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✓ To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Chhattisgarh,
Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhavan,
New Raipur (CG).

Sub: Diversion of 9.589 ha of forest land in favour of CSPTCL for construction of 132 KV DCDS line to provide supply from 132/33 KV SS Kondatarai to M/s NTPC Ltd, Jurda in Raigarh district in the state of Chhattisgarh- regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Chhattisgarh vide its letter no. krmank/F 5-04/2021/10-2 dated 25.05.2021 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section – 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that scrutiny of the proposal in the Integrated Regional Office of the MoEF&CC Raipur revealed following:

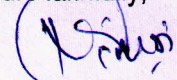
- i. Consolidated single KML file of entire alignment dully highlighting the forest land proposed for diversion needs to be submitted.
- ii. Date of submission has not mentioned in Part-I and Part-III and Name of signing authority has not mentioned in Part-I of From-A.
- iii. The DCF, Raigarh has mentioned in his Part-II that the proposed area is vulnerable to soil erosion, accordingly, detail note on vulnerability of area due to instant proposal along with site specific soil conservation plan, if needed, may be submitted.
- iv. Certificate, from the DFO Raigarh, regarding location of the project outside the PAs has not submitted; same need to be submitted.
- v. Examination of underlying documents submitted along with proposal revealed that area have many endangered and Schedule-I species like, Leopard, Tiger, Indian Gazelle, Four horned antelope, Wolf, Sloth Bear, Striped Hyena, Indian Pangolin, etc. Specific comments of Chief Wildlife Warden on any possible impact of proposal on resident wildlife along with mitigation measures, if any, need to be submitted.
- vi. CA is proposed over three different patches at three different location, however, a consolidated CA scheme for 19.178 ha has been submitted. Site specific CA schemes separately for all three patches need to be submitted.
- vii. Examination of land identified for raising CA over google satellite imaginary revealed that one patch of 3.417 ha over compartment number 1029 OA in Raigarh Forest Division already have healthy vegetation growth and may not be suitable for raising CA. State Government may revisit the area and new area suitable for plantation need to identified and proposed.
- viii. Detailed scheme for plantation of dwarf plants preferably medicinal plants under the proposed RoW has not been submitted; same need to be submitted.
- ix. Details of alternative alignments explored along with justification for selecting the proposed alternative and reasons for discarding other alternatives has not been submitted. The detail

comparative statement of various parameters examined before finalization of proposed alignment along with KML files of all alignments need to be submitted.

- x. Complete compliance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 has not been submitted. Documentary evidences in the form of copies of the resolutions of the concerned Forest Rights Committee(s), Gram Sabha (s), Sub-Division Level Committee(s) recording their consent for the proposal and bearing signature of the participants have not submitted.
- xi. Details of employment potential in terms of man days of skilled, semiskilled and unskilled persons on permanent (direct and indirect) and temporary (direct and indirect) basis have not been provided.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the complete information as mentioned above, to this Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,



(N K Dimri)

Technical Officer (Gr-I)

Copy to:

- i. The PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
- ii. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
- iii. User agency.
- iv. Guard file

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