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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Wild Life Division)

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Date: 2nd February, 2023

To
The Principal Secretary,
Environment and Forest Department,
Patliputra Colony, Nehru Nagar,
Patna 800013.

Sub: Proposal for use of 10.368 ha of forest land from Rajauli (Nawada) Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of four laning of Rajauli- Bakhtiyarpur section from Km 47+723 to Km 54+405 of NH-31 (Package-I), Bihar- FP/BR/ROAD/40700/2019.

Sir,

Reference is invited to the subject mentioned above. The above proposal was discussed in the 71st Meeting of Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 29th December, 2022 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

2. After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to the following conditions:


1. Animal Passage Plan will be prepared for the wildlife in the inner areas of the path. Animal Passage Plan for the movement of wild animals will be an essential part of the plan.
2. After the construction of the said path, necessary control and regulations on the speed limit and the use of horn etc. from the point of view of wildlife conservation and management shall be done by Nawada Wildlife Administration (Nawada Forest Division). According to the instructions of Nawada Zoological Administration for speed limit control and other protection measures construction and installation of information board, etc. shall be done by the user agency at its own expense.
3. The amount proposed for Management Action Plan presented in the mitigation plan prepared by the Divisional Forest Officer for mitigating the impacts of construction works will be deposited by the spokesperson agency, which will not be more than two percent of the amount of proportionate project cost falling within the Sanctuary.
4. For the interests of wildlife conservation by the Chief Wild Life Warden, Bihar, may impose other practical conditions or regulations.
5. The user agency shall prepare and implement the animal passage plan in the road length inside the sanctuary.
6. The user agency shall not harm, exploit or destroy any wildlife in the sanctuary area and shall strive to ensure the same.
7. The user agency shall bear the cost of mitigation measures as per the estimate submitted and appended by the Divisional Forest Officer-cum-Wildlife Warden,

Nawada to ensure wildlife and wild flora/ fauna conservation through pre-construction, construction and post-construction phases. This amount of Rs.90.17 lakhs, which is less than 2% of the project cost inside sanctuary, shall be deposited by the user agency with the department.

8. The legal status of the proposed area will remain as part of the sanctuary and will remain under control of the Environment, Forests and Climate Change Department, Bihar.
9. Every possible effort will be done to minimize the effect of construction on wildlife in that area and noise shall be kept under limits.
10. The construction debris will be disposed off outside the sanctuary and at a safe distance.
11. The work will be executed in daytime from dawn to dusk.
12. The project proponent / user agency shall comply with any additional conditions imposed by Chief Wild Life Warden, Bihar as deemed necessary in the interest of wildlife protection and management in the sanctuary area.
13. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the project proponent to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government of India.

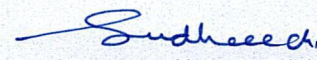
2. The minutes of the meeting have been posted online in the "PARIVESH" portal of this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,


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