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Dt. 12/03/14

To,

The Principal Secretary, Govt. of Gujarat, Forest and Environment Department, Sardar Patel Bhawan, 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:-

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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.

<u>Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation)</u>

Act, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.

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

Yours faithfully,

(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.
 - The Executive Engineer, State Road Project Division, 709, Kuber Bhavan, Kothi Compound Vadodara, District-Vadodara, Gujarat.

5. Order File.

S.K. Bhandari)

Chief Conservator of Forests(C)