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File No. FC-8/2/2024-IRO-RAIPUR/1562. To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Chhattisgarh, Forest Department, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhavan, Nava Raipur (CG) – 492001

Sub: Diversion of 8.386 ha forest land for Non-Forest Purpose under Forest Conservation Act -1980 proposed for Widening and Strengthening work in Kanger Ghati National Park of Existing Road from Jagdalpur- Sukma –Konta Road (Km 25.530 to 31.540 =6.010 km of NH-30 (Old 221) Sukma District in State of Chhattisgarh –reg.

Sir,

Kindly refer to letter no. F-5-07/2023/10-2 dated 08.11.2023 of the Government of Chhattisgarh, and letter no. Bhu-prabandh/vividh/115-900/874, dated 05.04.2023, and Bhu-prabandh/vividh/115-900/2211, dated 21.09.2023 the APCCF, Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department of Chhattisgarh on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section- 2 (i) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. On examination of the proposal in the Regional Office, MoEF&CC, following observations are noted.

- i. The forest area proposed for diversion is part of Kanger Ghati National Park. However, DFO in PART II of the proposal under Sl No 8 (ii) (iv) reported that the said area is not part of national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc. Hence, correct details needs to be updated by the DFO concerned.
- ii. Supporting documents relating to legal status of existing road i.e. pre 1980 road or any diversion obtained under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 may be furnished.
- iii. It may be clarified whether existing road portion also been included within the diversion proposal. Actual BT portion to be made by widening may be mentioned.
- iv. DFO reported density of the area as 0.5 and 251 trees required to be felled. However, as per the alignment, more trees may require to be felled. Hence, actual length and width of the road to be widened may be provided.
- v. DFO has not filled district profile in the PART-II of the proposal.

In view of the above, it is requested to submit information on the above observations to this office for consideration for approval under Section- 2 (i) of the of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

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This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

Chaturbhuja Behera, IFS Inspector General of Forests

Date: - 02/02/2024

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- 3. User Agency.
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