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F. No. FC-I/MH-303/2022-NGP/12538

Date: 23.11.2023

✓To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Revenue and Forest Department,
Hutatma Rajguru Chowk
Madam Cama Marg
Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400032.

Sub: Diversion of 0.0135 ha of forest land in favour of Shri. Madhukar Kashinath Shinde, Satara for laying of underground water pipeline for agricultural purposes of Compt. No. 879, Gut No. 195A in Satara District in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the State Government of Maharashtra letter no. FLD-2022/CR-238/F-10 dated 22.09.2022 and 11.04.2022 seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section- 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect of the above project. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 15th May, 2023. The State Government of Maharashtra vide letter no. FLD- 2022/CR-238/F-10 dated 30.08.2023 has reported compliance to the conditions stipulated by the Central Government in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's final approval (Stage-II) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.0135 ha. of forest land in favour of Shri. Madhukar Kashinath Shinde, Satara for laying of underground water pipeline for agricultural purposes of Compt. No. 879, Gut No. 195A in Satara District in the State of Maharashtra, subject to the following conditions:

A. Conditions which need to be complied prior to issue of final approval by State Government and handing over of forest land to User Agency:

1. The conditions required to be adhered under Forests Right Act, 2006 as per the guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be strictly FC-I/MH-303/2022-NGP I/58291/2023 complied with.
2. The State Government shall upload the KML file of the forest area diverted and CA area on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details.

B. Conditions which need to be complied after handing over of forest land to the User Agency by the State Government:

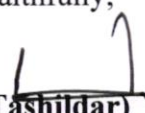
- i. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. The boundary of the forest land to be diverted shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the cost of User Agency as per the directions of concerned Divisional

- Forest Officer and DFO shall ensure that the pipeline is laid only along the approved alignment.
- iii. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over an extent of 1.00 ha. Of degraded forest land in Compt. No. 879, Gut no. 304A at Village Rajawadi, Taluka- Dahiwadi (Man), District- Satara and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency;
 - iv. The additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency and the same shall be transferred to the designated CAMPA Account;
 - v. No tree felling or cutting shall be permitted under instant proposal;
 - vi. To improve the Forest/ Tree cover and to reduce pollution in the State, as mandated in National Forest Policy, 1988 and Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 respectively, the User Agency with involvement of Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMC's) and in consultation with local DCF shall raise at least 500 seedlings of forestry species along with bamboo, fruit bearing, medicinal, ornamental and indigenous/local for 10 years. At least 50% of seedlings shall be planted in the vicinity of project area and remaining 50% of seedlings shall be distributed among villagers as per choice of villagers. The concerned JFMC's shall maintain record of plantation/ seedling distribution to villagers;
 - vii. The pipeline shall be laid down at least 1.5 meter below the ground and after lying down of pipeline the ground will be leveled;
 - viii. User Agency shall allow nearby farmers to use his pipeline for irrigation to their fields and also provide outlet for providing water to nearby plantation/ saucers for wild animals whenever required by Forest Department;
 - ix. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
 - x. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
 - xi. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
 - xii. 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;
 - xiii. No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
 - xiv. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
 - xv. 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;
 - xvi. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.0135 ha;
 - 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 the Central Government;
 - xviii. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;
 - xix. The concerned Division Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary Mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on forests in the surrounding area;




- xx. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Regional Office, Nagpur by the end of March every year;
- xxi. 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;
- xxii. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.2 1 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019;
- xxiii. The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

Yours faithfully,


(C.B. Tashildar)
AIGF (Central)

Copy to:

- i. The IGF (RoHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003.
- ii. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iii. User Agency.
- iv. Guard File


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