

Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests
Northern Regional Office

Bays No. 24-25,
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Dated: Friday, November 22, 2013

F.No.: 9-DLB391/2013-CHA

To

Secretary, Forests & Wildlife,
Government of NCT of Delhi,
Department of Forests,
Delhi Secretariat, NCT of Delhi.

Sub: Diversion of **0.28 hectares** of forest land in favour of Delhi Jal Board for design and construction of interceptor Sewers along Najafgarh, Supplementary and Shahdara Drains for abatement of pollution in River Yamuna by **construction of Bharat Nagar New Pumping Station** under West Forest Division, District North West, Delhi State.

Ref: (i) Government of NCT of Delhi's letter No.1/APCCF/HQ/MISC/2012-13/5708-12 dated 26th September, 2013
(ii) Government of NCT of Delhi's letter No.104/WFD/Oct/2012-13/7100-05 dated 19th November, 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 **0.28 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 seven trees will be removed;
- iii. Compensatory afforestation will be carried out over 0.28 hectares of non-forest land at village Rithala as per proposed scheme, at a cost of Rs. 13,63,000/- (rupees thirteen lakhs and sixty three thousand only) provided by the user agency. **Plantation will be done within one year from the date of issue of this letter;**
- iv. No damage will be done to the adjoining forest land;
- v. The forest land will not be used for any other purpose than that mentioned in the proposal;
- vi. **The non-forest land provided by the user agency should be mutated in favour of the Forest Department within a period of one month.**
- vii. 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;
- viii. **A certificate in respect of settlement of rights, in terms of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted along with documentary evidence stipulated by this Ministry in its letter No. 11-09/1998-FC (pt) dated 3rd August, 2009, 5th February, 2013, and 5th July, 2013, as applicable to this project be submitted before allowing work on forest land; and**
- ix. The user Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines.

3. The Ministry may revoke/suspend the forest 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,
Sd/-

(AK Goyal)

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)



(Ravinder Singh)

Technical Officer (Forestry), Grade-I
(Approved for Issue)

Copy to:-

1. The ADGF (FC), Ministry of Environment & Forests, Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delh.
2. The Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of NCT of Delhi, 2nd Floor, A-Block, Vikas Bhawan, IP Estate, New Delhi-110 002.
3. The Dy. Conservator of Forests (West), West Forest Division Mandir Lane, New Delhi-60.
4. The Member,(Drainage), Delhi Jal Board, Varunalaya Phase-II, Jhandewalan, Karol Bagh, New Delhi.
5. Guard file.