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To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Goa Forest Department,  
Van Bhawan,  
Altinho, Panaji – Goa.

Sub: General approval for the proposal for clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.135 ha of forest land in Survey No.53/2 of Massordem village of Valpoi in Sattari Taluka in North Goa District & Division for construction of Road from SH-1 to Kabrasthan in favour of Executive Engineer, Works Division XXIII (Roads), Public Works Department, Bicholim, Goa (User Agency).

Sir,

I am to invite your attention to letter No.6-915-2020-21-FD/258 dated 16/12/2021 wherein State Government had conveyed Stage-I (in principle) approval for diversion of 0.135 ha of forest land in Survey No.53/2 of Massordem village of Valpoi in Sattari Taluka in North Goa District & Division for construction of road from SH-1 to Kabrasthan in favour of Executive Engineer, Works Division XXIII (Roads), Public Works Department, Bicholim, Goa subject to certain conditions.

The Deputy Conservator of Forest, Monitoring & Evaluation, Forest Department, Government of Goa/Nodal Officer under Forest Conservation Act vide Note bearing No.6-915-2023-24-FD/898 dated 24/05/2023 has reported the compliance submitted by the User agency to the conditions stipulated by the State Government in the in-principle approval under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as delegated vide Para No.4.3.1 (General Approval) of the FCA, 1980 Handbook of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi, for the above project.

Upon careful examination of the compliance report of the proposal furnished by the Nodal Officer, FCA, I am directed to convey the State Government's final approval (Stage-II) for the diversion of 0.135 ha of forest

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1. The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The demarcation of the forest area to be diverted shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at interval of 20 metres at the cost of user Agency.
3. As there is no tree felling involved in the proposal, the cost of plantation for planting of trees (minimum 100 plants) shall be levied on the User Agency for Compensatory Afforestation.
4. The User agency shall deposit, the Net Present Value (NPV) of diverted forest land admeasuring 0.135 Ha as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 & 09/05/2008 in IA No.566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letter No.5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 in this regard. Additional amount of 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 the User Agency.
5. The total forest area to be utilised for the project shall not exceed 0.135 ha.
6. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
7. Any other condition that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Department, Government of Goa, may impose from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection or development of forest.

Yours faithfully,



(Nathine S. Araujo)

Under Secretary(Forest)

**Copy for information to :**

1. The Director General of Forest & Special Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi 110 003.
2. The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), MOEF&CC, Southern Zone, Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore, 560034.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Goa Van Bhawan, Altinho, Panaji – Goa.
4. The Executive Engineer, Works Division XXIII (Roads), Public Works Department, Bicholim, Goa.
5. Guard file. 6. O/c.