

F. No. 8-55/2017-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 18th July, 2019

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forests & Environment,
Government of Rajasthan,
Jaipur.

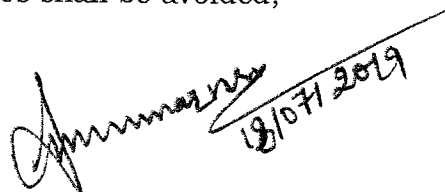
Sub: Proposal for diversion of 120.4062 ha of forest land in favour of Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Jhalawar, Rajasthan for Extension of Kolana Air Strip of Existing run way from 1700 meter to 3000 meter in Jhalawar District, Rajasthan State (Online Proposal No. FP/RJ/Others/21735/2016) - regarding

Sir,

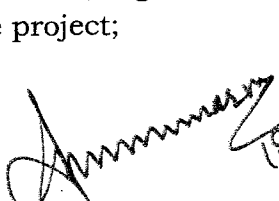
I am directed to refer to the State Government of Rajasthan's letter No. P-1 (56)/VAN/2004 dated 17.10.2017 for seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 120.4062 ha of forest land in favour of Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Jhalawar, Rajasthan for Extension of Kolana Air Strip of Existing run way from 1700 meter to 3000 meter in Jhalawar District, Rajasthan State. After careful examination of the proposal and recommendations made thereof by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) constituted under Section-3 of the said Act, 'in-principle' approval was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 13.04.2018 subject to fulfilment of certain conditions prescribed therein. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' approval and requested the Central Government to grant '**final approval**' to the said proposal.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government of Rajasthan vide their letter no. P.1 (56)/Van/2004 part dated 28.11.2018, 07.02.2019 and 28.05.2019 **final/Stage-II approval** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section -2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 120.4062 ha of forest land in favour of Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Jhalawar, Rajasthan for Extension of Kolana Air Strip of Existing run way from 1700 meter to 3000 meter in Jhalawar District, Rajasthan State, subject to following conditions:-

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over by the user agency;
- iii. The Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 120.4062 ha non-forest land at Village Harnavada, Tehsil Gangadhar, near to the Salariya Forest Block Dug, District Jhalawar at the cost of the User Agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species shall be avoided;

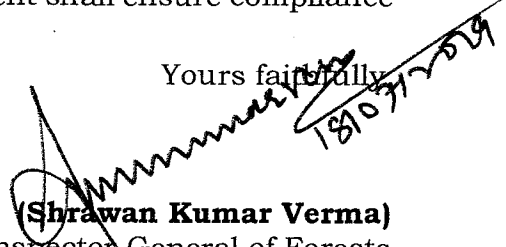

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- iv. The Penal Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over degraded forest land equivalent to the affected area/violated area i.e. 9.7 ha by the User Agency;
- v. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector;
- vi. The State Government shall declare non-forest land into RF under Section-4 or PF under Section-20 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act, before the final approval;
- vii. User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and trees shall be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- viii. The User agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- ix. The State Government shall ensure that adequate Measures for protection and conservation of the water bodies located near the proposed Airport complex should be taken up at the project cost already deposited by the user agency;
- x. The State Government shall ensure that the User Agency will do adequate greenery by planting trees around the airport within the Airport area keeping in view the safety measure for running the Airport;
- xi. The State Government shall ensure that no commercial activities such as shopping mall, hotels, recreational centres etc. will be constructed. The forest land will be used exclusively for the purpose of operation of the airport as per the plan approved by the competent authority;
- xii. The State Government shall ensure that the user agency in consultation with the State Government will create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Birds' nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project;
- xiii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xiv. The User Agency shall provide alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on forest areas;
- xv. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer;
- xvi. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
- xvii. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Central Government;
- xviii. The State Government shall monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area;
- xix. The validity of this approval under FC Act, shall be for a period of 50 years;
- xx. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project;


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- xxi. 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;
- xxii. 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. The State Government shall ensure compliance of all the above conditions.

Yours faithfully,


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(Shrawan Kumar Verma)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF, Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
2. The Addl. Director General (Central), Regional Office (Central), Lucknow.
3. The Nodal Officer FCA, 1980, Forest Department O/o PCCF, Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading.
6. Guard File.

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