

F. No. 8-111/2007-FC (121)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests
(F.C. Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi - 110003.
Dated: 11th January, 2012

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Bhopal.

Sub: Diversion of 3.00 hectare of forest land for 4-6 laning of National Highways-26 in Jhansi - Lalitpur Section in Madhya Pradesh, in favour of National Highway Authority of India.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-5/403/05/10-11/2229 dated 06.10.2006 on the above mentioned subject, wherein prior approval of the Central Government for the diversion of 3.00 hectare of forest land for 4-6 laning of National Highways-26 in Jhansi -Lalitpur Section in Madhya Pradesh, in favour of National Highway Authority of India, was sought, in accordance with Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted under Section-3 of the said Act, Stage-I approval for the said proposal was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 7th December, 2007 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the stage-I approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the Government of Madhya Pradesh vide letter No. F-5/403/05/10-11/626 dated 20.03.2009, No. F-5/403/05/10-11/3181 dated 09.09.2010, No. F-5/403/05/10-11/4183 dated 27.12.2010, No. F-5/403/05/10-11/2071 dated 12.07.2011 and No. F-10/Budget/185/2676 dated 05.09.2011, approval of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 3.00 hectare of forest land for 4-6 laning of National Highways-26 in Jhansi -Lalitpur Section in Madhya Pradesh, in favour of National Highway Authority of India, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised and maintained over the degraded forest land double in extent to the forest land being diverted i.e. over 6.00 ha. from the funds realised from the user agency;

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- (iii) State Government shall realize additional amount of the NPV from the user agency, 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;
- (iv) The user agency shall provide the cost towards protection and regeneration of Safety Zone as per the Scheme prepared by the State Forest Department;
- (v) The user agency shall take up strip plantations, wherever possible, along the sides and central verge of the Highway;
- (vi) Trees shall be felled only when it becomes necessary and that too under strict supervision of State Forest Department, and at the cost of the project;
- (vii) All efforts should be made for protection of flora and fauna of the adjoining forest area at the cost of the project. Steps may be taken to minimize biotic pressure over adjoining/nearby forests;
- (viii) No labour camps shall be set up inside the forest area. The user agency shall provide fuel wood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers and the staff working at the site;
- (ix) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
- (x) All other conditions stipulated by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh at the Time of submission of the project proposal to the Central Government, shall be complied with by the User Agency;
- (xi) User agency shall submit annual self-monitoring report, indicating status of compliance to the conditions stipulated in the approval, to the State Government and the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry; and
- (xii) Any other condition that the CCF (Central), Regional Office, Bhopal may impose from time to time for the protection and improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area.

Yours faithfully,

SAC

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Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. The Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
3. The CCF (Central), Regional Office, Bhopal.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
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