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To

✓ Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Chhattisgarh,
Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhavan,
New Raipur (CG).

Sub: Diversion of 15.463 ha of forest land in favour of Public Works Department (PWD), Raipur for upgradation and widening of NH-200 (New NH-49) from Raigarh – Urdawal (Odisha Border) in Raigarh, Bilaspur and Janjgir-Champa Forest Divisions in Raigarh, Bilaspur and Janjgir Districts in the State of Chhattisgarh – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. F-5-30/2016/10-2 dated 23.09.2016 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section – 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that scrutiny of the proposal in the Regional Office (WCZ) of the MoEF&CC at Nagpur revealed following:

- i. Complete hard copy of Form-A not submitted, as Part-II and Part-III submitted online, have not been submitted along with the proposal. Further, Part-II submitted by all three DCFs along with proposal were observed to be deficient in its content (Raigarh Division in particular), especially in respect of abstract details of details of flora and fauna of area, CA details, progress of CA, etc. Revised Part-II clearly providing the abstract information against the each column may be submitted. Further, revised Form-A indicating the names of the Officers who have signed the Part-I to Part-V may be submitted along with the reasons for recommendation of the proposal.
- ii. Shape files of the area proposed for diversion as well as area identified for raising CA have not been submitted along with the proposal.
- iii. As per the underlying documents submitted along with the proposal, the total area worked out to be 5.655 ha (1.885 Km x 30 meters = 5.655 ha) while the diversion has been sought for 4.752 ha). Exact area calculation statement and forest patch wise/project component wise requirement may also be submitted by the State Government.
- iv. Complete tree enumeration details has not been submitted.
- v. The State Government, in its forwarding letter has reported the density of the area proposed for diversion as 0.2 to 0.4 in all three Divisions while as per details furnished in Part-II submitted online by the concerned DCFs, the density has been reported as 0.3 to 0.4. Therefore, division wise, exact details of forest patches along with density may be submitted by the State Government along with the field inspection notes of DFO concerned.
- vi. Further, as per details of project affected trees in Part-II submitted online, the total number of affected trees is 478 while the documents submitted along with the proposal mentioned number as 481. Further, no project affected trees have been reported in the Janjgir-Champa Forest Division However, examination of the linear KML file over Google satellite imagery revealed tree growth especially in sections where structure or re-alignments have been proposed by the User

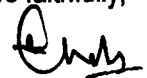
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Agency. Therefore, it is desirable that a consolidated kml file and shape file clearly depicting the proposed RoW, re-alignments, forest land (PF, RF and Rev forests), non-forest land and other structure all through the length of road may be provided by the State Government along with the exact number of project affected trees.

- vii. The State Government may also provide, details of re-alignments, if any propose in the forest area and in case the same has been proposed in the forest area a tabular statement listing total no. of proposed realignment of the road in the forest area, total no. of trees involved and the number of trees proposed for felling in these re-alignments, details of number of trees, if widening is taken up along the existing carriageway. A comparative statement indicating the length of the road and number of trees involved in both the alignments may be submitted.
- viii. An area of 2.783 ha of Revenue Forest land, appears to be incorrectly indicated as CA land in Part-II submitted online in respect of Janjgir-Champa Division. The same may be rectified.
- ix. Exact details of CA area may be uploaded on the website and exact legal status of the land with respect to its ownership may also be communicated. Further, patch of 31.0 ha appears to be surrounded by the agricultural fields. The comments of the State Government to prevent likely encroachment on the land needs to be submitted.
- x. Further, as per the provision of the component of CA scheme, the State Government has incorporated the provision of protection for 10 years. However, the provisions further needs to be elaborated to confirm if the provisions of protection incorporates watchman and fencing also.
- xi. As per details furnished along with the proposal, the area is inhabited by the Schedule-I species such as Four Horned Antelope, Sloth Bear and Indian Pangolin, comments of the PCCF (WL) may be obtained especially on the requirement of special crossing points, if required to be provided, and other conservation and protection measures for wildlife.
- xii. Complete compliance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 has not been submitted as the District Collector, Raigarh has not certified all the clauses of the MoEF&CC's advisory dated 5.07.2013 rather he has issued a certificate in changed format which is not permissible. Similarly, resolution in respect of villages namely Amlibhanua, in Raigarh District has also not been submitted. Moreover, the records of consultations and meeting of the Sub-Divisional Committee(s) of the all three districts have also not submitted along with the compliance.
- xiii. Cross-sectional map of the road showing the existing RoW, proposed RoW may also be submitted. A SOI toposheet on appropriate scale depicting the complete road alignment may also be submitted.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to submit the information on the shortcomings, as indicated above, to this office for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,



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1. The PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur
2. The Nodal Officer FCA), O/o of the PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
3. CCF, Bilaspur, State Forest Department, Chhattisgarh
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5. Guard File.



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