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No: 6- GJC 032/2019-BHO/034

Date- 08/01/2020

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forest)
Govt. of Gujarat,
Forest and Environment Department,
Block No14, 8th Floor, New Sachivalaya,
Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Sub: Diversion of 15.345 ha Protected Forest land for the project of widening & strengthening four lane of Navsari-Gandevi road Km. 36/0 to 54/600 in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Division in Navsari District of Gujarat.

Ref: 1) Govt. of Gujarat letter No. FCA-1019/7-01/19/S.F-64/F dated 01/11/2019.
2) REC minutes letter No. 6-REC10/2014-BHO/Part-II/ 010 dated 01/01/2020.

Sir,

Kind reference to above given subject and reference, I am directed to enclose herewith the copy of Agenda No. 5 of the minutes of meeting of 41st REC dated 01/01/2020, in which above said proposal was discussed. The copy of the minutes of meeting of 41st REC is also available on e.portal (http://forestsclearance.nic.in/REC_Report.aspx).

Further, you are requested to submit the detailed compliance report in accordance to decision taken at Agenda No. 5 of 41st REC meeting held on 24/12/2019 for further necessary action.

Encl : As above

Yours faithfully,

(B. Abhay Bhaskar)
Asstt. Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to :-

- 1) The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation) Act, Aranya Bhavan, Block No. A/3, Near "Ch" Circle, Opposite St. Xaviers High School, Sector-10A, Gandhinagar (Gujarat).
- 2) The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division Navsari, District-Navsari, Gujarat.
- 3) The Executive Engineer, (R&B) Division Navsari, District-Navsari, Gujarat.

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Regional Office (WZ), Bhopal.



41st Meeting of Regional Empowered Committee, Bhopal
Dt. 24/12/2019

File No. 6-REC 10/2014-BHO/ Part II/ 0/0

Dated : 01-01-2020

MINUTES OF MEETING

The following members were present:

1. Shri Bibhash Kumar Thakur, DDGF (C) / Chairperson, REC
2. Shri H. D. Vala, Member, REC
3. Shri Ravi Datta Kamboj, Member, REC
4. Dr. Sudesh Waghmare, Member, REC
5. Shri. B. Abhay Bhaskar, AIGF(C) / Member Secretary, REC

The following Special invitees were present:

1. Shri Sunil Agrawal, APCCF (LM)-cum-Nodal Office (FCA), Govt of Madhya Pradesh.
2. Shri Jaipal Singh, APCCF (L)-cum-Nodal Office (FCA), Govt of Gujarat

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The following proposals were placed in the REC meeting for discussion:

State: Madhya Pradesh

Agenda No. 1

Proposal for diversion of 7.448 ha Reserved forest land for construction of new coal transportation road from Jayant to Morwa railway siding in favour of General Manager, Jayant Project NCL in Singrouli District in Madhya Pradesh (6-MPC018/2019-BHO).

General Description:

- 1) The Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion is Reserved Forest.
- 2) Maps of the site are submitted.
- 3) The item-wise break-up of to the forest land proposed for diversion :

No.	Purpose wise breakup	Forest Division	Village	Survey No.	Area (Ha)
1.	Construction of new coal transportation road	Singrouli	Medhault	RF - 273	1.673
				RF - 274	5.774
TOTAL					7.448 Ha

- 4) In addition to the above forest land, no non-forest land is required for the project.
- 5) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 2019 Lakh and manpower to be generated, Permanent- 00 & Temporary- 400 person.
- 6) Cost-benefit analysis is submitted.
- 7) Density of vegetation is 0.2 to 0.3 and 1,151 trees are marked for felling on the proposed forest land. A 906 number of trees upto 60 cm. Species-wise & girth-wise details is submitted.
- 8) It has been certified that the requirement of proposed forest land is unavoidable & barest minimum. Details regarding exploration of alternatives and the suitability of present alternative on a map & comparative analysis not submitted.
- 9) The Certificate of Collector under FRA, 2006 is not submitted.
- 10) The Site Inspection report in prescribed format of the concerned territorial DCF is submitted and no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act., 1980

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The REC further took the note of 42nd meeting of NBWL held on 15/05/2017 at Agenda No. 40.4.1.7 where it is stated that "I recommended this project with the imposition of following conditions. (a) Provision of animal underpasses (b) Provision of Chain link fencing (c) Construction of artificial water bodies. (d) Enhancement of span of the bridges. For animal under passes. (e) The user agency i.e. Madhya Pradesh road Development Corporation Ltd. Should pay 10% of the project cost. (f) No labour camps should be sited within 1000 m of boundary of wildlife sanctuary. (g) A committee comprising of wildlife officials of the sanctuary and user agency i.e. MP Road Development Corporation Ltd. should be formed for continuous monitoring in the sanctuary area during construction period. (h) No construction material should be stored within the 100 m boundary of sanctuary. (i) No construction material viz. sand soil, stone etc. will be allowed to be taken from sanctuary or forest area"

