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To,

The Special Secretary,
 Department of Forests,
 Government of UP, Bapu Bhavan,
 Sachivalaya,
 Lucknow-226001

ON LINE PROPOSAL No: FP/UP/ROAD/26451/2017

Subject: Proposed forest land diversion (Protected Forest) for 4 lane widening of NH 91 in Kannauj District from km 289.000 to 356.000 (Naviganj Mitrasenpur Marg) having extent 99.328 ha with felling of 6,478 trees and 24,281 poles-reg.

Ref: Letter no. P-43/14-2-2018-800(35)/2018 dated 5th Mach 2018
Sir,

In reference to your above mentioned letter where approval for above referred forest land diversion proposal was sought; I have been directed to convey following shortcomings of the proposal for necessary rectification:

- 1) a) The proposal is silent about earlier approval accorded by MoEF and compliance of its condition. (B-1 part I is blank)
 b) Whether overlap in counting of trees with earlier approval exists or not.
- 2) As per GIS DSS analysis of proposed forest land for diversion, following issues need rectification:
 - a) The original SOI Topo sheets of proposed forest land to be diverted have not been submitted with the project proposal.
 - b) All key geo coordinates of proposed forest land for diversion have not been provided with the proposal.
 - c) Kml files of proposed forest land for diversion show shift.
 - d) In some of the patches of proposed compensatory afforestation when overlaid on Google earth show existence of permanent structure, roads etc.
 - e) Around 59 ha of proposed compensatory afforestation patches fall in MDF category and their suitability as CA sites needs a relook.
 - f) Net suitable proposed CA area is having less extent.
- 3) Component wise break up as part I does not mention requirement of forestland for truck lay bye, toll plaza etc.
- 4) Benefit Cost analysis of the proposal is not as per latest guidelines of MoEF&CC. This needs revision.
- 5) As per the document which is unsigned and uploaded (as an additional document at Sr no 3 of part I) it is mentioned that project has been divided in sections less than 100 km to circumvent the provisions of Environment Clearance. The issue needs clarification.

- 6) Incorrect letter (letter to consultant rather government approval) has been uploaded as project sanction letter. (Additional document at Sr No. 4 of part I)
- 7) Detailed calculation of forest area for proposed diversion has not been uploaded with the proposal. Therefore, exact extent of the proposed diversion cannot be ascertained.
- 8) Crown density may please be reassessed as it seems to be incorrect.
- 9) NPV calculation shall be based on revised crown density.
- 10) Site Inspection Report of concerned CF is not on prescribed format.

It may be mentioned that four diversion proposals of NHAI namely FP/UP/ROAD/24596/2017, FP/UP/ROAD/23288/2016, FP/UP/ROAD/22374/2016 and FP/UP/ROAD/25815/2017 appear to be part of widening of National Highway 91 in a continuous stretch and total extent of diversion is more than 100 ha which requires site inspection from Regional Office, MoEF&CC as per guidelines of FCA 1980.

Therefore, the proposal is hereby placed under EDS category for rectification/revision of the same as per the observations made above in point wise manner. It is also advised that reply shall be provided at the earliest so that the proposal may be discussed in next REC (at least one week before scheduled date of next REC).

Encl: As mentioned above.

Yours faithfully,

(K. K. Tiwari)
Conservator of Forest(C)

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3. **Divisional Forest Officer**, Social Forestry Division, Kannauj (UP).
4. **Project Director**, National Highway Authority of India, 47, Dream City Colony, Opp. Bal Jivan Ghutti, Sarsol, G.T. Road, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh-20200.
5. **Personal Assistant (Shri Sriram)**, Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Lucknow for uploading on www.forestclearance.nic.in and on regional office's website.
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