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F.No. FC-8/21/2023-IRO-RAIPUR/227

Date: 31.03.2025

To,  
The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Govt. of Chhattisgarh, Forest Department,  
Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhavan,  
Nava Raipur (CG) - 492001.

**Sub: Diversion of 169.0231 ha (77.3042 ha in Korba Forest Division, 90.9718 ha in Dharamjaigarh Forest Division and 0.7471 ha. in Jaspur Forest Division) of forest land under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 in favour of Project Director National Highway Authority of India, for Development of Urga Pathalgaon Section of NH-130A (Raipur-Dhanbad Economic Corridor), from Km 70.200 to 157.745 Km in Korba, Dharamjaigarh & Jaspur Districts in the State of Chhattisgarh-Final approval- regarding.**

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Government of Chhattisgarh letter no. F-53/2023/10-2 dated 23.11.2023 of the State Government and letter no. LM/Misc./1 15-899/2435, dated 17/10/2023 of APCCF, Nodal Officer (FCA), Chhattisgarh, 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 08.02.2024 and corrigendum issued vide letter dated 14.05.2024. The Government of Chhattisgarh vide his letter no F-5-53/2023/10-2 dated 03.07.2024 and 13.03.2025 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 **169.0231 ha** (77.3042 ha in Korba Forest Division, 90.9718 ha in Dharamjaigarh Forest Division and 0.7471 ha. in Jaspur Forest Division) of forest land under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 in favour of Project Director National Highway Authority of India, for Development of Urga Pathalgaon Section of NH-130A (Raipur-Dhanbad Economic Corridor), from Km 70.200 to 157.745 Km in Korba, Dharamjaigarh & Jaspur Districts in the State of Chhattisgarh subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;

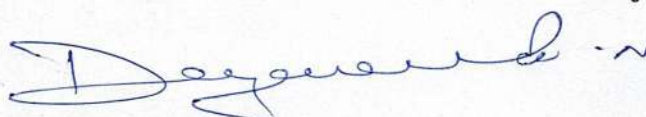


- ii. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar;
- iii. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 171.4929 ha area spread in 9 patches of Non-forest land (NFL) in Balodabazar Forest Division. Details are as under:

S. No.	Survey no./ Khasra no.	Village/Tehshil	Range	Area (in Ha)
1	377	Amlidih / Bhatapara	Bhatapara	12
2	24/1	Gadakushmi /Sandi	Baloudabazar	15.6553
3	87/1/k	Ahilda /Lavan	Balodabazar	25.1921
4	1643/4	Kodva /Bhatapara (Sub- Tehsil Nipaniya)	Bhatapara	39.473
5	1/1, 1040/1/k/1	Koshmanda /Bhatapara	Bhatapara	10.25
6	8/1, 85/1, 404/1k	Pandriya /Lavan	Balodabazar	18
7	452	Telashi /Pallari	Shonakhan	14.705
8	586/1	Balaudi /Pallari	Baloudabazar	19.9026
9	243/1	Chichirda /Lavan	Baloudabazar	16.3149
<b>Total</b>				<b>171.4929</b>

The Compensatory afforestation area has been identified in Balodabazar Forest Division, Dist- Balodabazar-Bhatapara. The Compensatory afforestation will be carried out from the amount which has already been realized from the user agency. As far as possible, mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided;

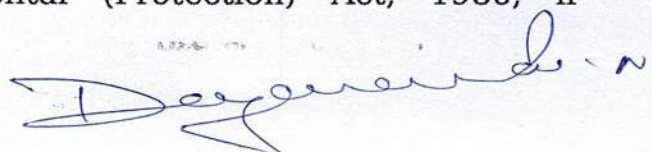
- iii. **The non-forest land forest land proposed for CA, shall be notified as Protected Forest under section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 of local forest Act before handing over of forest land to the User Agency by the State Government. The Nodal Officer, after notification of such non-forest lands, shall upload a copy of said notification on the PARIVESH portal.**
- 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 shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- vi. The State Government 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 VSS Rule, 2023;
- vii. Suitable site-specific wildlife mitigation plan (including required number underpasses etc at suitable places) shall be prepared and duly approved by the CWLW. Such mitigation plan shall be implemented from the amount which has already been realized from the user Agency;
- viii. Site-specific Soil Conservation Plan shall be prepared and implemented by the State Forest Department from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- ix. The State Government of Chhattisgarh/ Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department of Chhattisgarh shall ensure all structures proposed by the user agency such as 21 minor bridges, 6 Major bridges, 27 Major bridges cum viaduct, 1 Elephant Overpasses, 11 Elephant Underpasses, 2 Overpasses, 1 Flyover, 18 Light Vehicle Underpasses, 6 Vehicle Underpasses, 1 ROBs, 159 Box Culverts, 69 Box Culverts etc;
- x. The trees having bird nests both in forest as well as non-forest land shall not be felled without written permission from the DFOs concerned;
- xi. The user agency shall arrange to raise strip plantation on either side of the road and central verge at project cost, as per IRC specification, with maintenance of 7-10 years. The user agency shall also submit design of providing at least 2-3 rows of long rotation indigenous trees, as per provision of IRC-SP-21-2009 (Guidelines on landscaping & tree plantation), on either side of the road;
- xii. Overburden shall not be dumped outside the width of the road. The muck generated in the earth cuttings will be disposed of at the designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be allowed to roll down the hill slopes;
- xiii. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas;
- xiv. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;

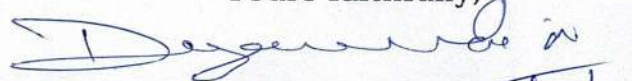




- xv. Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake afforestation measures along the roads within the area diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost;
- xvi. The designing of culverts/bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals;
- xvii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide firewood 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;
- xviii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- xix. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xx. 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;
- xxi. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
- xxii. 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;
- xxiii. 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;
- xxiv. 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 order issues with the approval of Competent Authority, Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur.**

Yours faithfully,

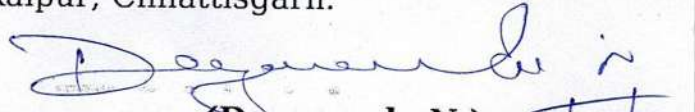
  
(Dayananda N.) 31/03/20  
Technical Officer (Forestry)

**Copy to:**

- i. The Inspector General of Forests (RoHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003.



- ii. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Chhattisgarh, Aranya Bhawan, Sector-19, Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
- iii. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh, Aranya Bhawan, Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
- iv. User Agency.
- v. Guard file.

  
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Technical Officer (Forestry) 27/00/25