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No 6-GJC 004/2013-BHO/1348
To,

01. 23/08/13

The Principal Secretary,
Govt. of Gujarat,
Environment and Forest Department,
Sardar Patel Bhawavan,
Block No. 14/8, Gandhiagar -382010.

Sub: Diversion of 36.76 ha protected forest land for widening and strengthening of Dhansura-Malpur-Meghraj (S.H. 145) Corridor under Gujarat State Highway Project-2 funded by World Bank in favour of Executive Engineer, State Road Project Division in Sabarkantha District of Gujarat.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to your letter No FCA-1012/7-15 (12)/S.F-112/F dated 27/12/2012 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 undersigned on behalf of the Central Government is directed to convey in principle approval for the diversion of 36.76 ha protected forest land for widening and strengthening of Dhansura-Malpur-Meghraj (S.H. 145) Corridor under Gujarat State Highway Project-2 funded by World Bank in favour of Executive Engineer, State Road Project Division in Sabarkantha district subject to the following conditions:-

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2. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the forest department over 74.00 ha degraded forest land (Survey No. 21 pt., Village- Surdevi, Tal- Meghraj, District- Sabarkantha) at the cost of the project authority. The CA shall be maintained for 07 to 10 years.
- 3.. The cost of compensatory afforestation shall be deposited in advance at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority.
4. (a) The State Government shall charge the "Net Present Value"(NPV) for the 36.76 ha of forest land to be diverted under the 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 the 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 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 in this regard.

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4. The compliance report of the State Government on the fulfillment of conditions of 2003 as amended and the number of trees to be planted in the proposed area shall be submitted to the State Government by the User Agency.

7. The User Agency will defray the cost of removal of 4016 trees in the area specified in the proposal. The required and existing number of trees will be as follows:
8. The funds shall be deposited by User Agency for the trees to be felled in the Adhon-CAV (Chhatisgarh)
9. Provisions of all statutory Acts and rules made thereunder and guidelines applicable to the project will have to be strictly followed.
10. 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 and 7(b) from the State Government, proposal will be considered for final approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The order for transfer of forest land to user agency shall not be issued by the State Government till formal approval order for diversion of forest land is issued by the Regional Office, MoEF, Bhopal

Yours faithfully,

(S.K. Bhandari)

Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to :-

1. The Director, ROHQ, Ministry of Environment & Forests, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
2. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation) Act, Aranya Bhavan, Block No. A/3, Near "Ch" Circle, Opposite St. Xavier's High School, Sector-10A, Gandhinagar (Gujarat).
3. Dy. Conservator of Forests, Extension Division North Himatnagar, District- Sabarkantha Gujarat.
4. The Executive Engineer, State Road Project Division, 709 Kuber Bhavan, Kotli Compound, Vadodara District-Vadodara, Gujarat
5. Order File

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Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)

Office of the,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Aranya Bhavan, Block No.A/3,Near "Ch" Circle,
Opposite St. Xaviers High School,
Sector-10/A, Gandhinagar, dt.30-09-2013.

Copy of the GoI / letter No: 6-GJC-004/2013-BHO/1348, dated: 23/08/2013

forwarded to the

Conservator of Forest, S.F.Mehsana

Dy. Conservator of Forests Sabarkantha (South) Himatnagar

for information and early compliance.

A demand note should be given to the User Agency for recovery of Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value funds. And the User Agency should be advised to arrange to directly deposit/credit the amount (NET of any transaction / transfer charges) into

State Bank of India, Udhyog Bhavan Branch Gandhinagar

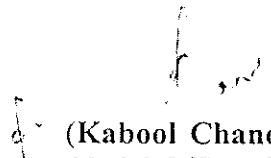
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in the name of: NODAL OFFICER FCA GUJARAT

The user agency may be advised to furnish a copy of the Bank counterfoil directly to this office also for information. No cheques, demand drafts or other bank instruments should be sent to this office.. A clear certified photocopy of the counterfoil of the corresponding Bank Slip along with a copy of the demand note be sent to this office clearly indicating the amounts demanded towards Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value.

Copy to : The Executive Engineer, State Road Project Division, 709,Kubar Bhavan, Kothi Compound Vadodara ✓

User Agency is advised to collect the demand notes from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, deposit the required amount in the account of Nodal Officer, Gujarat State and send a copy of counterfoil of the chalan of deposit to this office without fail. Without the information of payment it will not be possible to transfer the amount deposited by the User Agency to Ad-hoc CAMPA fund, New Delhi, which will delay compliance to GoI.


(Kabool Chand)
Nodal Officer for
Forest Conservation Act,
Gujarat State, Gandhinager