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To,

The Addl. Chief Secretary
Government of Gujarat
Sachivalaya,
Gandhinagar (Gujarat).

Sub: Diversion of 75.88625 ha Protected Forest land for the project of widening & Strengthening four lane of (1) Sayla-Sudamda-Paliyad road Km. 0/0 to 25/600 (2) Sayla-Muli road Km. 0/0 to 10/890 (3) Muli-Surendranagar road Km. 126/0 to 144/700 District Surendranagar in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Surendranagar. Gujarat.

Ref. 1) This office In-Principle approval letter No. 6-GJA014/2019-BHO/237 dated 24.02.2020.
2) Govt. of Gujarat letter No. FCA-1019/7-14/19/S.F-137/F dated 19.10.2020.
3) Online transaction status of CA, NPV levies (vide e-portal) dated 03.07.2020.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to your letter No. FCA-1019/7-14/19/S.F-137/F dated 16.10.2019 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The Central Government vide letter (1) referred above had agreed In-principle for diversion of the above forest land for the purpose mentioned, subject to the fulfillment of all the conditions stipulated therein.

The State Government vide letter (2) referred above reported compliance on the fulfillment of the said conditions of the In-principle approval order.

Therefore, the undersigned is hereby directed to convey formal approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 75.88625 ha Protected Forest land for the project of widening & Strengthening four lane of (1) Sayla-Sudamda-Paliyad road Km. 0/0 to 25/600 (2) Sayla-Muli road Km. 0/0 to 10/890 (3) Muli-Surendranagar road Km. 126/0 to 144/700 District Surendranagar in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Surendranagar subject to the following terms and conditions:-

Specific Conditions:

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Forest land shall be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed by the user agency.
3. **Compensatory afforestation :**
 - a) Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over **152.00 ha degraded-forest land** 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 may be avoided.
 - (i) Area-20.00 ha at Survey No. 283 Pt, Village-Ratanpur, Taluka-Dhrangadhra, District-Surendranagar.
 - (ii) Area-20.00 ha at Survey No. 747/2, Village-Methan, Taluka-Dhrangadhra, District-Surendranagar.
 - (iii) Area-20.00 ha at Survey No. 18 Pt, Village-Mevsa Se, Taluka-Chotila, District-Surendranagar.
 - (iv) Area-22.00 ha at Survey No. 14 Pt, Village-Ramprara Ru, Taluka-Chotila, District-Surendranagar.

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- (v) Area-20.00 ha at Survey No. 36 Pt, Village-Karadi, Taluka-Sayla, District-Surendranagar.
- (vi) Area-20.00 ha at Survey No. 16/1/9, Village-Shekhod, Taluka-Sayla, District-Surendranagar.
- (vii) Area-15.00 ha at Survey No. 164, Village-Raysangpar, Taluka-Muli, District-Surendranagar.
- (viii) Area-15.00 ha at Survey No. 158/Pt, Village-Gadhada, Taluka-Muli, District-Surendranagar.
- b) Total No. of sapling to be planted shall be not less than 1,68,872 nos. (152.00 ha x 1,111) in CA land. The composition of saplings (number of species-wise) to be planted in the CA land shall be as per Govt. of Gujarat letter No. FCA-1019/7-14/19/S.F-137/F dated 08.01.2020 and as per National Forest Policy and record shall be kept.
- c) The standard size sapling (minimum height & minimum collar girth and maximum sturdiness quotient species wise) as approved by the State Govt. shall be planted in the selected CA land as per Govt. of Gujarat letter No. FCA-1019/7-14/19/S.F-137/F dated 08.01.2020.
- d) The height and collar girth (species wise) shall be measured & recorded at the time of plantation and in November of plantation year. Further, data of height, collar girth and survival percentage (species wise) twice a year (April & November month) shall be recorded & records shall be maintained.
- e) The Sturdiness Quotient of the plants at the time of plantation shall not be more than 7.

$$\text{The Sturdiness Quotient} = \frac{\text{The height of plant (cm)}}{\text{The collar diameter (mm)}}$$
- f) All the live stumps and pollards having girth at ground level ≤ 90 cm and having coppicing properties present in this CA area shall be dressed from the ground level and girthwise record shall be kept.
- g) The CA plantation shall be taken place before end of 2021 monsoon.
- 4. User agency shall restrict the felling of trees up to 19150 numbers/minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the user agency with the State Forest Department.

General Conditions:

1. User agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides of the road and central verge of the road as per IRC norms.
2. The speed governing signage at regular interval shall be erected along the road at regular interval in the forest area.
3. The User Agency shall provide suitable under pass/over pass for free movement of wildlife in and around the forest area in accordance to *Eco friendly measures to mitigate impacts of linear infrastructure on wildlife (2016)*.
4. The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
5. The trees with bird nest, reptiles and habitat of wildlife was observed then such trees shall be treated with special care for relocation in the forest land by forest department at the cost of user agency.
6. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
7. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
8. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
9. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.

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10. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
11. 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.
12. The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulation, guidelines, NGR order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
13. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
14. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstance be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
15. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per MoEF & CC Guideline F.No. 11-42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018 and Para 1.21 of FCA Handbook, 2019.
16. All the conditions stipulated in Stage-I/In-principle approval shall be strictly complied.
17. The user agency shall adhere to all rules, regulations, guidelines & acts enforced by State Govt. and Central Govt. for the proposal.
18. The six monthly Compliance Report for all the conditions stipulated in this Stage-II approval every year on 1st January and 1st July shall be uploaded on e.portal by the State Govt and submitted to this office also.
19. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forest and wildlife.
20. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the concerned Divisional Forest officer shall report through the State Govt. to this office as per procedure laid down in the clause 1.9 of guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 on 25.10.1992.

This has been issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

(B. Abhay Bhaskar)
Asstt. Inspector General of Forests(C)

Copy to: -

1. The PCCF & HoFF, Aranya Bhavan, Sector-10A, Gandhinagar (Gujarat).
2. The ADGF (FC), Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110003.
3. The APCCF & NO (Forest Conservation), Aranya Bhavan, Gandhinagar (Gujarat).
4. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division, Surendranagar, District-Surendranagar, Gujarat.
5. The Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Surendranagar, District-Surendranagar, Gujarat.
6. Order file.

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