

Office of the,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Aranya Bhavan, Block No. A/3,
Sector-10/A, Gandhinagar, Dt.6 /06/2018

To,
The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (C)
Regional Office,
Western Region,
Kendriya Parayavaran Bhavan,
3/Link Road, No.3
Bhopal M.P

Sub: Diversion of 32.00 ha. Reserved Forest land for Leopard Park with rescue centre at proposed in Dokpatal Village of Waghai Tehsil in favour of Dy. Conservator of Forests in Dang District of Gujarat.

Ref: Government of India Letter No. 6-GJC 017/2018-BHO/152, Dt.08/05/2018

With reference to the above subject a copy of In-principle approval of "Diversion of 50.00 ha. Reserved Forest land for Leopard Park with rescue centre at S.No.673, Village- Khodamba, Ta-Mandvi of Surat District in favour of Deputy Conservator of Forest, Surat Division, Surat" is attached herewith.

It is requested to issue In-principle approval for this proposal.


(Ram Kumar)

Addl. Pri. Chief Conservator of Forest
Land
Gujarat State, Gandhinagar

Copy Submitted to The Additional Chief Secretary, Forest & Environment Department,
New Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar for favour of information

F. No. 8-13/2018-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(F.C. Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor bagh Aliganj Road,
New Delhi - 110003.
Dated: 14th May, 2018

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Gujarat,
Gandhi Nagar.

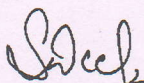
Sub: Diversion of 50.00 ha Reserved Forest land for Leopard Park with rescue centre at S. No. 673, village Khodamba Ta. Mandvi of Surat District in favour of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Surat Forest Division, Surat, Gujarat.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. FCA-1018/10-51/17/S.F-38/F dated 06.03.2018 and FCA/31/A/600-01/2017-18 dated 20.03.2018 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the aforesaid Act.

After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee, *In-principle approval/Stage-I Clearance* of the Central Government is hereby granted for diversion of 50.00 ha Reserved Forest land for Leopard Park with rescue centre at S. No. 673, village Khodamba Ta. Mandvi of Surat District in favour of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Surat Forest Division, Surat, Gujarat subject to the following conditions:

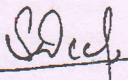
- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) The detailed land use plan has not been prepared and approved by the Central Zoo Authority (CZA). The proposal is general in nature and lists various possible land use for developing leopard park and rescue center. Construction of building for animal houses / enclosures, roads etc. referred at para 4 are non-forestry activities because the same is being developed for the purposes of rescue and display of animals. The construction activities should be restricted to minimum and not less than 50% of the project area should be maintained as green area. State government shall take massive plantation work inside the area proposed to be kept as forest.
- (iii) 15% of the project area may be permitted for construction activities for development of Leopard Park and rescue center. The exact area actually under construction activities need to be calculated based on the approved land-use plan and approved by CZA and submitted. The actual area under construction/structure will be taken for the purpose of estimating NPV and compensatory afforestation.
- (iv) CA shall be raised over double the degraded forest land preferably around the proposed leopard park and rescue center.
- (v) The basic facilities for regulating tourists such as ticketing kiosks, parking, washrooms, souvenir shops, cafeteria etc. may be developed at the entry gate of the forest provided the forest land does not exceed 2.00 hectare.
- (vi) State government shall submit the copy of CZA approval and approved management plan along with the details of the construction area for the estimation of NPV and CA.
- (vii) NPV and CA cost for plantation over double the forest area diverted to be undertaken over degraded forest land will be based on the Leopard Park and Rescue Center approved by CZA and details of compliance should be submitted before final approval.


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- (viii) The User Agency shall transfer the funds at the rate of 15 per cent of total Net Present Value (NPV) of the entire proposed area as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 through online portal of Ad-hoc CAMPA account of the State Concerned;
- (ix) Before establishing the Leopard Park, the necessary clearance from Central Zoo Authority shall be obtained before seeking Stage-II clearance;
- (x) The land identified for the purpose of CA shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India topo-sheet of 1:50,000 scale;
- (xi) The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the admissible compensatory afforestation at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of Ad-hoc CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;
- (xii) At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the present rate, the user agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
- (xiii) The user agency should ensure that the compensatory levies (CA cost, NPV, etc.) are deposited through challan generated online on web portal and deposited in appropriate bank online only. Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage- I clearance;
- (xiv) User agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- (xv) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- (xvi) User agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas;
- (xvii) Forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
- (xviii) State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in term of the Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted and submit the documentary evidence as prescribed by this Ministry in its letter No. 11-9/1998-FC (pt.) dated 3rd August 2009 read with 05.07.2013, in support thereof;
- (xix) The user agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly;
- (xx) Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry, may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and
- (xxi) The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

After receipt of compliance report on fulfilment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Transfer of forest land shall not be affected till final approval is granted by the Central Government in this regard.

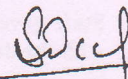
Yours faithfully,


(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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- 1) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Gujarat, Gandhi Nagar.
- 2) The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office of MoEF&CC, Bhopal.
- 3) The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o the PCCF, Government of Government of Gujarat, Gandhi Nagar.
- 4) The User Agency.
- 5) Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
- 6) Guard File...


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