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To

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

Sub: Diversion of 1.80 ha of Revenue Forest land in favour of Executive Engineer (Civil), C.S.P.T.C.L Raigarh for construction of 132/33 KV Substation at Village Putkapuri (Kodatarai) in Raigarh District in the State of Chhattisgarh.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. F-5-51/2016/10-2 dated 06.12.2016 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. Category of the project in the Part-I has been indicated as Transmission line instead of applying the same under other category. The rectification to this effect may be made by the User Agency;
- ii. Name of signing authority has not been mentioned in Part-II and III of Form-A.
- iii. Site inspection report submitted along with the proposal does not bear the signature of DCF concerned. The same may be submitted along with the inspection notes of the DCF.
- iv. Original Part-III and Part-IV has not been submitted along with proposal, State Government needs to submit original Part-II and IV.
- v. Detail pertaining to the total area diverted in the Raigarh Forest Division provided in the online Part-II is inconsistent with the supporting details submitted in hard copy of the proposal. Online proposal indicates total area diverted in the Division as 1587.784 in 4 cases while Part-II submitted to the Regional Office mentioned the detail as 3198.408 ha in 48 cases. The discrepancy may be rectified and exact detail may be updated in Part-II submitted online and a copy of the revised Part-II may be submitted to the Regional Office. Similarly, details pertaining to the progress made in CA is also inconsistent and needs to be rectified.
- vi. For a single parameters of the proposed project, different authorities have reported different values i.e. detail of the employment potential, reported by the User Agency Part-I submitted online and Part-I submitted alongwith the proposal and that reported in Part-IV, is altogether inconsistent. It seems information in respect of employment potential has been filled arbitrarily without any basis. Consistent detail 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 may be provided by the State Government.
- vii. The State Government in its forwarding letter and DCF concerned in Part-II has reported nil vegetation in the area, yet the underlying detail submitted in the proposal mentioned vegetation like

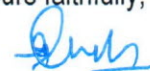
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Aegel marmelos, Madhuca indica, Terminalia chebula, Azadirachta indica, Tamarindus indica, Acacia arabica, Butea monosperma, Zizyphus jujuba, etc. which is duly certified by Range Officer and DCF concerned. The vegetation density may be re-confirmed by the State Government.

- viii. As per details provided in the proposal, the area proposed for diversion serves the habitat of wildlife which inter-alia includes *Python molurus* (Indian Python), a Schedule-I species. The State Government may furnish its considered opinion for conservation measures, if needed, for the protection and conservation of species.
- ix. Detail of two sites, in respect of compensatory afforestation has been submitted by the State Government. The Google Imagery referred by the DCF concerned while providing the CA scheme is altogether different than the site for which DGPS Survey has been conducted by the User Agency. The authorities in the State Forest Department may re-confirm the CA site finalized and corresponding CA scheme submitted along with the proposal.
- x. Copy of the certificate issued by the Chief Secretary of the State Government certifying the non-availability of the non-forest land in the State in accordance with the MoEF&CC Guidelines dated 25.08.2014 read with the Guidelines dated 11.07.2014 need to be submitted by the State Government.
- xi. Similarly, kml files pertaining to two sites, one in Raigarh and other in Balrampur District involving the same area of 1.84 ha, have been submitted for establishment of the sub-station (Copy enclosed). The rationale for submitting the kml file of site pertaining to the Sub-station involving the same area in Balrampur District may be furnished.
- xii. No justification for locating the project in the forest area has been submitted in the proposal submitted online as well as in the hard copy. A convincing justification supported by the alternative explored by the User Agency in light of technical and economic feasibility of the project. From the aforementioned details provided in the proposal for two sites, it is more likely to be construed as if the User Agency has explored site Balrampur District and the same subsequently shifted to Revenue Forest land in Raigarh District. Comments on the same may be furnished.
- xiii. Original copy of the District Collector certificate, in accordance with the MoEF&CC's Guidelines dated 17.11.2016, may be submitted by the State Government.
- xiv. The details of 33/11 KV Ambikapur Transmission line including detail of any forest area diverted in the line 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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Scientist 'C'

Copy to:

1. The PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur
2. The Nodal Officer FCA), O/o of the PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
3. [Redacted]
4. User Agency.
5. Guard File.



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