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Date: 6.02.2026

To,

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

**Sub: Diversion of 0.117 ha Forest land in favour of Singhal Energy Pvt. Ltd. for Laying Pipeline from Gerwani Nala to Plant for Water Supply in Raigarh District in the State of Chhattisgarh -Reg.**

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Government of Chhattisgarh vide letter no. F-5-05/2021/10-2 dated 25.06.2021 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980**. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government, **'in-principle'** approval was accorded by the Central Government vide its letter of even number dated 26.11.2021. The Government of Chhattisgarh vide letter no. F-5-05/2021/10-2 dated 27.11.2024 and The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh vide his letter No./Bhuprabandh/Mis/115-770/569 dated 16.03.2022 submitted compliance report and requested to grant final approval to the proposal.

After careful consideration of the proposal and compliance report, I am directed to convey the Central Government's **'final approval'** under Section- 2 of the **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980** for diversion of 0.117 ha Forest land in favour of Singhal Energy Pvt. Ltd. for Laying Pipeline from Gerwani Nala to Plant for Water Supply in Raigarh District in the State of Chhattisgarh subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:


- i. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. The boundary of the. diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground by the **State Forest Department from the amount which has already been realised from the User Agency**;
- iii. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department i.e. 10 times the trees to be felled **from the amount which has already been realised from the User Agency**
- iv. 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;



- v. User agency will defray the cost of felling of 43 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;
- vi. 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 **from the amount which has already been realised from the User Agency**
- vii. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector;
- 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. The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- x. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xi. 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;
- xii. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xiii. 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;
- xiv. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
- xv. 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;
- xvi. 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 provision of **Adhiniyam** and rules/guidelines issued there under;
- xvii. 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;

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

Yours faithfully,

  
**(Dayananda. N)**  
 Technical Officer (Forestry) 06/02/26

**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, Nawa Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

4. User agency.

5. Guard file

  
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