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File No. FC-6/GJC-29/2022-GNR

Dated: 25th March, 2022

To
The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests)
Govt. of Gujarat
Block No. 14, 8th Floor, New Sachivalaya
Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

(Online Proposal No. FP/GJ/ROAD/119742/2021)

Sub: Diversion of 0.0570 ha. Protected Forest for the project of widening of SH-172 Vyara-Bheskatri-Kalibel-Pimpri road Km.00/000 to 06/800 Ta. Waghai, Dist. Dang in favour of Executive Engineer, Ahwa (R&B) Division, Ahwa.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer the Govt. of Gujarat letter No. FCA-1021/7-15/21/S.F-191/F dated 10.03.2022 forwarding a fresh proposal on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. On examination of the proposal following deficiencies observed:

- Name and designation of the signing authority in Part-I, Part-II & Part-IV is not mentioned.
- In Part I and Part III, it is mentioned as "diversion of 0.057 ha of protected and Reserved forest land" but in Part II the legal status of the land is mentioned as Protected forest. The State Govt. shall clarify whether land proposal for diversion also involve reserve forest land.
- In the proposal it is mentioned that the existing width of the road will be increased from 7m to 10m. This means expansion of 1.5m on either sides of the road. But in area calculation, the width proposed for widening on either sides of the road is only 0.125m and the area is calculated accordingly. The State Govt. shall provide clarification on area calculation.
- In the KML file submitted with the proposal, the area proposed for diversion is not continuous but in intermittent stretches, all along the existing road. Thus it may be clarified whether the proposal involves non-forest area also in addition to the forest area proposed for diversion. If Yes, the details of such areas to be given in the proposal and also the same may be indicated in the KML file.
- The area proposed for diversion is 4.5 km away from the Purna Wildlife Sanctuary. ESZ map of the Purna Wildlife Sanctuary is necessary to determine whether the project falls within the ESZ area. If ESZ is not notified, then the project area falls within the *defacto* ESZ. Thus ESZ map may be submitted. If ESZ is not notified, wildlife passage plan approved by Chief Wildlife Warden along with his comments may be submitted.

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2. Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above mentioned information for further consideration of the proposal.

Sincerely,

(Shrawan Kumar Verma)
DIG & RO, IRO Gandhinagar

Copy to:

1. The APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Aranya Bhawan, Block No. A/3, Sector- 10A, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
2. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Dang South Forest Division- Ahwa, Gujarat.
3. The Executive Engineer, Ahwa (R & B Division), Ahwa, Gujarat.
4. Guard File/ Order File.