

Minutes of UP State Advisory Group meeting on 09-11-2012

Venue: Regional office Lucknow.

Date: 09-11-2012

The SAG meeting held in the chamber of Addl.PCCF Regional office(C) Lucknow. Following five proposals were discussed as per the agenda.

1. Widening and Strengthening of NH-24 from Hapur to Moradabad

The proposal was discussed in SAG on 09.11.2012. The proposed work is for widening of NH-24 between Hapur to Moradabad. As informed during the SAG meeting the work of NH-24 in the remaining areas i.e. before Hapur and after Moradabad and in between have already been completed. This portion has not been taken up so far for the reason that this part is in Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary and for which approval of NBWL as well as Hon'ble Supreme Court was required. The approval of NBWL and Supreme Court has been accorded and not proposal is submitted for FCA.

The total affected length in the proposal for widening is 3.34 Km and ROW would be 45 meters. The representative of NHAI was unable to give the details of the width required. The cross section of the road was not given with the proposal and the map submitted with the proposal was not clear. The SAG after deliberation decided to defer the proposal for the next meeting and asked the proponent department to furnish the required information as early as possible.

2. Widening of NH-2 from Agra to Etawah by NHAI

The proposal was discussed in SAG for widening of NH-2 from Km 199.66 to Km. 323.525 between Agra to Etawah involving Agra, Firozabad, Manpuri and Etawah Forest Division. The total area involved 31.3234 ha –protected forest under the ownership of NHAI. The existing ROW is 45 meters and the width required in PF varies from 1.25 meter to 5.00 meter with average width 2.52 meters. Total tree felling is 5880. CA is as per the guidelines double the number of trees involved 11760. As per the IRC guidelines both the side of the road shall be planted with two to three rows for which the land required is part of the project. For 6 laning the approved ROW is 60 meters and in this case depending of availability of land the ROW is varies from 40 to 60 meters. The area is not passing through any wildlife sanctuary or national park. The works on NH-2 before Agra and after Etawah are being looked after by separate divisions of NHAI and for

which the proposal has already been submitted to the Ministry. The required information are furnished in the proposal. The SAG after deliberation agrees to recommend the proposal for approval.

3. Construction of Satna Gwalior Transmission line.

The proposal for diversion of 28.117 ha was discussed in SAG on 09.11.2012. The proposed transmission line passes through forest areas of Jhansi and Mahoba districts. The RF area involved is 25.739 ha and protected forests (T/L crossing only roads having status of PF) which is 2.378. The ROW suggested was 67 RF and 85 meter PF which is now been corrected and both ROW RF and PF is now 67 meters. Now the area is accordingly reduced to 27.615 and in PF it is 1.908 ha. The total tree involved 5229 however actual felling would confined to about 10% of the total number. The CA is proposed in double degraded forest land. The area is not part of any wildlife sanctuary or national park. The required information as per the FCA guidelines are furnished with the proposal. SAG after deliberation agreed to recommend the proposal.

4. Construction of Adwa Barrage submergence area in Mirzapur district.

The proposal for diversion of 27.19 ha of reserved forest for the submergence area developed in construction of Adwa Barrage was taken up for discussion in SAG on 09.11.2012. in the SAG meeting there was no representation of Irrigation department and so far the essential details sought vide this office letter dated 19.09.2012 have also not been submitted by the user agency. As per the FCA guidelines, if the required information is not furnished within 90 days the proposal will be closed. The proposal is not discussed in the meeting for the reason mentioned above.

5. Diversion of 7.329 ha of forest land for Granite Dimensional Stone mining in village Khooda in district Lalitpur.

This proposal is taken up in SAG meeting for the fourth time now on 09.11.2012. In the earlier meetings also the proposal was deferred for non furnishing of reply from the State Government. The State Government was requested for number of times for furnishing the required information which is not yet been received. The user

agency has furnished all the records of the photo copy of the note sheets mentioning the approval accorded by the appropriate authority of the State Government in the State but the same has not been communicated by the Stat Government to the Ministry so far. The SAG feels that this is unnecessary harassment of the user agency. The Joint Secretary representing of the State Forest department and the Nodal Officer has assured that the information will be submitted within fortnight. Failing which it will be assume the State Government has nothing to say in this matter and based on the information furnished by the Mining Department and in the note sheet having details of the approval accorded by the appropriate authority of the forest department the matter will be taken up in the next SAG which will be the final SAG meeting and the decision will be taken accordingly. Therefore the proposal is deferred for the next SAG.

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