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F.No. WP-43/RON/2017-NGP/ 13546

Date: 11.09.2024

To,

The Managing Director,
Forest Development Corporation
of Maharashtra Ltd.,
359 B, FDCM Bhawan,
Ambazari, Higna Road, Nagpur - 440036.

**Sub:Felling/ Regeneration Activities to be undertaken during the year 2023-24 in
Fourteen Forest Project Divisions- regarding.**

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to your office letter no. No. Desk-PLN/R&M/F&R Proposal/C.R.31/2024-25/1173 dated 25.07.2024 and corrigendum letter dated 16.08.2024 on the above cited subject seeking prior approval of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) and to say that the said proposal has been examined and recommended by the Regional Empowered Committee (REC), Regional Office, Nagpur in its 117th meeting held on 16.08.2024.

Upon examination of the work done by the FDCM Ltd during previous years especially specific to the Post Harvesting Operation (PHO)/ regeneration works, the committee is satisfied with the same. Upon examination of the current tree felling/regeneration proposal, the committee approved the tree felling/regeneration proposal for the year 2024-25 subject to the standard conditions along with certain specific conditions.

Considering the approval of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC), I am directed to convey the approval of the REC to the tree felling/regeneration proposal as mentioned in the table below for the year 2024-25 subject to the following conditions:

Physical				Financial Allocation (Rs. in lakhs)
Total Area as per Management Plan (In ha)	Area Fit for working (In ha)	Expected Yield as per marking		
a. Working Circle No-1 (Teak Plantation and Reboisement Working Circle)				
2914.14	1500.55	Stem Timber M3	40482.23	2333.99
		Poles No.	98876	
		Small Wood M3	84170.41	
b. Working Circle No-2 (Improvement Working Circle)				
6426.50	4614.18	Stem Timber M3	4455.63	356.97
		Poles No.	9098	
		Small Wood M3	9198.01	
c. Working Circle No-3 (Afforestation Working Circle)				
2206.60	1868.98	Stem Timber M3	972.05	188.06
		Poles No.	2411	
		Small Wood M3	4799.11	
d. Working Circle No-4(Improvement Felling Teak Plantation Reboisement Working Circle)				
1063.84	1038.94	Stem Timber M3	1255.73	129.33
		Poles No.	7007	
		Small Wood M3	2341.51	
e. Working Circle No-5(Selection cum Improvement Working Circle)				
459.76	273.25	Stem Timber M3	1105.70	57.38
		Poles No.	0	
		Small Wood M3	1089.40	
e. Working Circle No-5(Plantation Management Working Circle)				
125.01	115.00	Stem Timber M3	300.00	205.00
		Poles No.	0	
		Small Wood M3	3000.00	
f. Working Circle No-6 (Rehabilitation of Degraded Forest Working Circle)				
299.00	282.00	Stem Timber M3	241.79	19.95
		Poles No.	5604	
		Small Wood M3	498.55	
GRAND TOTAL				
24098.06	17367.99	Stem Timber M3	100683.06	6561.99
		Poles No.	254566	
		Small Wood M3	233877.04	

The approval is subject to following conditions:

- The budget as made available by the State Govt. for this purpose in the current financial year for carrying out different operations shall be ensured for full

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- achievements of targets especially regeneration. No CAMPA funds shall be utilized for any such regeneration;
- ii. The Committee suggested that the National Working Plan Code to be strictly followed and all control forms to be filled up regularly and any major deviation must be reported;
 - iii. Supplementary proposal for felling shall have to be sent to the Ministry for undertaking additional felling in the Divisions where Working Plan shall be approved during the year and also where felling permission has been not approved;
 - iv. Fund allotment for regeneration work should be enhanced to the extent estimated by Working Plan Officers. In case no estimate is available in the Working Plan, the fund should be allotted on the basis of the site specific plan for regeneration;
 - v. The FDCM Ltd shall ensure that all tree felling shall be done as per the approved working plan prescription and ensure no deviation
 - vi. The FDCM Ltd shall take up regeneration work timely in comply with the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and required fund shall be allocate
 - vii. The Forest area boundary demarcation work shall be completed
 - viii. The FDCM Ltd shall comply all Rules / regulation / guidelines in force to carry out such felling and disposed of the same;
 - ix. It is noted that, working plans of few Divisions are nearing to expire, hence the FDCM Ltd shall ensure timely preparation of the working plans;
 - x. Efforts shall be made to involve people's participation through JFMC's in all forestry works;
 - xi. If no regeneration can be carried out in an area, due to law and order or any other reason, then no felling should be carried out in an equivalent area;
 - xii. There shall be no clear felling and plantations be taken up in areas with crown density 0.4 and above;
 - xiii. FDCM shall strictly follow the following recommendation as suggested by MoEF&CC, New Delhi vide letter dated 02.08.2001 for Teak Plantation and Reboisement Working Circle:
 - a. All young to middle aged fruit bearing trees up to 20 trees/ha. should be retained.
 - b. Young to middle aged trees of semal, khair, rosewood and other superior miscellaneous species up to 20 trees/ha. uniformly spread over the areas should be retained.




