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To,

Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Chhattisgarh,
Forest Department, Mantralaya,
Mahanadi Bhavan, Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar (CG).

Sub: Diversion of 37.973 ha of forest land for non-forest purpose under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of PWD (B&R) Division Dhamtari proposed for Upgradation renewal and Widening work of Megha-Singpur-Dugli Road i/c culvert and bridge work, total length 35 km within the 23.715 km length of road is proposed under the Forest land diversion in Dhamtari Forest Division, Dhamtari District in the State of Chhattisgarh- regarding.

Sir,

Kindly refer to letter no. no. F 5-38/2023/10-2 dated 20/11/2023, of the State Government, on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. From the preliminary scrutiny of the proposal in the Regional Office, MoEF&CC, following observations are noted:

- User Agency shall submit the map and KML file of entire alignment highlighting forest area proposed for diversion and location of all structures (Bridge, Box culverts etc).
- Consolidated single KML file of the entire road alignment under the instant proposal highlighting the proposed forest area for diversion needs to be submitted.
- In KML file of the proposed road in the high resolution Google Earth its appears that proposed road is passing through PAs area of Sitanadi Wildlife Sanctuary. Map with 10 Km radius of PA needs to be submitted.
- Compensatory afforestation has been proposed over 76.00 ha. degraded Reserve Forest land in two patches in compartment no. RF-287 - patch-1 (24.00 ha) and patch-2 (52.00 ha). But KML of 54.00 He is not visible on the Parivesh Portal.
- Concerned DFO has mentioned in Part-II and site inspections report that some rare and endangered species of flora and fauna are found in the area. In this regard user agency needs to submit a conservation plan with consultation of the State Forest Government of Chhattisgarh.

In view of the above, it is requested to submit information on the shortcomings indicated above to this office for further consideration for approval under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

Chaturbhuja
Chaturbhuja Behera, IFS
Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF &HoFF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Sector-19, Aranya Bhavan, Atal Nagar, Naya Raipur (CG).
2. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh, Sector-19, Aranya Bhavan, Atal Nagar, Naya Raipur (CG).
3. User Agency.
4. Guard File.

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