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No.FP/JH/ROAD/23802/2017/1748

Dated 4th December, 2017

To

The Principal Secretary,
Department of Forests and Environment,
Government of Jharkhand,
Nepal House, Ranchi.

Sub: Diversion of 7.67 ha of forest land for reconstruction of Gua-Salai Road Km 11.00 to Km 29.00 in favour of Road Construction Department in Saranda Forest Division of Jharkhand.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.Van Bhumi-34/2016-4706/Va.Pa. dated 13.11.2017 on the above mentioned subject and to inform that the proposal was considered by REC in its meeting held on 30th November 2017. The Committee desired that following information may be provided duly certified by the by the State Government and endorsed by the Forest Department/ User Agency:

- 1. Clarifying on the confusion of existing width and proposed widening, the user agency submitted that the existing road is an old road with 7 meter vehicle plying surface along with 2.5 + 2.5 meter flanks on both side, which is in dilapidated/broken condition. The proposal is only to renovate the road, which shall remain the same 12 meter wide as it was previously (7 meter surface with 2.5 + 2.5 flanks on both side). Undertaking in this regard may be submitted by the User Agency.
- 2. Accordingly, in the original proposal, 1716 numbers of trees is proposed for felling which was counted existing in all 25 meter row, is now clarified by the State Government that only 223 number of trees are proposed for felling, as per the existing 12 meter road, which is being renovated. Rest of the trees beyond 12 meter shall be retained. Undertaking in this regard may be submitted by the User Agency.
- 3. During the meeting, the user agency informed that the RoW of the other roads in Saranda Forest Division are of 25 m as per pre-1980 revenue records. The Committee desired the documentary proof in this regard. The ROW user agency should provide proper documents related to their claims and specially on 25 mt ROW.
- 4. As per DSS, the map submitted by the UA, which shows that the proposed forest land is located in two patches separated by a non-forest land patch, where the road has been already constructed. In this regard, the Committee directed the User Agency to submit the land revenue record of the non forest land portion.
- 5. Proper justification of the violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 should be submitted by the User Agency.



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- 6. The User Agency has to submit the information regarding number of existing culverts proposed along the proposed road and whether any additional culverts can be constructed for easy passage of wildlife of the area.
- 7. Suitability of the Proposed Penal CA land should be reassessed after site visit by the competent authority as the area appears to be moderately dense forest, site need to be changed for CA planting.

Therefore, it is requested that the aforementioned documents/ clarifications may be submitted to this office for further processing of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(Vasanta Kiran Babu)
Dy.Conservator Forests (Central)
cum Member Secretary of REC

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