iii. 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 be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;
  - iv. The State Government of Chhattisgarh/ Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department of Chhattisgarh shall ensure settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (No. 2 of 2007) before issuing an order for handing over of forest land to the User Agency as per the provision of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023;
  - v. 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 at the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
  - vi. The total project affected trees are 3333; comprised of 477 trees above 90 cm girth and the remaining 2856 trees below 90 cm girth class. The User agency shall minimize the number of project-affected trees;
  - vii. **The RoW of existing road and proposed road is 14 m;**
  - viii. The boundary of the diverted forest land, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar;
  - ix. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas;
  - x. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
  - xi. The designing of culverts/bridges, over the natural streams/rivers/canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals;
  - xii. Roadside plantations on both sides of the road as per the IRC norms shall be raised by the State Forest Department from the funds provided by the User Agency. The State forest department shall prepare the plantation proposal giving preference to the native forest tree species including fruit-bearing tree species;
  - xiii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;

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- xiv. The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- xv. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
- xvi. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- xvii. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xviii. 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;
- xix. 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;
- xx. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the rules / Guideline framed under VSSA, 1980;
- xxi. 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;

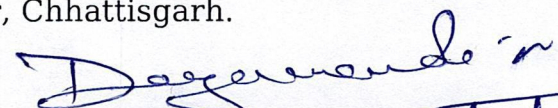
**This issues with the approval of Competent Authority of the Regional Office Nagpur.**

**Yours faithfully,**

  
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Technical Officer (Forestry)

**Copy to:-**

1. The Inspector General of Forests (RoHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003 **for information please.**
2. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Chhattisgarh, Aranya Bhawan, Sector-19, Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
3. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh, Aryan Bhawan, Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
4. User agency.
5. Guard file

  
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