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क्रमांक 6-एमपीआर 016/2023-बीएचओ/ प्रति,

प्रधान सचिव (वन)
मध्यप्रदेश शासन,

वल्लभ भवन, भोपाल ।

विषयः सीधी एवं सिंगरौली जिले में रीवा-सीधी-सिंगरौली नई बड़ी रेलवे लाईन के निर्माण हेतु 176.402 हेक् टेयर(earlier proposed 176.24 ha) (34.482 हे. सीधी एवं 141.92 हे. सिंगरौली वनमण्डल) आरक्षित एवं संरक्षित वनभूमि उप मुख्य अभियंता (निर्माण) पश्चिम रेलवे जबलपुर को उपयोग पर देने बाबत (FP/MP/Rail/33238/2018) ।

संदर्भ: 1) APCCF (LM) & Nodal Officer, M.P. letter No. F-5/1230/2022/10-11/233 dated 20/01/2025.

2) 1st REC 2025 MoM letter No. 6-REC10/2024-BHO/Part-III/354 dated 13/02/2025.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the PCCF/ APCCF (LM) & Nodal Officer, Govt. of MP letter Nos. F-5/1230/2022/10-11/1917 dated 12/05/2023, 5183 dated 03/12/2023, 1986 dated 08/04/2024 and 3619 dated 10/07/24, wherein prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for diversion of 176.402 ha (earlier proposed 176.24 ha) Reserved, Protected & Revenue Forest land (34.482 ha in Sidhi & 141.92 ha in Singrauli Forest Division) for construction of new Railway line, Rewa-Sidhi-Singrauli Project in favour of Chief Engineer (Construction), West Central Railway Jabalpur in Sidhi & Singrauli Districts of Madhya Pradesh, was sought in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 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 dated 27/08/2024 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The ACCF(LM), Govt. of Madhya Pradesh vide their letter No.F-5/1230/2022/10-11/233 dated 20/01/2025 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 and confirmation of receipt of compensatory levies from National Authority of CAMPA dated 18/12/2024 & 15/01/2025 the **final approval** of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is hereby accorded for diversion of 176.402 ha (earlier proposed 176.24 ha) Reserved, Protected & Revenue Forest land (34.482 ha in Sidhi & 141.92 ha in Singrauli Forest Division) for construction of new Railway line, Rewa-Sidhi-Singrauli Project in favour of Chief Engineer (Construction), West Central Railway Jabalpur in Sidhi & Singrauli Districts of Madhya Pradesh, subject to the following conditions and stipulations:-

(1) Legal status of the forest land diverted shall remain unchanged.



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(2) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over **453.64** ha degraded forest land 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 shall be avoided. Details of CA areas are as follows:

No.	Forest Division	Forest Range	Forest Compartment	Area in (ha)
1.	Sidhi	Majhouli	PF-1349	38.020
		Bahri	RF- 950	30.620
	Total			68.640 Ha
2.		Bargaon	PF-219	50.00
	Singrouli	Jiyavan	PF-733	50.00
			PF-740	40.00
			PF-747	25.00
			PF-749	20.00
		West Sarai	PF-652	48.00
			PF-674	92.00
			PF-674	60.00
TOTAL				385.00 Ha

- (3) 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.
- (4) User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to **25960 numbers** / **any minimum number** in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department or the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department and the State Forest Department shall undertake the fellings.
- (5) The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- (6) The User Agency shall provide suitable under pass/over passes for free movement of wildlife in and around the forest area in accordance to Eco friendly measures to mitigate impacts of linear infrastructure on wildlife (2016).
- (7) The speed governing signages at regular intervals shall be erected all along the Railway line in the forest area.
- (8) Boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on the ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, DGPS coordinates, forward and back bearing and distance from adjoining pillars etc. The pillars should be spaced at about 50 meters and each pillar should be clearly visible from pillars on both sides.
- (9) The layout plan of the proposed diversion of the forest land shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
- (10) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for execution of the project work.
- (11) No labour camp shall be established inside the forest land.
- (12) The User Agency shall provide alternate fuels preferably LPG to the labourers and staff working at the site so as to prevent any damage and pressure on the nearby forests.

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(13) The diverted forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.

- (14) The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the project life.
- (15) The diverted forest land shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
- (16) 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 being in force, as applicable to the project.
- (17) 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.
- (18) All the conditions of Stage-I approval dated 27/08/2024 shall be strictly complied except conditions number A (1), (2), (3), (8) and B (2) imposed in the letter of Stage -I approval regarding compensatory afforestation on non-forest land.
- (19) 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.

As has been mentioned at Para-2 of the Stage-II approval, this approval for diversion of forest land is subject to fulfillment of the 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 all the non-forestry activities being carried out in the forest land besides initiating legal action as per provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

This has been issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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