- c. No felling should be done on either side of nala, streams, and river banks up to the 20 m distance.
 - d. The section size at a place should not be exceeding 20 ha.
 - e. 5 meter wide strip of natural forest should be retained on all sides of the section.
 - f. Effective measures should be adopted to protect the plantation from fires for all times to come.
 - g. Improved planting stock should be used in order to increase the productivity.
- xiv. Appropriate and effective measures should be undertaken for the conservation of biodiversity by protecting local RET species of area and wildlife management by protecting and maintaining all meadows and fruit bearing trees;
- xv. The orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of GodavarmanThirumulkpad Vs Union of India in W.P. (Civil) No. 202/95 and related interlocutory applications shall be strictly adhered to. Any prescription or operation at variance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court's order shall be kept in abeyance till the order is in force or otherwise modified;
- xvi. Further, in compliance with the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 22.09.2000, the Government of Maharashtra shall ensure that regeneration of forest is commensurate with the felling carried out;
- xvii. The FDCM shall follow the principle of sustainable management and precautionary principle as proponent by Hon'ble Supreme Court and Hon'ble NGT in various pronouncements;
- xviii. A comprehensive analysis of estimated yield and actual yield should be undertaken. The reasons for shortfall/excess yield should be analysed and measures taken to minimize the difference;
- xix. The FDCM should carryout exercise for preparation of the latest local volume tables of all major species to be felled in all regions to get realistic estimation of the yield;
- xx. Reconstruction of boundary pillars may be done so as to complete the works in selected coupes taken up in a year rather than scattering it in the whole State;
- xxi. No commercial felling shall be carried out along the 2 km strip of all perennial Rivers of State; further, no commercial felling shall be carried out along the strip of 500 meters of all seasonal Rivers; only eco-restoration work shall be carried out;



- xxii. No commercial felling shall be carried out in the Divisions where working plan is not in operation;
- xxiii. No deviations shall be made from the prescriptions of Working Plan without prior approval of the Central Government under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. However, deviations of positive nature i.e. voluntary plantations carried out outside the working area under any project, schemes and compensatory afforestation may be approved by the competent authority of the State Government from time to time;
- xxiv. Fruit bearing naturally grown trees shall not be cleared felled;
- xxv. Silvicultural operations including thinning shall be done under direct supervision of an officer not below the rank of Assistant Conservator of Forests;
- xxvi. Efforts should be made to undertake artificial regeneration of local species as well as RET species in such a way that it serves the purpose of biodiversity conservation as well as meeting the demand of fuel wood, fodder and the timber. Planting of exotic species should be avoided;
- xxvii. All kinds of felling including dead, dying, diseased trees, for granting of right and concession, illicit felling and felling mandated under VSSA, 1980 approval shall be accounted for against the prescribed felling yield of the relevant year;
- xxviii. The Central Government reserves the right to review/modify/withdraw, this approval at any time if any condition of this approval is not implemented. Relevant modifications in the annual plan are required to be carried out so as to keep it in conformity with the orders, circulars and guidelines issued by the Central Government or the Apex Court under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or any other statute and National Forest Policy from time to time;

This is issued with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,



(C.B. Tashildar)
AIGF (Central)

Copy to:

- i. The IGF (RoHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003 for information pleased
- ii. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Revenue and Forest Department, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk, Madam Cama Marg, Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400032.

iii. O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) Govt. of Maharashtra,
Van Bhawan, Ramgiri Road, Civil Lines, Nagpur- 440001.

iv. Guard file.


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