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To

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

Sub: Diversion of 26.52 ha of forest land in favour of Chhattisgarh East Railway Limited for Construction of 38 (10+28) KM Railway Line from Kharsiya to Gurda and Gharghoda to Gare-Palema Under East Rail Corridor in the State of Chhattisgarh.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Chhattisgarh. letter no. F-5-23/2016/10-2 dated 22.08.2016 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 Regional Office (WCZ) of the MoEF&CC at Nagpur revealed following:

- i. As per the details indicated in the Part-I submitted online, the total area proposed for diversion has been indicated as 28.388 ha while the proposal submitted to the Regional Office involves area of 26.52 ha. The discrepancy in the total area applied for diversion needs to be rectified by the State Government.
- ii. In adequate information is furnished in Part-II, the DCF, instead of submitting abstract of information in Part-II, has referred annexure that too without proper referencing and hence information referred in annexure cannot be traced in the proposal. The DCF concerned needs to fill information in Part-II instead of referring to the annexure (except maps and other voluminous information) and rectified Part-II may accordingly be submitted.
- iii. Part-II mentioned about the movements of elephants in the area for which an underpass has been proposed. However, no documents pertaining to efficacy of single underpass proposed have been submitted. Therefore, comments of Chief Wildlife Warden on ecological feasibility of proposed underpass and also the minimum number of underpasses or over bridges, as the case may be, required to be constructed, based on the past data of elephant movements in the area, needs to be submitted by the State Government.
- iv. Legal status of land indentified for CA in Pithaura range over 4 has been mentioned as 'others'. Exact legal status of these patches needs to be submitted by the State Government.
- v. Differential GPS (DGPS) map of the area propose for diversion as well as land identified for CA has not been provided. DGPS map, along with soft copies of their Shape/Kml files needs to be submitted by the State Government.

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- vi. As per the certificate of District Collector, Raigarh towards the settlement of rights issued for individual village indicating that there are three rights holders in Kharra village, details of action taken on settlement of rights in respect of these rights holders may be submitted by the State Government.
- vii. Comparative statement on various attributes examined for various alternatives viz. forest area, number of trees, length, feasibility etc has not been provided.
- viii. 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 has not been provided and same may asked from State Government.
- ix. Status of compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 26.02.2015 accorded by the Central Government for diversion of 76.099 ha of forest land may be furnished by the State Government.
- x. Area calculation statement, details of width of the permissible RoW as per the standard Guidelines of the M/o Railways may be submitted by the State Government.
- xi. As the financial provisions of the CA scheme calculated 6th year onwards, price escalation have been taken by considering the 4th year as base year instead of preceding year. The same may be rectified by the State Government. Further, the CA scheme is not site-specific w.r.t. to the component of the protection. Protection cost has been included only for 2 months. The same may be revised by the State Government.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to submit the information on the shortcomings, as indicated above, to this office for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,


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Scientist 'C'

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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