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Dated: 29th November, 2017

To

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

Sub: Diversion of 4.990 ha of forest land in Buffer Zone of Indrawati Tiger Reserve Bijapur for construction of Headquarter of 15th Vahini Battalion Chhattisgarh Force in village Dhanora, Bijapur District in the State of Chhattisgarh – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. . F-5-66/2017/10-2 dated 02.11.2017 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. Name of singing authorities have not been mentioned in Part-I and Part-II. Further, date of submission has not been mentioned in Part-II.
- ii. Details of tree enumeration, detailing category wise number of project affected trees have not been uploaded on the website.
- iii. No proposal for raising CA has been submitted by the State Government adverting to the Guidelines of the MoEF&CC conveying general approval and relaxing the provisions of the CA. In this regard, it is to submit that provision of relaxing the CA have been provided in respect of proposals falling into the categories for which the MoEF&CC has accorded general approval. Instant case, does not constitutes the part of categories for which general approval has been accorded by the Central Government. Therefore, the State Government needs to submit the proposal for raising CA in the instant case.
- iv. No justification for locating the project in the forest land has been submitted by the State Government. Instant project, being non-site specific, normally does not deserve consideration by the Central Government. Valid and cogent justification for the inescapability of the forest land may be submitted by the State Government.
- v. Detail of non-forest and Government land available in the Bijapur Forest Division may be submitted by the State Government.
- vi. Examination of compliance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, revealed that record of consultations/proceedings of Sub-Divisional Level Committee has not been submitted.

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- vii. Project layout map conspicuously depicting component wise breakup of the area required for diversion has not been submitted. The same should have been submitted clearly depicting all project components.
- viii. 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.

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.

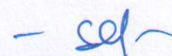
Yours faithfully,



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