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No: 6-GJC 004/2013-BHO/629

07.12.13/14

To,

The Principal Secretary,
Govt. of Gujarat,
Forest and Environment Department,
Sardar Patel Bhavan, Block No14/8,
Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.

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.

- Ref: 1) This office letter No. 6-GJC 004/2013-BHO/1348 dated 23/08/13
2) Govt. of Gujarat letter No.FCA-1012/7-15/(12)/S.F-112/F dated 27/12/2013
3) Officer on Special Duty (Ad-hoc CAMPA) MoEF, Delhi letter no. 1-12/2013-CAMPA dated 10/02/2014

Sir,

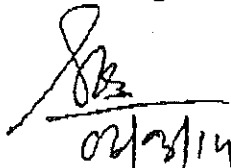
I am directed to invite a reference to your letter No. FCA-1012/7-15(12)/SF-112/F dated 27/12/2012 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The Central Government vide letter (1) referred above had agreed in principle for diversion of 36.76 ha of above forest land for the purpose mentioned, subject to the fulfillment of condition No. 3, 4, 5 & 7(b) stipulated therein.

The State Government vide letter (2) referred above have reported compliance on the fulfillment of the said conditions 3, 4 & 5 of the in-principle approval order.

Therefore, the undersigned is hereby directed to convey formal approval of the Government of India under Section -2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for 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 terms and conditions:-

- 1.. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.


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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 User Agency. As far as practicable a mixture of local indigenous species will be planted and monoculture of any species has to be avoided.
3. Relevant directions contained in various notifications issued by the Central Government under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 made there under and as amended from time to time regarding use of fly ash shall be fully complied with.
4. a) The User Agency will defray the cost of removal of 4016 trees in the area. However only the required and minimum number of trees will be felled.
b) The funds for the trees to be felled shall be deposited by User Agency in the Adhoc-CAMPA New Delhi.
c) Order for diversion of forest land will be issued by the State Government only after complying with this condition.
5. Road side plantation will be taken up at the cost of User Agency, under the supervision of Forest Department as per norms of IRC. All available vacant space shall be planted with trees.
6. Truck disposal shall be taken up as per the scheme approved by the Forest Department.
7. Required soil conservation measures should be taken up by the user agency for which fund should be provided as per the current rate of works.
8. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial Number, forward and back bearing and distance fro pillar to pillar.
9. No damage shall be caused to the flora and fauna of the area.
10. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
11. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
12. Statutory provisions under various Acts, rules made there under and guidelines applicable to this project shall be strictly adhered to.
13. Relevant conditions of the in-principle approval order shall also be complied with.


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- 14 a) The User Agency shall submit six monthly compliance report as on 1st January and 1st July of every year to this office as well as to the Nodal Officer of the State.
- b) The State Government shall monitor compliance of conditions of Forest Clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly report as on 31st December of every year.
15. Any other conditions that the Central Government may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area. will be complied by the user agency.
16. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the concerned Divisional Forest Officer shall report through the State Govt. to this office as per procedure laid down in the clause 1.9 of guidelines issued on 25.10.1992 under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.

The State Government shall ensure compliance of all the above conditions.

Yours faithfully,

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(S.K. Bhandari)

Chief Conservator of Forests(C)

Copy to :-

1. The Director (ROHQ), Ministry of Environment and Forests, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi - 110003.
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. Xaviers High School, Sector-10A, Gandhinagar (Gujarat)
3. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Extension Division North Himatnagar, District- Sabarkantha, Gujarat.
4. The Executive Engineer, State Road Project Division, 709, Kuber Bhavan, Kothi Compound Vadodara, District-Vadodara, Gujarat.
5. Order File.

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Chief Conservator of Forests(C)

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**Government of Gujarat
Forests & Environment Department**

No. FCA-1012/7-15/(12)/S.F-112/F

Date: 31 MAY 2014

Subject: Diversion of 36.76 ha. of 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.

Ref. (1) GOI, MOEF, Bhopal's Letter No.6-GJC004/2013-BHO/629 dated 12/03/2014.

(2) Nodal officer (FCA) Gujarat's note on Single file No. FCA-1012/7-15/(12)/S.F-112/F dated 02/12/2013.

MEMORANDUM:-

The GOI, MOEF, Bhopal has given formal approval for diversion 36.76 ha. of 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 vide their letter dated 13/03/2014 referred at Sr. (1) above.

The undersigned is pleased to convey the formal approval of the Government under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 74.00 ha degraded forest land (Survey No.21pt, Village-Surdevi, Ta.Meghraj, Dist.Sabarkantha) at the cost of User Agency. As far as practicable a mixture of local indigenous species will be planted and monoculture of any species has to be avoided.
3. Relevant directions contained in various notifications issued by the Central Government under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 made there under and as amended from time to time regarding use of fly ash shall be fully complied with.


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4. (a) The user agency will defray the cost of removal of 4016 trees in the area. However only the required and minimum number of trees will be felled.
(b) User Agency has deposited the cost of removal of trees but the same has not been transferred to the Adhoc-CAMPA New delhi because this money is required to be spent immediately after the final approval.
(c) As the user agency has deposited the fund, Order for diversion of forest land has been issued by the State Government.
5. Road side plantation will be taken up at the cost of User Agency, Under the supervision of Forest Department as per norms of IRC. All available vacant space shall be planted with trees.
6. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
7. Muck disposal shall be taken up as per the scheme approved by the Forest Department.
8. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance for pillar to pillar.
9. No damage shall be caused to be the flora and fauna of the area.
10. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
11. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
12. Statutory provisions under various Acts, rules made there under and guidelines applicable to this project shall be strictly adhered to.
13. Relevant conditions of the in-principle approval shall also be complied with.
14. a) The User agency shall submit six monthly compliance report as on 1st January and 1st July of every year to this office as well as to the Nodal Officer of the State.
b) The State Government shall monitor compliance of conditions of Forest Clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly report as on 31st December of every year.

15. Any other conditions that the Central Government may impose from time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, will be complied by the user agency.
16. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the concerned Divisional Forest Officer shall report through the State Government to this office as per procedure laid shown in the clause 1.9 of guidelines issued on 25.10.1992 under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.

The State Government shall ensure compliance of all the above conditions.
By order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat.


(Kaushik Bhimjiyani)
Joint Secretary to the Government
Forests & Environment Department.

Copy to:-

1. The Director(ROHQ), Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
2. The Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests(Central), Ministry of Environment & Forests, Regional Office, Western region, BHOPAL-462016(M.P.)
3. The Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer(FCA), Pr. Chief Conservator of Forest's office. Aranya Bhavan, Sector-10- A, Gandhinagar
Their Single file. FCA-1012/7-15/(12)/S.F-112/F is returned herewith, with memorandum dated – to submit compliance report of conditions no. 14(a) and 14(b).
4. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Extention Division North Himmatnagar, Dist.Sabarkantha, Gujarat.
5. Executive Engineer, State Road & Building Project Division, 709, Kuber Bhavan, Kothi Compound Vadodara, Dist.Vadodara, Gujarat
6. Jt. CIO, Forest & Environment Department, 14/8, New Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar to Upload on this department's Website
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