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Dated: Thursday, April 25, 2013

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To
FC-cum-Secretary (Forests),
Government of Punjab,
Department of Forests,
Mini Secretariat, Sector-9,
Chandigarh.

31/04/2013

ਮੰਤਰੀ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ
ਮੁੱਖ ਮਹਾਂਨਗਰ
ਮੰਡੀ-ਆਲਾਹ

Sub: Diversion of 10.91 (4.48+6.43) hectares of forest land in favour of PWD (B&R) for upgradation of existing Bhawanigarh-Kotshamir road, Kms 2.20 to 18.30, B/s under forest division Sangrur and from Kms 67.800 to 79.00, B/s under forest division, district Mansa, Punjab.-

Sir,
Ref. (i) State Government of Punjab's letter No.FCA/1980/269/2012/6733 dated 7th August 2012
(ii) Nodal Officer, FCA & CCF (FC)'s letter No.FCA/1980/269-270/2012/49 dated 1st April, 2013

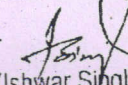
Sir,
I am directed to refer to the above cited subject and letters seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose in accordance with section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government, final approval is hereby conveyed for diversion of 10.91 hectares of forest land for the above mentioned project subject to following conditions:

- i. Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged;
- ii. Minimum number of trees and in any case not more than 2707 trees, 832 poles and 4400 plants of different species (1456 trees in Sangrur Forest Division and 1251 trees, 832 poles and 4400 plants in Mansa Forest Division) will be removed;
- iii. Compensatory afforestation will be carried out over 21.82 hectares of degraded forest land (i.e. 12.86 hectares of degraded forest land on KBC, RD 28-50, L/s under Sangrur Forest Division and 8.96 hectares of degraded forest land on KBC, RD 303-318, R/s under Mansa Forest Division) as per proposed scheme, at a cost of Rs. 48,30,237/- (rupees forty eight lakhs thirty thousand two hundred and thirty seven only) provided by the user agency. Plantation will be done within one year from the date of issue of this letter;
- iv. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay additional amount of NPV, if so determined as per final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
- v. Avenue plantation will be done on both sides and central verge of the proposed road at the cost of the user agency;
- vi. No damage will be done to the adjoining forest land;
- vii. The forest land will not be used for any other purpose than that mentioned in the proposal; and
- viii. It will be responsibility of the State Government/Usher Agency to obtain prior approval/clearance under all other relevant Acts/Rules/Court's Rulings/instructions, etc., as applicable to this proposal.

The Ministry may revoke/suspend the clearance if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory. State Government will ensure compliance of these conditions through forest department.

Yours faithfully,


(Ishwar Singh)

Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The ADGF (FC), Ministry of Environment & Forests, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Complex, Sector-68, Ajitgarh, Punjab.
3. The Divisional Forest Officers, Forest Divisions and Districts Sangrur and Mansa, Punjab.
4. The Executive Engineer, Construction Division, PWD B&R, Sangrur, district Sangrur, Punjab.
5. Guard file

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