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Date: 06.10.2025

To,

Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Chhattisgarh,
Forest Department, Mantralaya,
Mahanadi Bhavan, Nava Raipur,
Atal Nagar, Chattisgarh

Sub: Diversion of 102.324 ha forest land and revenue forest land for Non-Forest Purpose under Forest Conservation Act - 1980 proposed for widening of Existing Road from Ambikapur to Ramanujganj 2-Lane/4-Lane NH-343 in Balrampur and Surguja District in State of Chhattisgarh -Reg.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Government of Chhattisgarh vide letter no. F-5-03/2023/10-2 dated 11.04.2023 and the APCCF, Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department of Chhattisgarh vide letter number क्र./भू-प्रबंध/विविध/115-845/665 dated 20.05.2023 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, with recommendation of the REC, the '**in-principle**' approval was accorded by the Central Government vide its letter of even number dated 09.12.2024. The Government of Chhattisgarh vide F-5-03/2023/10-2 dated 20.02.2025 and The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh vide his letter number क्र./भू-प्रबंध/विविध/115-845/150 dated 17.01.2025 (received through online on 22.09.2025) 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 **102.324 ha** forest land and revenue forest land for widening of Existing Road from Ambikapur to Ramanujganj 2-Lane/4-Lane NH-343 in Balrampur and Surguja District in State of Chhattisgarh subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;

- ii. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out at suitable places by erecting 4 feet cement concrete pillars at 20 mtrs intervals at the cost of the User Agency;
- iii. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 104.378 Ha. NFL on Govt. Revenue land in 05 different patches in Janjgir-Champa Forest Division of Janjgir-Champa Forest Division and District. Details are as under;

Patch Wise Details				
Sl. No	District Name	Village	Khasra No.	Area (in ha.)
1	Janjgir - Champa	Borsi	952/1	33.698
2		Mudpar	657/1	17.612
3		Jarve-1	230/1, 230/2,257/1	18.249
4		Kosmunda-1	892/1	4.98
5		Kosmunda-2	879	29.839
			Total	104.378

- iv. **The non-forest land transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department shall be notified by the State Government as Protected Forests under section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant section(s) of the local Forest Act, before handing over of the land to the User Agency. The Nodal Officer shall upload the copy of the notification in to the PARIVESH portal and also submit copy of the same to this office for record;**
- v. **The non forest area over an extent of 4.98 ha identified in Khasra No. 892/1 at Kosmtlnda-1 village be protected for a period of 20 years as per the provision of the VSS rules, 2023;**
- vi. Compensatory afforestation shall be carried out as per the provision of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rule, 2023 and State shall carry out CA in time bound manner;
- vii. 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;
- viii. As the proposed road falls within the ESZ, the User Agency shall implement site specific Wildlife mitigation measures plan duly approved by the CWLW. Further, as recommended by the CWLW, the User Agency shall construct 5 numbers of culverts at identified places, as per the dimensions specified by the CWLW. In addition to that, the State Government shall ensure to obtain prior approval/clearance from the other competent authorities as the case may be before handing over of the forest area to the UA for non-forestry purpose;
- ix. As the project area is sensitive to soil erosion, suitable site- specific SMC plan to be implemented at the cost of the user Agency;

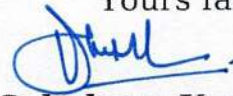
- x. User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency;
- xi. The State Government of Chhattisgarh/ Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department 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 Rules framed under VSSA, 1980
- xii. The trees having bird nests both in forest as well as non-forest land shall not be felled without written permission from the DFOs concern;
- xiii. 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 ;
- xiv. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the Road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas;
- xv. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
- 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 laborers 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 favor 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. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **102.324 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any



- purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- xxiv. Any other condition that the Regional Office, Nagpur may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area shall be complied by the User Agency;
- xxv. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions, the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules/guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980;

These issues with the approval of Competent Authority of the Regional Office, Nagpur.

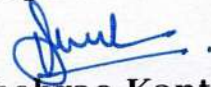
Yours faithfully,



(Vijay Sahebrao Kanthale)
AIGF (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Inspector General of Forests (RoHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003 **for information please.**
2. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Chhattisgarh, Aranya Bhawan, Sector-19, Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
3. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh, Aryan Bhawan, Nawa Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
4. User agency.
5. Guard file



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