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Forest & Environment Department

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From

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
To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha

Sub: Proposal for repair, maintenance and black topping of part of Sagadapata-Kanto forest road i.e. from Khadibahali Chowk to Palabani over a length of 9.5 km through Atei RF and Revenue forest involving forest area of 4.746ha. (Atei RF- 2.419ha. and Revenue forest- 2.327ha) under Mukhya Mantri Sadak Yojana(MMSY) for 2015-16 in Keonjhar district (within the jurisdiction of Keonjhar(WL) Division) by Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division, Anandapur, Dist. Keonjhar

Sir,

I am directed to say that your proposal made vide letter No. 2643 dt. 8.2.2017 seeks permission of F&E department for undertaking repair, maintenance and black topping of part of Sagadapata-Kanto forest road i.e. from Khadibahali Chowk to Palabani over a length of 9.5 km passing through Atei RF and Revenue forest area involving forest land of 4.746ha. (Atei RF- 2.419ha. and Revenue forest-2.327ha) under Mukhya Mantri Sadak Yojana(MMSY) for 2015-16 in Keonjhar district (within the jurisdiction of Keonjhar(WL) Division) by Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division, Anandapur, Dist. Keonjhar. In this context, it is stated that GoI, MoEF have prescribed guidelines vide their letter F.No. 5-3/2007-FC dt. 17.1.2011 in the matter of allowing black topping and bituminous work of forest management roads constructed after 1980 that are to be improved/maintained under PMGSY. It is noted that the State Government of Odisha keeping in view of about 83% of its population living in rural areas and importance of providing rural road connectivity to these population for their economic upliftment, have decided to implement "Mukhya Mantri Sadak Yojana"(MMSY) in the State from 2014-15 onwards to provide all weather connectivity to the unconnected habitations with population of 100 and above that not eligible as per criteria prescribed to be covered under PMGSY. As indicated by the user agency, this road after the proposed improvement, will provide all-weather connectivity to 10 no. of villages such as Sagadapata, Palabani etc under two Gram panchayats of Harichandanpur Tahasil of the LWE affected Keonjhar district. This road will provide accessibility to the inhabitants of the area to avail social, economic, educational, health care benefits as is being provided by the



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Government under various schemes. The local farmers will also have required transportation facilities for marketing their agriculture products. It was also noted that total length of forest road proposed to be maintained under this project is 9.5Km. The upgradation of the forest land is to be taken up within the existing width of 5mts and no tree felling is involved in this project. The project area is also reported to be located outside any Protected Area.

It is observed that the purpose of "Mukhya Mantri Sadak Yojana" is to provide all weather road connectivity to the unconnected habitations with population of 100 and above that are not eligible under PMGSY. In other words, the objective of PMGSY is the same as MMSY i.e. to provide all weather road connectivity to rural habitations. Therefore your above proposal seeking permission of the State Government for repair, maintenance and black topping of a portion of forest road under MMSY was examined as per GoI, MoEF guidelines vide letter F.No. 5-3/2007-FC dt. 17.1.2011 in the matter of allowing black topping and bituminous work of forest management roads constructed after 1980 that are to be improved/maintained under PMGSY.


In view of the essentiality involved for up-gradation of the Forest road especially in LWE affected district of Keonjhar as mentioned above, recommendation of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha and general approval of GoI, MoEF&CC accorded vide their guidelines dt.17.12.2011, referred to above, permission is hereby granted by the Forest and Environment Department in favour of the Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division, Anandpur, Dist. Keonjhar for up-gradation of Forest Road of 9.5 Km from Khadibahali Chowk to Palbani involving forest area of 4.746ha. of Forest land comprising of 2.419ha. of Atei RF(Patch-I 1.036ha, Patch-II 1.383ha.) and 2.327ha. of Revenue forest land (Sagadapata- 1.372ha. and Palabanihanumantaduma- 0.955ha.) under MMSY subject to fulfillment of the following conditions.

1. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
2. No widening of road shall be undertaken without prior permission of GoI, MoEF&CC under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980.
3. No tree felling in the area shall be allowed nor shall fresh breaking of forest area be permitted. Improvement of the road shall be restricted to the existing width of the forest road(5mt.) to be upgraded under the project.
4. No crushing/breaking of stones shall be allowed inside forest areas. Readymade materials shall be used for construction of the concrete structure.

- 5 No labour camps shall be established on the forest land.
- 6 Fuel wood required to be provided to the labourers engaged for the purpose of improvement of the road, shall be procured in advance from the depots of Odisha Forest Development Corporation Ltd. or any other authorized sources.
- 7 No work shall be allowed after sunset.
- 8 As suggested by PCCF, Odisha avenue plantation activities by the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar(WL) division, shall be taken up along the road immediately at project cost.
- 9 Both sides of the upgraded roads shall be reinforced with brick/stone works and vegetative measures to check soil erosion at project cost in consultation with the Divisional Forest Officer.
- 10 Any damage to forest area due to such upgradation works, shall be compensated by the User Agency at the project cost as per assessment of the Divisional Forest Officer.
- 11 For black-topping of the road, bitumen cold mix shall be prepared outside the forest or at a site approved by the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar(WL) Division.
- 12 The project authority shall maintain the curves of the road inside the forest, if any and will not straighten the same.
- 13 The project authority shall install speed breakers and speed control signages at regular intervals to avoid accident with wild animals.
- 14 Forest Department will establish permanent check posts on the road, if considered necessary.
- 15 Since intention of allowing permission for up-gradation of the forest road is to provide all weather road to the commuters, the project authority shall try to maintain the road surface as rough as possible to act as regular speed governor, even if it means going below the standards prescribed for the particular class of roads.
- 16 The project authority shall provide proper drainage facility on both sides of the road to be upgraded at their cost.
- 17 The permission granted by the State Government shall be subject to the monitoring by the Eastern Regional Office, GoI, MoEF&CC.
- 18 Any other condition that the Divisional Forest Officer may impose from time to time for protection and improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area.

19. The user agency will carry out the work under the supervision of the Divisional Forest Officer.
20. Any deviation to the conditions prescribed above while upgrading the forest road under MMSY by the project proponent, the same shall be taken note of and reported by the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar(WL) Division immediately to the State Government/Pr. CCF, Odisha/RCCF, Baripada/Eastern Regional Office, MoEF&CC along with action taken at his level against the project proponent, if any.


Yours faithfully,

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Special Secretary to Government

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
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
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Strict supervision may be made by the DFO in course of execution of the project and thereafter. **It must be ensured by the DFO that there is no cutting of trees.**

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