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क्रमांक 6-एमपीआर 014/2022-बीएचओ/Д 7/82/

दिनांक : 13/05/2024.

प्रति,

प्रधान सचिव (वन) मध्यप्रदेश शासन, वल्लभ भवन, भोपाल ।

विषयः दितया एवं ग्वालियर जिले के अन्तर्गत माँ रतनगढ नहर परियोजना (underground pipeline & transmission line etc) के निर्माण हेतु 17.63 हेक्टेयर संरक्षित वनभूमि परियोजना प्रशासक, माँ रतनगढ़ पी.आई.यू. भिण्ड को उपयोग पर देने बाबत (Online Proposal No. FP/MP/Canal/149734/2021).

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the PCCF (LM) & Nodal Officer, M.P. letter Nos. F-3/52/2021/10-11/6/1661 dated 11/05/2022, 2783 dated 08/08/22 & 1416 dated 02/12/2022, wherein prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for diversion of 17.63 ha Protected Forest land for construction of Maa Ratangarh Canal Project (underground pipeline & transmission line etc.) in favour of Project Administrator Maa Ratangarh, P.I.U Bhind in Datia & Gwalior 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 even number dated 30/01/2023 subject to fulfilment of certain conditions. The State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh vide their letter Nos. F-3/52/2021/10-11/6/968 dated 03/03/2023 & 2287 dated 27/04/2024 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 online e.portal dated 13/02/2023 & 28/02/2023, final approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is hereby accorded for diversion of 17.63 ha Protected Forest land for construction of Maa Ratangarh Canal Project (underground pipeline & transmission line etc.) in favour of Project Administrator Maa Ratangarh, P.I.U Bhind in Datia & Gwalior Districts of Madhya Pradesh, subject to following conditions and stipulations:-

- (1) Legal status of the forest land diverted shall remain unchanged.
- (2) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 17.63 ha non-forest land at Survey No. 101, Village-Virdha, Disrict-Shivpuri 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.
- (3) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 4.00 ha degraded-forest land in Comptt. No. RF-313, Beat-Charkola (A), Tehsil- Shivpuri, District-Shivpuri 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.

- (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, GoI in this regard.
- (5) The User Agency in consultation with the State Forest Department shall prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) under the transmission line for execution of the said scheme by the State Forest Department.
- (6) No muck shall be disposed off in forest area.
- (7) The pipeline shall be laid 1.5 meter below ground and after laying of pipeline the ground shall be properly leveled.
- (8) The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest as per Chapter 10 of FCA, 1980 Handbook, 2019.
- (9) The KML file of diverted area and CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details prior to plantation work.
- (10) Boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on the ground at the project cost, as per directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- (11) In the stretches of the existing road where no cross-drainage is existing in 500 m and more, the User Agency may make provisions for hume pipes/ box culverts for safe passage of wildlife as may be deemed appropriate as per site requirement.
- (12) 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.
- (13) Layout plan of the proposed diversion of the forest land shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
- (14) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- (15) No labour camp shall be established inside the forest land.
- (16) 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.
- (17) The diverted forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- (18) The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the project life.
- (19) The diverted forest land shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
- (20) All conditions of CWLW/SBWL/NBWL shall be strictly complied, wherever applicable.

- (21) 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.
- (22) All the conditions of In-principle approval dated 30/01/2023 shall be strictly complied.
- (23) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of the 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.
- (24) 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 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-forest 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.

Signed by Yogesh Gairola Date: 13-05-2024 15:24:0

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