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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

F. No.: 9-HRB116/2023-CHA



Dated: February, 2024

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forest),
Government of Haryana,
Haryana Civil Secretariat,
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Sub: Diversion of 0.0634 ha. of Forest land for Access to proposed petrol pump of HPCL on Kurukshetra-Kaithal Road (MDR-119), at Km. 29.131 (LHS), village Sohlu Majra, bearing khasra no.-46//5/2/1/1, 6/1/1/1, and 6/2/1, under Forest Division & District Kaithal, Haryana. (Online Proposal No. FP/HR/Approach/154308/2022) -reg.

Ref: State Government's letter No FCA/e-978230/2812 दिनांक 05.02.2024

Sir,

Kindly refer to the subject cited above mentioned proposal, in which the permission of the Central Government has been sought under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. In his regard, in-principle approval was granted by this office's letter of even number dated 01.11.2023, whose compliance report was received from the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer vide letter number FCA/2765 दिनांक 06.02.2024. After careful examination of the proposal, I am directed to convey final approval for the above mentioned project, subject to the following conditions:-

- i. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii. The number of trees/plants to be felled shall not in any way exceed the number indicated in the proposal and no harm shall be done to the wildlife during felling of trees. The felling of trees/plants will be carried out under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the amount spent on felling of trees/plants will be deposited by the user agency to the State Forest Department.
- iii. As per the proposed CA Scheme, Compensatory afforestation (CA) shall be taken up by the State Forest Department over degraded forest land in **RF Siwan C-4, in District-Kaithal** by planting plants at the cost of the user agency. The Plantation shall be done within one year from the date of issue of approval. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species shall strictly be avoided.
- iv. As per the proposed CA Scheme, Additional Compensatory afforestation (ACA) shall be taken up by the State Forest Department over degraded forest land in **RF Siwan C-4, in District-Kaithal** by planting plants at the cost of the user agency. The Plantation shall be done within one year from the date of issue of approval. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species shall strictly be avoided.
- v. The compensatory plantation should be done within one year from the date of issue of this letter.
- vi. The State Government shall upload the KML files of the degraded forest area accepted for raising compensatory afforestation in the *E-Green watch portal of FSI*, before handing over of forest land to the user agency.
- vii. The initial permission will be given to this proposal for **15 years**. After that the permission shall again be obtained from the Government of India. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favor of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
- viii. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.

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- ix. The user agency shall pay additional amount of NPV as and when increased by the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court and the State Government will ensure that the increased amount is deposited.
- x. No kind of damage will be done to the adjoining forest land. Simultaneously, all efforts will be made to save adjoining forest and forest land.
- xi. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall, under no circumstances, be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without approval of the Central Government.
- xii. No labor camp of any kind will be set up on forest land.
- xiii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- xiv. The user agency will obtain environmental clearance as per the Environment Protection Act, 1986, if required.
- xv. The user agency shall carry out muck disposal at pre-designated sites as per the scheme approved.
- xvi. Any other condition may be stipulated by this regional office from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
- xvii. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- xviii. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC, consolidated guidelines and clarifications on Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.
- xix. It will be the responsibility of the State Government/User Agency to obtain all other prior approvals/clearances under all other relevant Acts/Rules/ Court's Rulings/instructions, etc., including environmental clearance, as applicable to this proposal. No labor camp of any kind will be set up on forest land.

(B) Specific Conditions:

- i. **Light Crown** trees should be planted at an interval of **1.0 to 1.5 meters** on the entire **periphery** of the station leaving **1.5 meters** space from the wall.
- ii. The user agency will also carry out plantation on the access road (**Entry/Exit Or Deceleration/ Acceleration**) and on the **Separator Island** and this separator island will not be used for any kind of commercial purpose.

3. **The Ministry may suspend/cancel this approval if the implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory. The State Government will ensure compliance of these conditions through the Forest Department.**

Yours Faithfully

(Raja Ram Singh)
Dy. Inspector General of Forest (C)
(RO, MoEF&CC)

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