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

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Dated: **As per e-Sign**

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Rajasthan,
Jaipur

Subject: Proposal for diversion of 406.678 ha (out of the originally proposed 466.592 Ha) of forest land in favour of Airport Authority of India, Kota for construction of New Green Field Airport Kota, District Bundi in the State of Rajasthan - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Rajasthan's letter No. P. 1(33) VAN/2022 dated 01.04.2022 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section-2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam 1980. After careful examination and recommendation of the proposal by the Advisory Committee, constituted under Section-3 of the aforesaid Act, 'in-principle' approval under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam 1980 was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even no. dated 27.01.2023 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions prescribed therein. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government vide letter No. P. 1(33) VAN/2022 dated 25.09.2024, letter No. P. 1(33) VAN/2022-00230 dated 18.10.2024 and letter No. F. 14 ()2023/FCA/PCCF/2990 dated 24.10.2024 '**Final/Stage-II approval**' of the Central Government is hereby accorded under Section-2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam 1980 for diversion of 406.678 ha (out of the originally proposed 466.592 Ha) of forest land in favour of Airport Authority of India, Kota for construction of New Green Field Airport Kota, District Bundi in the State of Rajasthan subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- I. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- II. The Compensatory Afforestation over the identified degraded forest land of 933.18 ha in 13 patches in various locations spread in Dabi and Hindoli Ranges of Bundi Division, Rajasthan shall be raised by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency. As far as practicable a mixture of local indigenous species will be planted and monoculture of a species has to be avoided. The provision for removal of Prosopis juliflora and Lantana shall be incorporated wherever necessary in CA plantations;
- III. In order to save the forest land from encroachment, the State Govt. shall take

- necessary action/steps to construct boundary wall for the two fragmented patches of forest land (i.e. 33.5 ha. and 137.01 ha.) on the Northern side of the proposed area;
- IV. The State Government shall not use more than 33.408 ha forest land (an area equivalent to the Non-forest land involved in the proposal) for commercial city side development;
 - V. The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;
 - VI. The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
 - VII. The forest land shall be used exclusively for the purpose of the operation of the airport as per the approved land use plan/layout plan;
 - VIII. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
 - IX. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of Central Government.
 - X. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;
 - XI. 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;
 - XII. Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, with prior approval of competent authority, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;
 - XIII. The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
 - XIV. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam 1980as issued by this Ministry's on dated 29.12.2023; and
 - XV. The State Government and user agency shall ensure compliance to all

conditions stipulated in the 'Stage-I/In-principle' approval letter dated 27.01.2023 including those 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, for the time being in force.

- XVI. As per Sub-rule 7 of Rule 11 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 the State Govt. after receiving the 'Final' approval of the Central Government under sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and after fulfilment and compliance of the provisions of all other Acts and rules made thereunder, as applicable including ensuring settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007), shall issue order for diversion of forest land

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

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Copy to:

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur
3. The DIGF(Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Gandhinagar.
4. User Agency
5. The Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.
6. National Authority CAMPA, New Delhi for information