

भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS & CLIMATE CHANGE

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

Sub: Diversion of 5.577 ha forest land in favour of Chhattisgarh Road Development Corporation (CRDC) for Widening and Upgradation of Chowki - Chilhati - Korchatola Road upto Chhattisgarh Border in the District Rajnandgaon in the State of Chhattisgarhregarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. F-5-20-/2018/10-2 dated 25.07.2018 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that examination of said proposal in Regional Office (WCZ), Nagpur revealed following:

- i. Part-I and II has been submitted without mentioning date of submission, further, Part-II and III does not have name of signing authority.
- ii. Specific recommendation of the DFO with Part-II has not been uploaded in online portal.
- iii. As per details submitted along with proposal there are total 518 project affected trees, however, in online submitted Part-II it has been mentioned that there are 420 project affected trees. Discrepancy in numbers of project affected trees may be revisited by State Government and exact details of project affected trees along with complete tree enumeration detail may be submitted.
- Certificate, from the DCF concerned, regarding location of the project outside the Pas and whether the area is located within a distance of 10 km from the boundary of Pas has not been submitted.
- v. Certificate regarding barest minimum requirement of the Forest land for the proposal has be submitted by User Agency and same need to be submitted by DCF concerned.
- vi. Examination of compliance of Scheduled Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 revealed that District Collector, Rajnandgaon has mentioned *Nil* area under each gram sabha and revised certificate dully mentioning the area under each gram sabha and certifying all the clauses as stipulated in the MoEF&CC Guidelines dated 5.07.2013 may be submitted. Further proceedings of Sub-divisional level committee have been submitted for 4.378 ha area under 2 Gram Sabhas viz.; Jhitiya and Chilihaati , complete proceedings for 5.577 ha area need to be submitted. State Government may ensure the complete compliance of FRA, 2006 in accordance to MoEF&CC advisory issued vide letter dated 5th July, 2013.
- vii. Survey of India, toposheet has been submitted without demarcating the land proposed for diversion, further, DGPS map of land proposed for diversion is submitted in very small scale. Accordingly, State Government may submit revised Index Map/Sol Toposheet on 1:50,000 scale dully imposing land proposed for diversion and revised DGPS map in larger scale.

- viii. Correct KML file of forest land proposed for diversion has not been submitted, accordingly, State Government may submit correct KML file along with the shape files of land proposed for diversion.
- ix. Instant proposal is for widening and upgradation of existing road; accordingly details of any new alignments/bye-passes proposed in forest area may be submitted by the State Government.
- x. Area calculation statement, in tabular form, indicating the forest patch wise length and breadth along with the detail of area left on both left and side of the bifurcated forest patch may be submitted by the State Government. Further, details of area of forest patches being bifurcated from the proposed rehabilitation/upgradation work or re-alignment, if any, may also be submitted by the State Government.
- 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.
- xii. An undertaking may be obtained from the User Agency, in accordance with the MoEF&CC's Guidelines dated 7.01.2013.

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,

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Copy to:

- 1. The PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur
- 2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o of the PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
- 3. User Agency.
- 4. Guard File.

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