Recommendations of REC:

The REC took the note of Stage-II approval dt. 28/09/2018, 42nd meeting of NBWL held on 15/05/2017 at Agenda No. 40.4.1.7 and Eco-friendly measures to mitigate impacts of linear infrastructure on wildlife prepared in collaboration with MoEFCC, NTCA, World Bank & NHAI and published in 2016 by WII and submission of representative of NHAI, Bhopal

Accordingly, REC decided and **approves the amend** the Condition No (4) of Stage-II approval dt. 28/09/2018 as "All the measures / provision for the free movement of wildlife in the protected area, wildlife corridor & forest area shall be as per the stipulations prescribed in the Eco-friendly measures to mitigate impacts of linear infrastructure on wildlife prepared in collaboration with MoEFCC, NTCA, World Bank & NHAI and published by WII (2016). The prescriptions as per stipulations shall be strictly followed by user agency during construction under strict supervision of State Forest Department."

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State: Gujarat

Agenda 5.

✓ Proposal for diversion of 15.345 ha Protected forest land for the project of widening & strengthening four lane of Navsari-Gandevi road Km. 36/0 to 54/600 in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Division in Navsari District of Gujarat (6-GJC032/2019-BHO).

General Description:

- 1) The Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion is Protected Forest.
- 2) Maps of the site are submitted.
- 3) The Village-wise break-up of to the forest land proposed for diversion:

No.	Name of Village	Length X Width (mtr)	Proposed Area (ha)
1	Chhapra (part)	1.74 x 8.25	1.4355
2	Itava	1.05 x 8.25	0.86625
3	Pratapori	0.51 x 8.25	0.42075
4	Mogar	0.18 x 8.25	0.1485
5	Adada	2.01 x 8.25	1.65825
6	Chandravasa Supa	1.53 x 8.25	1.26225
7	Salej	2.79 x 8.25	2.30175
8	Sonwadi	0.51 x 8.25	0.42075
9	Gadat	0.93 x 8.25	0.76725
10	Khakhwada	1.23 x 8.25	1.01475
11	Pathri	0.33 x 8.25	0.27225
12	Ajrai	1.83 x 8.25	1.50975
13	Rahej	1.17 x 8.25	0.96525
14	Gandevi	2.79 x 8.25	2.30175

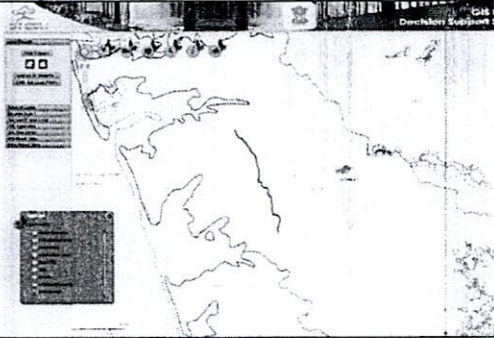

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| | Total | 15.345 Ha |
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- 4) In addition to the above forest land, no non-forest land is required for the project.
 - 5) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 670 Lakh and manpower to be generated, Permanent-200 & Temporary- 50 person.
 - 6) Cost-benefit analysis has been submitted.
 - 7) Density of vegetation not submitted and 523 trees are marked for felling on the proposed forest land. A 32 number of trees upto 60 cm. Species-wise & girth-wise details have been made available.
 - 8) It has been certified that the requirement of proposed forest land is unavoidable & barest minimum. Details regarding exploration of alternatives and the suitability of present alternative on a map & comparative analysis not required for widening of road project.
 - 9) There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act., 1980.
 - 10) The proposed forest land does not form any part of National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/Biosphere Reserve/Tiger Reserve/Elephant Corridor etc. and proposed project is outside 10 km of the boundaries of the nearest protected area.
 - 11) There is no protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument located in the proposed area.
 - 12) Environmental Clearance is not required under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for this project.
 - 13) Displacement of people and rehabilitation plan is not applicable.
 - 14) CCF (T), Nodal Officer and State Government have recommended the proposal for approval.

