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Date:- 27/01/2022

To,

The Deputy Director General Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment and Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office (WCZ), Ground Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

Sir,

As per the discussions held in 80th REC meeting scheduled on 23rd December 2021, following directions were issued by Committee.

9(ii) The specific comments of PCCF, Wildlife regarding any possible adverse impact and mitigation measures thereof with respect to all proposed roads shall be obtained. The User Agency shall be abided with the all recommendations of PCCF, Wildlife. A report in this regard shall be submitted to IRO, Nagpur.

2. The Committee further decided that IRO, Nagpur shall issue approval only after the receipt of comments of the PCCF, Wildlife as mentioned under para 9(ii) above.

As per the directions of REC specific comments received from PCCF, Wildlife. As per his comments following 2 roads does not fall in any tiger corridor.

- 1. Diversion of 13.800 ha. Reserved Forest land Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of Public Works Division Allapalli for construction of RRP-2 additional works of roads and bridge in Korepalli-Kavtharam-Kapwancha-Assa-Modumadagu road with 1 minor bridge VR 36 & 128 Km in Taluka-Sironcha Dist.Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra-regarding.
- 2. Forest land diversion proposal for RRP-2 additional works of roads and bridges in Somanpalli-Zingnoor via Kopela ODR 68 & MDR 26 (length-16.960 km) Sironcha tehsil, Dist.Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra. Area 19.8469 ha.

Similarly, following project crosses the Tadoba-Indravati Tiger Corridor. Improvement/Upgradation & Maintenance of Kasansur Ghotsur Gudram Bhumkam Road (Up to State border) (ODR-16) including 2 Major Bridges at CH.8/200 & 12/985 and 2 Minor Bridges at CH.2/320 & CH.5/010. Area 19.927 ha.

> (Naresh Zurmure) APCCF & Nodal Officer

Specific comments received from PCCF, Wildlife is enclosed herewith for your perusal and necessary action.

Kindly issue in-principle approval as decided in the 80th REC meeting scheduled on 23rd December 2021. Enclosure-As above.

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Enclosure-As above.





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Sub: Diversion of 13.800 ha. Reserved Forest land Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in Favor of Public Works Division Allapalli for Construction of RRP-2 additional works of roads and bridge in Korepalli-Kavtharam-Kapwancha-Assa-Modumadagu road with 1 minor bridge VR 36 & 128 Km in Taluka-Sironcha Dist. Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Ref: Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal Cell), Maharashtra State, Nagpur File No. Desk-17/1/Nodal/ID- 12873/2020-21 received in this office for comments of Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra State.

The file regarding above cited subject is received in this office on 18/01/2022 to get the comments of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra State on point No. 3 in Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Nagpur, letter no. FC-II/MH/173/2021-NGP/8821, dated 29/10/2021 which is as follows:

"The road is proposed in Biodiversity rich dense forest; accordingly specific comments of the PCCF, Wildlife regarding any possible adverse impact and mitigation measures thereof with respect to all proposed road shall be obtained."

So, in this context, on verification of the record, it is found that present proposal does not fall in any tiger corridor as per the document 'Tiger Corridors of Eastern of Eastern Vidarbha Landscape' published by Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun & also as per approved Tiger Conservation plan of Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, Chandrapur. Hence the proposal do not require wildlife clearance.

The current proposal is for diversion of forest land (13.800 ha.) for additional works of roads and bridges. At present no adverse impact is perceived. However, as proposal is in Biodiversity rich dense forest area, wildlife movement is there in this area. Therefore, it is necessary to take mitigation measures wherever feasible to safeguard the

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wildlife & their habitat. In this regard, the circular issued by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Maharashtra State vide dated 24/09/2020 on carrying out mitigation measures on road projects outside Protected Area should also be considered whenever feasible. In addition, the user agency may be directed to take suitable mitigation measures on the proposed road in consultation with Conservator of Forests (T) Gadchiroli and Deputy Conservator of Forests (T) Sironcha based on "Eco-friendly mitigation measures for linear infrastructure"- guidelines issued by the Wildlife Institute of India.

An undertaking in this regard can be obtained from the user agency.

