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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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**Additional Secretary (Forest),**  
Department of Environment and Forests,  
Government of Uttarakhand,  
Dehradun.

**Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 106.16 ha of forest land Compartment No. 3 and 8 of Kalagarh Tiger Reserve of Pakhron Range, Pakhron Block of District Paudhi Garhwal for establishment of Tiger Safari (Online Proposal No. FP/UK/Others/48385/2020). -reg.,**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Uttarakhand's letter No.1054/X-3-20/1(119)/2020 dated 18.08.2020 on the above mentioned subject, wherein prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of 106.16 ha of forest land in Compartment No. 3 and 8 of Kalagarh Tiger Reserve of Pakhron Range, Pakhron Block of District Paudhi Garhwal for establishment of Tiger Safari, Uttarakhand, was sought in accordance with Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted under Section-3 of the said Act, ***In-principle approval/Stage-I clearance*** for diversion of the said forest land was accorded by the Ministry vide its letter of even number dated 30.10.2020 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the Government of Uttarakhand vide their letter No. 2020/FP/UK/ROAD/48385/2020 dated 01.02.2021, letter No.270/FP/UK/Road/48385/2020 dated 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2021, and letter dated 19.08.2021, ***Final/Stage – II approval*** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 106.16 ha of forest land Compartment No. 3 and 8 of Kalagarh Tiger Reserve of Pakhron Range, Pakhron Block of District Paudhi Garhwal for establishment of Tiger Safari, Uttarakhand, subject to the following conditions: -

**A: Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land to user agency by the State Govt.:**

- i. The State Government shall upload the kml files of the area under diversion and the accepted non-forest land for raising compensatory afforestation in the E-Green Watch portal of FSI, before handing over forest land to the user agency;

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**B: Conditions which need to be complied after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Govt.:**

- i. *Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;*
- ii. *The State Government shall ensure that all the conditions in the statutory approvals obtained from NTCA and CZA will be complied;*
- iii. *The State Government shall ensure that the infrastructure of the Tiger Safari is created mainly from bamboo and other natural materials;*
- iv. The State Government shall ensure that only 15% of the diverted area may be utilized for non-forestry activities;
- v. The State Government shall ensure that the Compensatory Afforestation over 16.00 ha. identified non-forest land (NFL) in Sy. No.28/79 of Juva Village, Patti Seela-4, Tehsil – Kotdwar shall be raised within Three years from the date of final/stage-II approval and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department at the cost of the user agency;
- vi. The user agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and transfer the same to the ad-hoc CAMPA under intimation to this Ministry;
- vii. The State Govt. shall ensure that 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, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer;
- viii. 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.
- ix. The State Govt. shall ensure that the User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas;
- x. The State Govt. shall ensure that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without obtaining prior approval of the Central Government;
- xi. The 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;
- xii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- xiii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- xiv. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;

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- xv. No damage to the flora and fauna of the area shall be caused;
- xvi. The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- xvii. The State Govt. shall ensure that process of settlement of rights under the FRA, 2006 has been completed in accordance with the relevant guidelines issued by the Ministry;
- xviii. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area;
- xix. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly;
- xx. The State Govt. shall ensure that the Compliance report of this approval is uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);
- xxi. The Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the para 1.21 of comprehensive guidelines issued vide this Ministry F. No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2019;
- 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 shall be carried with by the State Government and user agency; and
- xxiii. The State Government and user agency shall ensure compliance to all conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval letter dated 30.10.2020 for which undertakings have been obtained from the user agency and also the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, relevant Hon'ble Court Order (S) and NGT Order (S), if any, pertaining to this project for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

Yours faithfully,



(Dharmdeo Rai)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests

## Copy to: -

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun.
2. The APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun.
3. The Regional Officer, MoEF&CC's Integrated Regional Office, Dehradun.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading.