

**GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS & WILDLIFE
A-BLOCK, 2ND FLOOR, VIKAS BHAWAN, IP ESTATE, NEW DELHI-110002**

F.No.23/FCA/NHA/3.09 ha/22-23/6005-87

Date: 18 .08.2022

To,

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central)
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
Integrated Regional office, Jaipur
A-218 & 216, Aranya Bhawan
Jhalana Institutional Area, Jaipur-302004, Rajasthan

Sub: Diversion of 3.09 ha Protected Forest Land for construction of 6 lane access controlled highway by NHA (FP/DL/ROAD/154223/2022)-reg.

Ref: Letter No.8B/DLI044/2022-JPR dated 04.08.2022 of DIG (Central), MoEF&CC, Gol, IRO-Jaipur.

Sir,

Kind reference is invited towards your office letter dated 04.08.2022 regarding the subject cited above wherein certain observations have been made. A point wise reply for the same is detailed below for your consideration:

<p>1. As per DSS analysis, the User Agency has not uploaded the correct KML file of the area proposed for diversion and at many places line between the pillars and bridges within the forest area seen missing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proposed project is widening and improvement of the existing carriageway to six lanes. This project involves diversion of forest land in some patches including non-forest land and existing carriageway.• The revised KML is enclosed herewith in the form of CD. The forest and non-forest land are marked in kml file in green and yellow color respectively.
<p>2. Okhla Bird Sanctuary is located at a distance of 0.16 Km from the proposed area under diversion.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The project alignment is not a part of Okhla Bird Sanctuary.• Moreover, in view of the notification of MoEF&CC dated 22.08.2013, Environmental Clearance (EC) is required only for Highway projects of the following category: 'Expansion of National Highways greater than 100 km involving additional right of way or land acquisition greater than 40m on existing alignments and 60 m on re-alignments or by-passes.'• The current project is for a length of 59.063 km. Hence, EC is not required.• As per office memorandum dated 17.05.2022 of MoEF&CC, prior

	<p>approval of NBWL/ SCNBWL is required only if the activity is covered under the schedule of EIA Notification, 2006. As the said project for highway expansion is not covered under the schedule, the need for prior approval of NBWL/ SCNBWL does not arise.</p>
<p>3. It is observed that the proposed CA land is covered with fly-ash. Moreover, some non-forestry activity is also noticeable adjacent to the proposed CA site.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensatory Afforestation is proposed on equivalent non-forest land at NTPC Eco Park, Badarpur entrusted by MoHUA, Govt. of India. • The site was earlier a dumping ground for fly-ash. Earth filling of upto 2m is required prior to taking up the plantation. • Development of Eco Park is being undertaken by NTPC in the adjacent area. However, the land parcel earmarked for CA is free from all sorts of encroachment as certified by the Dy. Conservator of Forests (South). A copy of the same is also enclosed as Annexure-

Encl. A/A

Yours faithfully



(T. C. Nautiyal)

CCF/Nodal Officer FCA

Copy to:

1. Dy. Conservator of Forests, South Forest Division, Tughlakabad, New Delhi-110007.
2. The Project Director, NHAI, Corridor Management Unit-Mathura (Faridabad), Plot No. 8, Near Sarai Toll Plaza Building, Mathura Road, Faridabad-121003.



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Full Title of the Project: Construction of 6 Lane access controlled Highway from DND Maharani Bagh to Junction with Jaitpur-Pushta Road Section of NH-148 NA (Design Ch. 2+900 to 6+700) in the NCR of Delhi (PKG – I) under Bharat.

Proposal No. : FP/DL/ROAD/154223/2022

Date of Proposal: 07/04/2022

Check List Serial no.18

LAND SUITABILITY CERTIFICATE BY DFO

It is to certify that the 3.0955 Ha land area proposed by National Highways Authority of India located in village Aali, Tehsil- Sarita Vihar District- South East with khasra no. 0/456 min, 0/470 min, 0/468 min, 0/469 min, 0/486/1 min, 0/486/2 min, 0/505 min, 0/506 min, 0/487 min, 0/511 min in lieu of diversion of 3.0955 Ha forest land area under the Forest Conservation act 1980, has found free from encroachment. However, the land is covered with flyash. To make it suitable for plantation earth filling of upto 2 m height would be required.



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