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

**Sub: Diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 proposed for Diversion of forest land for widening of existing road from Bakaruma – Lailungaroad area 3.843 ha. in Dharamjaigarh Forest Division, Raigarh District in the State of Chhattisgarh regarding.**

Sir,

Kindly refer to the letter no. F-5-11/2022/10-2 dated 13.07.2022 of State Government and letter no. LM/Misc.-/115-780/1287 dated 05.07.2022, APCCF, Nodal Officer (FCA), Chhattisgarh, on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 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 27.02.2023. The State Government of Chhattisgarh has now submitted a report on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' approval and requested for final approval of the proposal.

In this connection, it is informed that on the basis of compliance report submitted by the Government of Chhattisgarh vide letter no. Kramank/ F-5-11/2022/10-2 dated 20.11.2023 and by the APCCF, Nodal Officer (FCA), Chhattisgarh vide letter no. LM/Misc./115-780/2360 dated 06.10.2023, the Central Government hereby accords **“Final /Stage-II Approval”** under Central Government under Section- 2 (i) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for Diversion of forest land for widening of existing road from Bakaruma – Lailungaroad area 3.843 ha. in Dharamjaigarh 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. **Compensatory Afforestation:**
  - a) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 7.770 ha Orange Area degraded forest land at Khasra No. 136/1 k, 155/1, 177/1 k, and 186/1 in Bakaruma range, District Raigarh at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided;
  - b) The non-forest land which has been 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. The Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 may report compliance within a period of six (6) months from the date of grant of final approval and send a copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act as the case may be, to this Office for information and record;
- iii. The cost of Compensatory Afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project

authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost escalation for works scheduled for subsequent years;

iv. **NPV:**

- a) 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. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
- v. 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.
- vi. The total project affected trees are 334; comprised of 20 trees above 90 cm girth and the remaining 314 trees below 90 cm girth class. Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under 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;
- vii. Width of the right of way (RoW) for the proposed road shall be limited to 14m;
- 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 State Forest Department shall ensure that the proposed structures provide safe passage for the smooth movement of wildlife and cattle as suggested by the Wildlife Institute of India in manual entitled "Eco-friendly Measures to Mitigate Impacts of Linear Infrastructure on Wildlife, published in 2016 and as desired that KML file of the entire alignments highlighting the location of all structures (Culverts, Box culverts, and Slab Culverts etc.).
- xii. The State Forest Department shall ensure that necessary information boards will be installed at the said crossing point at the cost of the User agency.
- xiii. 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, and shall submit to the IRO, Raipur;
- xiv. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xv. 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;
- xvi. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
- xvii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- xviii. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xix. 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;

- xx. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly;
- xxi. 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;
- xxii. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F. No. 11- 42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018;
- i. 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;
- ii. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
- This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

*Chubey*  
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Chaturbhuj Behera, IFS,  
Inspector General of Forests.

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2. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Chhattisgarh, Aranya Bhawan, Sector-19, Nava Raipur, C.G
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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