

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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To

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests)
Government of Haryana
Haryana Civil Secretariat
Chandigarh.

Sub: Diversion of 41.05 ha of forest land closed under section 4 & 5 of PLPA 1900 in favour of Head-Administration, Translation Health Science and Technology Institute, CR Biotech Science Cluster, Faridabad for setting up of Translation Research Teaching and Training in Biotechnology & Animal Research Laboratory along Gurugram-Faridabad Road, at village Bhankri under forest division and District Faridabad, Haryana (online proposal no. FP/HR/others/34808/2018).

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Haryana letter Prasha D-3/8305/1534 dated 20.07.2018 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the said Act, and subsequent approval of competent authority, 'in-principle' /Stage -I approval to the proposal was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 30.10.2018 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions prescribed therein. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the in-principle 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 State Government of Haryana, vide their letter No. Admin-D-3/8305/1924 dated 2.09.2019, D-III 8305/4350 dated 26.02.2020 and e-mail dated 01.04.2020, 'final approval' (Stage - 2) of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section -2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 41.05 ha of forest land closed under section 4 & 5 of PLPA 1900 in favour of Head-Administration, Translation Health Science and Technology Institute, CR Biotech Science Cluster, Faridabad for setting up of Translation Research Teaching and Training in Biotechnology & Animal Research Laboratory along Gurugram-Faridabad Road, at village Bhankri under forest division and District Faridabad, Haryana, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:

- i. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. The proposed forest land i.e. **41.05 ha**. shall be handed over to the User Agency only after the required non-forest land for the project is acquired by the user agency;
- iii. The Compensatory afforestation (CA) and addl. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over **96.618 ha (82.10 + 14.518)** Degraded forest land (Namely RF Kanti, RF Mukundpura, RF Salinabad and RF Sohla) under Forest Division Mahendergarh at the cost already deposited by the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. CA on the designated site shall be carried out with appropriate silvicultural operations as per site requirement.
- iv. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector;
- v. User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and trees shall be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- vi. The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
- vii. The State Govt. and the user agency shall maintain green belt (33%) within the allotted area as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer;
- viii. No labour camps shall be set up inside the forest area;
- ix. The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on forest areas;
- x. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer;
- xi. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
- xii. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;
- xiii. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area;
- xiv. The User Agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
- xv. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- xvi. No damage to the flora and fauna of the area shall be caused;
- xvii. The violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the para 1.21 of comprehensive guidelines issued vide this Ministry F. No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28th March, 2019;
- xviii. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests &

Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife shall be carried with by the State Government and user agency;

- xix. The State Government and user agency shall ensure compliance to all conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval for which undertakings have been obtained from the user agency and also the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, relevant Hon'ble Court Order (S) and NGT Order (S), if any, pertaining to this project for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

Yours faithfully,

(Sandeep Sharma)

Asst. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Haryana, Panchkula.
2. The Dy. DDGF (Central), Regional Office (Northen Zone), Chandigarh.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Haryana, Panchkula.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF& CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.