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No. 6-MPC014/2016-BHO/ 394

Date: 10 May, 2021

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests)  
Govt. of Madhya Pradesh,  
Vallabh Bhawan  
Bhopal.

Sub: **Final (Stage-II) approval of Central Government under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 for proposed diversion of 30.423 ha (23.287 ha RF, PF & 7.136 ha Revenue forest) forest land for widening and construction of Katni-Umariya-Shahdol road of NH-78 in favour of Project Manager, MP Road Development Corporation in Umariya District of Madhya Pradesh - reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the APCCF (LM), Govt. of MP letter No. F-5/776/2016/10-11/1498 dated 13.07.2016, wherein prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for diversion of 30.423 ha (23.287 ha RF, PF & 7.136 ha Revenue forest) forest land for widening and construction of Katni-Umariya-Shahdol road of NH-78 in favour of Project Manager, MP Road Development Corporation in Umariya District 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 No. 6-MPC014/2016-BHO/1191 dated 23.12.2016 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The APCCF(LM), Govt. of Madhya Pradesh vides their letter No. F-5/776/2016/10-11/1625 dated 12.06.2017 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, the **final approval** of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is hereby accorded for diversion of 30.423 ha (23.287 ha RF, PF & 7.136 ha Revenue forest) forest land for widening and



construction of Katni-Umariya-Shahdol road of NH-78 in favour of Project Manager, MP Road Development Corporation in Umariya District of Madhya Pradesh, subject to the following conditions and stipulations:-

- (1) Legal status of the forest land diverted shall remain unchanged.
- (2) **Compensatory afforestation:** Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 31.04 ha **non-forest** land [19.470 ha (out of 28.730 ha) Khasra No. 818/1/1, Village-Rapadi, Tehsil- Barod, District- Agar-Malwa) and 11.570 ha (out of 62.453 ha), Khasra No. 182/7, 186 & 229, Village-Tonkada, Tehsil-Barod, District- Agar-Malwa] 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 should be avoided.
- (3) 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;
- (4) 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, Gol in this regard.
- (5) User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to 5707 trees / minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the 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.
- (6) The User Agency shall provide suitable under pass/over pass 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) User agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides of the road and central verge of the road as per IRC norms.
- (8) The speed governing signage at regular interval shall be erected along the road at regular interval in the forest area.
- (9) The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- (10) The 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 meter and each pillar should be clearly visible from pillars on both sides.
- (11) The layout plan of the proposed diversion of the forest land shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- (12)
  - a) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for execution of the project work.
  - b) No labour camp shall be established inside the forest land.
  - c) The User Agency shall provide alternate fuels preferably LPG to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.
- (13)
  - a) The diverted forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
  - b) The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of the project life.
  - c) The diverted forest land shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department, or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
- (14) 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 in force, as applicable to the project.
- (15) 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.



- (16) All the conditions of Stage-I approval shall be strictly complied.
- (17) 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.

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

Yours faithfully,

  
10/5/2021  
(Subrat Mohapatra)

Dy. Director General of Forest (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Forest Department, Satpura Bhawan, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
2. The Addl. Director General of Forests (FC), Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110003.
3. The APCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Satpura Bhawan, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
4. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Circle Shahdol / Ujjain, MP.
5. The Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division Umariya / Shajapur, MP.
6. The Chief Engineer, Water Resource Department, 1250 Tulsi Nagar, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
7. The Project Manager, Madhya Pradesh Road Development Corporation Limited Shahdol, District-Shahdol, MP.
8. Order file.

  
10/5/2021  
Dy. Director General of Forest (Central)