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Desk-No. 17/NODAL/ID-13215/20-21/ 77
Nagpur-440 001, dated 8 / 04 /2022.

To,
Chief Conservator of Forests
(Territorial) Nagpur Circle, Nagpur

Subject:- Forest Land- Bhandara
Proposal for Diversion of 3.84 ha forest land for non-forestry use i.e. for Industrial
Unit Ashok Leyland Ltd. in District Bhandara of Maharashtra.

Reference:- 1) This office letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Nagpur/ID-13215/2388/21-22, dated 11/02/2022 18-37
2) Your office letter No. D-10/Land/C.R.956(20_21)/2872/21-22 dated 11/02/2022 18-39

This office is in receipt of letter referred at No. 2 in response to this office letter cited at No. 1 regarding the subjected matter.

After going through the contents of reference no. 2, it is observed that-

1. The user agency i.e. M/S Ashok Leyland Ltd. Bhandara has submitted revised proposal for diversion of 3.84 ha. forest land for non-forestry use based on the actual and barest minimum requirement.
2. The user agency has given an undertaking for removal of existing boundary wall around the encroached upon forest land admeasuring 10.37 ha.
3. The CCF(T) Nagpur circle, Nagpur has submitted that M/S Ashok Leyland Ltd. Bhandara has encroached upon forest land to the extent of 10.37 ha. since about 40 years and recommended to condon the violation by charging NPV over the encroached area.

In the background of the factual status ~~on~~ the instant case, it is reiterated that the encroached land excluding the 3.84 ha land having construction should be immediately vacated and taken possession of.

The boundary wall around the encroached land admeasuring 10.37 ha should not be removed as it seems to provide adequate protection to the thick green belt inside. Instead, an independent access gate should be provided for the field forest personnel for entry and exit for the purpose of watch and protection of the green belt.

As the user agency has already submitted proposal for diversion of forest land admeasuring 3.84 ha in order to regularise its already executed non forestry activity over the area, it would be in the fitness of things to charge Penal NPV for the violation of provisions under FCA, 1980 by excluding this area. Therefore, Penal NPV should be levied for the violation regarding encroached upon land admeasuring 6.53 ha only.

Similarly, violation for the encroached upon forest land of 10.37 ha should be submitted in full details.

It is requested to take immediate action in this regard and report compliance, accordingly.

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