(Sunil Limaye)

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- Sub: Forest land diversion proposal for RRP 2 additional works of roads & bridges in Somanpalli-Zingnoor via Kopela ODR 68 & MDR 26 (length- 16.960 km) Sironcha
 tehsil Gadchiroli dist. in Maharashtra Area 19.8469 ha.
- Ref: Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal Cell), Maharashtra State, Nagpur File No. Desk-17/1/Nodal/ID- 12875/2020-21 received in this office for comments of Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra State.

The file regarding above cited subject is received in this office on 18/01/2022 to get the comments of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra State on point No. 3 in Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Nagpur, letter No. FC-II/MH/170/2021-NGP/8826, dated 29/10/2021 which is as follows:

"The road is proposed in Biodiversity rich dense forest; accordingly specific comments of the PCCF, Wildlife regarding any possible adverse impact and mitigation measures thereof with respect to all proposed road shall be obtained."

So, in this context, on verification of the record, it is found that present proposal does not fall in any tiger corridor as per the document 'Tiger Corridors of Eastern of Eastern Vidarbha Landscape' published by Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun & also as per approved Tiger Conservation plan of Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, Chandrapur. Hence the proposal do not require wildlife clearance.

The current proposal is for diversion of forest land (19.8469 ha.) for additional works of roads and bridges. At present, no adverse impact is perceived. However, as proposal is in Biodiversity rich dense forest area, wildlife movement in this area can not be ruled out in future. Therefore, it is necessary to take mitigation measures wherever feasible to safeguard the wildlife & their habitat. In this regard, the circular issued by (2)

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Maharashtra State vide dated 24/09/2020 on carrying out mitigation measure on road projects outside Protected Area should also be considered wherever feasible. In addition, the user agency may be directed to take suitable mitigation measures wherever feasible on the proposed road in consultation with Conservator of Forests (T) Gadchiroli and Deputy Conservator of Forests (T) Sironcha based on "Eco-friendly mitigation measures for linear infrastructure"- guidelines issued by the Wildlife Institute of India. An undertaking in

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this regard can be obtained from the user agency.

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Sub : Improvement /Upgradation & Maintenance of Kasansur Ghotsur Gudram Bhumkam Road (Up to State border) (ODR-16) including 2 Major Bridges at CH. 8/200 & 12/985 and 2 Minor Bridges at CH. 2/320 & CH. 5/010 Area 19.927 ha.

Ref: Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal Cell), Maharashtra State, Nagpur File No. Desk-17/1/Nodal/ID- 12856/2020-21 received in this office for comments of Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra State.

The file regarding above cited subject is received in this office on 18/01/2022 to get the comments of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra State on point no. 3 in Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change's, letter No. FC-II/MH/174/2021-NGP/8827, dated 29/10/2021 which is as follows:

"The road is proposed in Biodiversity rich dense forest; accordingly specific comments of the PCCF (WL) regarding any possible adverse impact and mitigation measures thereof with respect to all proposed road shall be obtained. "

So, in this context, on verification of document viz, 'Tiger Corridor of Eastern Vidarbha Landscape' published by Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun it is seen that project area does not fall in Tiger Corridor. However as per approved Tiger Conservation Plan of Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, it is seen that the present proposal falls in the Tadoba-Indravati Tiger Corridor, details of which are given below :

Sr. No.	Compt. No	Proposed Area for Diversion (ha.)	Compt. No under TCP
1.	NE079	1.68	TATR-TCP- P.No. 123
2.	NE077		TATR-TCP- P.No. 123
	NE068	4.68	TATR-TCP-P.No. 123

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3.	NE069	1.92	TATR-TCP-P.No. 122
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	NE073		TATR-TCP-P.No. 122
	NE072		TATR-TCP-P.No. 122
5	NE071		-
	NE072	2.64	TATR-TCP-P.No. 122
6	NE057	6.01	TATR-TCP-P.No. 122
	NE056		TATR-TCP-P.No. 122
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	Total	19.927	

As per above details, the present project falls in tiger corridor. So as per the Section 38(0)1(g) of Wildlife (Protection) Act-1972, it is mandatory for the project proponent to obtain wildlife clearance for the project under reference. The site specific mitigation measure shall be proposed in the wildlife clearance proposal in consultation with Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Gadchiroli and Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun. An undertaking in this regard shall be obtained from the user agency.

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