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

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> > Date: 19th May, 2023

To,

## The Principal Secretary,

Forest Department, Aranya Bhawaan, Medical Collage Road, Fafadih, Raipur 492001.

**Sub:** Proposal for use of 198.3084 of forest land from Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve for development of Economic Corridors, Inter-corridors, feeder routes and Coastal Road to improve the efficiency of freight movement in India (Lot-3/Odisha & Jharkhand/Package-2) Raipur-Vishakhapatnam (Ch.0.000-Ch.124.661) in the State of Chhattisgarh under BharatmalaPariyojana-FP/CG/ROAD/119866/2021.

## Sir,

Reference is invited to the subject mentioned above. The above proposal was discussed in the 72<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

2. After discussion, the standing committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The animal passage plan needs to be examined by the WII.
- 2. The Construction work shall be allowed from dawn to dusk only.
- 3. Any other condition imposed from time to time by forest department.
- 4. There shall be caution sign boards at every 500 meters about animal passing, restriction on feeding animals, garbage dumping, no stopping/honking and hunting etc. as per the advice of forest department.
- 5. All forest patches within ESZ and wildlife corridor not covered under clear opening of mitigation structures shall be provided with a small pipe/cc culvert at every 100 meters (where there are no existing/proposed cross drainage structures) for the movement of reptiles, amphibians and small animals.

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- 6. Underpasses will also have integrated options of light and sound barriers, camouflaging, and landscaping including restoration of habitat beneath underpasses after construction for the forest patch through which corridor is passing.
- 7. There will not be a right of passage to the public via the underpass.
- 8. The Chief Wild Life Warden should have an adequate monitoring mechanism in place.
- 9. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the project proponent to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government of India.

3. The minutes of the meeting have been posted online in the "PARIVESH" portal of this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

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## Copy to:

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- 2. Deputy Director General of Forests, Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Ground Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines, Nagpur-440001 for monitoring the compliance of conditions.
- 3. Inspector General of Forests, FC Division, MoEF&CC.
- 4. Joint Secretary, IA Division, MoEF&CC.

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