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To,

The Principal Secretary,
Govt. of Gujarat,
Forest and Environment Department,
14/8, Sardar Bhawan,
Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.

26-27-02-2009,

Sub: Diversion of 82.38 ha protected forest land for widening High Speed Corridor SH-55, Radhanpur-Harij-Mehsana road, Km 0/0 to 83/2 in favour of (R & B) Division in Patan district of Gujarat.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to your letter No. FCA/1008(7-30)S.F-187/K dated 19/01/2009 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section - 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, the Central Government, hereby agrees in principle for diversion of 82.38 ha protected forest land for widening High Speed Corridor SH-55, Radhanpur-Harij-Mehsana road, Km 0/0 to 83/2 in favour of (R & B) Division in Patan District, subject to the following conditions:-

- 1.. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2... Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up over 165.00 ha Degraded forest land {Survey No.42/3, Village-Piprala, Tal. Santalpur, District - Patan}, the cost of the user agency.
- 3.. The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates shall be deposited in advance with the Forest department by the project authority.

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- 4.(a) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value(NPV) for the 82.38/ha of forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA-566 in W.P. (Civil) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide letters No.5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II) dated 18/09/2003, as well as letter No.5-2/2006-FC dated 03/10/2006 in this regard.
- (b) Additional amount of the NPV of diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- 5.. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred to the Ad-hoc Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management & Planning Agency(CAMPA) in A/c No.CA 1583 of Corporation Bank, Block-11, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodi Road, New Delhi- 110003.
- 6.. Necessary clearance, if required, shall be obtained under Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006.
- 7.. The Forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.

After receipt of the compliance report on the fulfillment of condition Nos. 3, 4 & 5 from the State Government, this office will consider the issuance of formal approval in this regard under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The order for diversion of forest land to user agency should not be issued by the State Government till formal approval order is issued by this office.

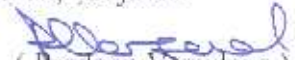
Yours faithfully,


(Pradeep Vasudeva)

Dy Conservator of Forests(C)

Copy to :-

1. The Dy Secretary(FC), Ministry of Environment and Forests, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi - 110003.
2. The Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Govt. of Gujarat, Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhawan, Block 14, Old Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar - 382010.
- 3.. The Dy Conservator of Forests, Patan Forest Division, District Patan, Gujarat.
- 4.. The Executive Engineer, R & B Division Patan, District Patan, Gujarat..
- 5.. Order File.


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