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To

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

Sub: Diversion of 24.585 ha of forest land in favour of NHAI, Bilaspur for Rehabilitation and Upgrading to 4- Lane with Paved Shoulder Configuration of Bilaspur - Katghora Section of NH-111 in Bilaspur District in the State of Chhattisgarh – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. F-5-31/2018/10-2 dated 18.09.2018 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that examination of said proposal in Regional Office (WCZ), Nagpur revealed following:

- i. Part-III submitted without mentioning date of submission.
- ii. In online submitted Part-I, total time for which diversion is proposed has been mentioned NIL, same may be revisited by State Government and correct details may be uploaded.
- iii. In physically submitted proposal, it has been mentioned that there are total 1162 project affected trees; however, as per details submitted online there are 1641 project affected trees. Discrepancy in numbers of project affected trees may be revisited by State Government and correct details regarding number of project affected trees and basis of enumeration, i.e. whether estimation is complete enumeration or based on sampling or through working plan data may be submitted.
- iv. DCF concern has submitted a certificate, certifying that area does not inhibit any Schedule-I species, however, in subsequently submitted checklist, it has been mentioned that area inhibits Python (*Python molurus*). Clarification in this regard may be submitted by State Government.
- v. Certificate, from the DFO concerned regarding barest minimum requirement of the Forest land has not been submitted.
- vi. Examination of compliance of Scheduled Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 revealed that Gram Sabha Resolutions/Forest Rights Committee (s) proceedings has been submitted for 13 villages and 18.8042 ha area. Complete Gram Sabha Resolutions/Forest Rights Committee (s) proceedings need to be submitted in accordance to MoEF&CC advisory issued vide letter dated 5th July, 2013.
- vii. Examination of CB analysis submitted along with proposal revealed that benefits have not been calculated as per the MoEF&CC's guideline dated 1.08.2017. Revised CB analysis, dully

- estimating benefits of all parameters by converting them in monetary terms as mentioned in Table-C of MoEF&CC's guidelines dated 1.08.2017, may be submitted by State Government.
- viii. It has been mentioned by DCF, Bilaspur that against the 755.353 ha land diverted in Division, CA has been raised over only 75.421 ha, further, progress of raising CA as on date 26.07.2018 has been mentioned only 1.99 ha. State Government may submit details of all compensatory afforestation backlogs in Division along with cogent justification for same.
- ix. DGPS map of land proposed for diversion has not been submitted. Further, correct KML file of forest land proposed for diversion and land identified for raising CA has not been uploaded in online portal.
- x. Instant proposal is for widening and upgradation of existing road; accordingly details of any new alignments/bypasses proposed in forest area may be submitted by the State Government.
- xi. Area calculation statement, in tabular form, indicating the forest patch wise length and breadth along with the detail of area remaining on both left and right side of the forest patches being bifurcated from the proposed re-alignment, if any, may also be submitted by the State Government.
- xii. Details of all structures like bridges, minor bridges, culverts (box culverts or/and underpasses) proposed in forest land may be submitted by State Government.
- xiii. Details of employment potential in terms of man days of skilled, semiskilled and unskilled persons on permanent (direct and indirect) and temporary (direct and indirect) basis have not been provided.
- xiv. An undertaking may be obtained from the User Agency, in accordance with the MoEF&CC's Guidelines dated 7.01.2013.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the complete information as mentioned above, to this Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,



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Copy to:

- i. The PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
- ii. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
- iii. User agency.
- iv. Guard file



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