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To

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Chhattisgarh,  
Forest Department, Mantralaya,  
Mahanadi Bhavan, Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar (CG).

Sub: Diversion of 15.40 ha forest land in favour of PMGSY, Korba for construction of CC road Hardibazar bypass, length 11.76 km (via Ratija, Renki, Bamhnikona, Saraishingar) under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in Korba District in the state of Chhattisgarh.

Sir,

Kindly refer to letter no. F-5-31/2020/10-2 dated 15.02.2021 of the Government of Chhattisgarh on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section - 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. It is to say that after examination of the proposal, 'In-principle' approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 11.10.2021 subject to fulfilment of certain conditions prescribed therein.

In this connection, it is to inform that on the basis of the compliance report submitted by the Government of Chhattisgarh letter no. 5-31/2020/10-2 dated 26.05.2022 and additional information provided by the Government of Chhattisgarh letter no. 5-31/2020/10-2 dated 05.12.2022, "**Final approval**" of the Central Government under Section -2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is hereby granted for diversion of 15.40 ha of forest land in favour of PMGSY, Korba for construction of CC road Hardibazar bypass, length 11.76 km (via Ratija, Renki, Bamhnikona, Saraishingar) in Korba District in the State of Chhattisgarh, subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. **Compensatory Afforestation:**  
Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department in 31.00 ha Orange Area degraded forest land located in Compartment No. AO-778, Village-Kashaipali, Tehsil- Katghora, Range- Deepka, District- Korba 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 shall be avoided;
- iii. The cost of Compensatory Afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall, be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;

- iv. State Government shall take appropriate action against the violation as per the provisions of MoEF&CC's guideline dated 29.01.2018 and penal NPV shall be charged accordingly.
- v. 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 and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;
- vi. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector;
- vii. 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, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar;
- viii. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Forest Areas;
- ix. The reclamation of quarry should be done under the supervision of the State Forest Department. The quarry shall be reclaimed and afforested completely before the project is closed.
- x. 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.
- xi. The user agency will provide retaining walls, breast walls and drainage as per requirement to make the slope stable;
- xii. 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.
- xiii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xiv. 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;
- xv. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
- xvi. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- xvii. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, 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 User Agency shall submit six monthly self-compliance reports as on 1st January and 1st July of every year to this office as well as to the Nodal Officer of the State;
- xx. The State Government shall monitor compliance of conditions of Forest Clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly report as on 31st December of every year;



- xxi. 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;
- xxii. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F. No. 11- 42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018;
- xxiii. 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
- xxiv. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

**Yours faithfully,**

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28/12/22  
**Chaturbhuja Behera, IFS**  
**Inspector General of Forests**

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2. The PCCF & HoFF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Sector-19, Aranya Bhavan, Atal Nagar, Naya Raipur (CG).
3. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh, Sector-19, Aranya Bhavan, Atal Nagar, Naya Raipur (CG).
4. User Agency.
5. Guard File.

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