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To,

Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Chhattisgarh,  
Forest Department, Mantralaya,  
Mahanadi Bhavan, Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar (CG).

**Sub: Diversion of 0.144 ha Forest land in favour of M/S B.S. Sponge Pvt. Ltd for Laying Pipeline from Denwanmunda Nala to Plant site order to fulfil the water requirement for the operation of plant at village- jamdabri , Range- Tamnar, in Raigarh Forest Division Raigarh District in the state of Chhattisgarh-reg.**

Sir,

Kindly refer to the letter no क्रमांक/एफ 5-19/2022/10-2 dated 04.11.2022 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 22.12.2022. 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 letter no.क्रमांक/एफ 5-19/2022/10-2 dated 11.07.2024 (Online compliance uploaded on PARIVESH portal dated 03/01/2025) of Government of Chhattisgarh and 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 **0.144 ha.** of forest land for non-forest purpose for Laying Pipeline from Denwanmunda Nala to Plant site order to fulfil the water requirement for the operation of plant at village- Jamdabri, Range- Tamnar, in Raigarh Forest Division Raigarh District in the state of Chhattisgarh, which is subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. State Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department will carry out 10 times Forest tree species plantation behalf of 36 trees with 10 years maintenance at the cost of the user agency.
- 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. User agency will defray the cost of felling of 36 trees and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department. However, only the required and minimum number of trees will be felled.

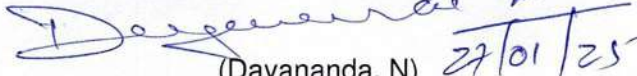
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- v. To improve the Forest/ Tree cover and to reduce pollution in the State, as mandated in National Forest Policy, 1988 and Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 respectively, the User Agency in consultation with local DCF shall raise at least 5000 seedlings of forestry species along with bamboo, fruit bearing, medicinal, ornamental and indigenous/local for 10 years. At least 50% of seedlings shall be planted by User Agency in the vicinity of project area including forest area and for hand holding with local people. Users Agency shall voluntary distribute remaining 50% of seedlings as per choice of villagers free of cost. A compliance report including species wise details of seedlings raised, location of plantation area and details of villagers whom seedlings have been distributed need to be prepared every six month and submitted to Regional Office of MoEF&CC;
- vi. The user agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird's nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project;
- vii. 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;
- viii. **The pipeline shall be laid down 1.5 meter below the ground and after lying down of pipe line the ground will be leveled.**
- ix. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
- x. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xi. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- xii. 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;
- xiii. 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 Officer;
- xiv. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xv. 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;
- xvi. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
- xvii. 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;
- xviii. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline and rules framed under Adhiniyam;
- xix. 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 DDGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF & CC,  
Nagpur

Yours faithfully,

  
(Dayananda. N) 27/01/25  
Technical Officer (Gr-II)

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, AranyaBhawan, Sector-19, Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
3. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh, Aryan Bhawan, Nawa Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
4. User agency.
5. Guard file

  
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