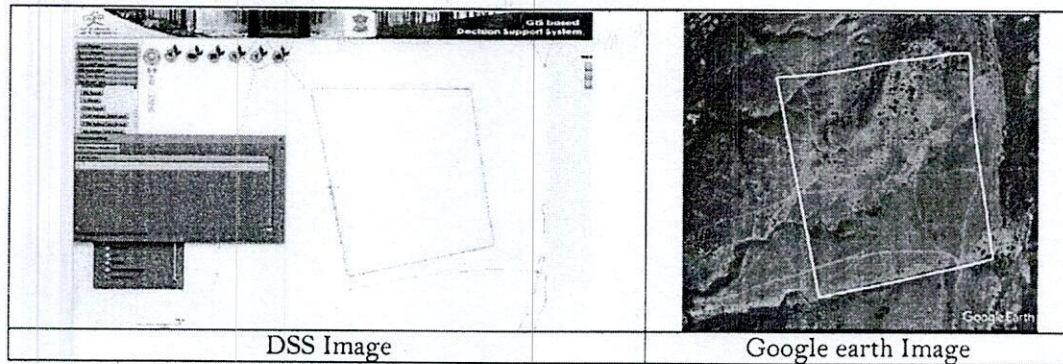
Documents submitted:

- 15) The Certificate of Collector under FRA, 2006 is submitted.
- 16) The Site Inspection report in prescribed format of the concerned territorial DCF is submitted.
- 17) CA is proposed over 31.00 ha. degraded forest land (Compt. No. 80 pt., Village-Kandolpada, Taluka- Vansda, District- Navsari). The land is found suitable for raising plantation, map of CA and CA scheme is for 10 years is submitted.

DSS Analysis:

Proposed diversion = 15.345 ha	DSS area= 15.376 ha
	
DSS Image	Google earth Image
Proposed CA land = 31 ha (DFL)	DSS area= 30.74 ha


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Observations of Regional Office:

1. The Certificate of Collector under FRA, 2006 for proposed CA land as per Para 6.3e(ii) of Forest Conservation (Rule), 2003 (Amended upto August 2017) shall be submitted.
2. The CA scheme of Model No 2 which is not in accordance to the Para 2.8 (ii) of FCA Handbook 2019. Thus, site specific CA scheme as per the Para 2.8 (iii) of FCA Handbook 2019 is required.

Recommendations of REC:

The REC examined the proposal for diversion of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The REC also saw the proposal on the Decision Support System (DSS) of FSI.

Accordingly, REC *in-principle approves* the proposal for diversion 15.345 ha protected forest land for the project of widening & strengthening four lane of Navsari-Gandevi road Km. 36/0 to 54/600 in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Division in Navsari District of Gujarat on standard terms and condition.

However, the Stage-I approval shall be issued only after receipt of following information:

- 1) The CA scheme of Model No 2 on degraded forest land is submitted which is not in accordance to the Para 2.8 (iii) of FCA Handbook 2019. Thus, site specific CA scheme as per the Para 2.8 (iii) of FCA Handbook 2019 and shall also include following points:
 - i. Saplings to be planted (minimum standard height and minimum collar girth species wise).
 - ii. Soil & moisture conservation.
 - iii. Regeneration cleaning.
 - iv. Silvicultural and other activities as prescribed in the working plan.
 - v. Species to be planted (species wise number of plants).
 - vi. Details of proposed monitoring mechanism and outcome parameters
 - vii. Technical & administrative approvals from Competent Authority for current year.
 - viii. The revised CA scheme shall be uploaded on e.portal.

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Agenda 6.

Proposal for diversion of 22.00 ha Protected Forest land for widening of existing Mehsana-Modhera road in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Division in Mehsana District of Gujarat (6-GJC052/2019-BHO).

General Description:

- 1) The Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion is Protected Forest.
- 2) Maps of the site are submitted.
- 3) The Village-wise break-up of to the forest land proposed for diversion is as below :

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Accordingly, REC *in-principle approves* the proposal for diversion for 24.695 ha Reserved forest land for laying of 400 KV Double Circuit Vindhyachal/Sasan-Rewa Transmission line for THDC Coal Mines in favour of Chief Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited in Singrouli District in Madhya Pradesh for Stage-I approval on standard terms and condition

However, the Stage-I approval shall be issued only after receipt of following information:

1. The CA is proposed over two patches (1) 60 ha at PF 776 effective CA area 40 ha and (2) 32 ha at PF 777 totalling to effective CA area $40 + 32 = 72$ ha. As per DSS analysis, the CA shows 24 ha MDF out of 60 ha and 4 ha MDFO out of 32 ha. However, the 60 ha at PF 776 is not acceptable and revised CA patch of 40 ha on degraded forest land ($CD > 0.4$) shall be submitted & uploaded on e.portal.
2. The revised CA scheme for selected patch as per Sl. No. (1) shall be submitted & uploaded on e.porta.

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*Approved via email
dt 29/12/2019*

Shri H. D. Vala,
Member, REC

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Shri. B. Abhay Bhaskar, IFS
AIGF(C) / Member Secretary, REC

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dt 27/12/2019*

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DDGF (C) / Chairperson, REC

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