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C/o- 56/99 APO

Subject:-Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to ensure expeditious payment of Forest Clearance/Net Present Value/Compensatory Afforestation/Cost of Trees and other related payment to Forest authorities after getting Stage-I clearance for obtaining forest clearance

A copy of BRDB letter No. BRDB/04/835/2013/Works dated 18/12/2014 on the above subject is forwarded herewith for guidance and compliance please.

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1.	The Office-In-Charge EDP Section (Local)	For uploading in the PCDA (BR) website please.
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BRDB/04/835/2013/Works
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Border Roads Development Board

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Dated 13 Dec 2014

To
The Director General Border Roads,
Seema Sadak Bhawan, Ring Road,
Delhi Cantt, New Delhi - 110 010

Subject Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to ensure expeditious payment of Forest Clearance/Net Present Value/Compensatory Afforestation/Cost of Trees and other related payment to Forest authorities after getting Stage -I clearance for obtaining forest clearance

Reference is invited to HQ Dte GBR letter No. 21831/FC/WG/DGBR/17/TP (Plg) dated 16th Oct 2014 on the above subject.

2. The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to ensure expeditious payment of Forest Clearance/Net Present Value/Compensatory Afforestation/Cost of Trees and other related payment to Forest authorities after getting Stage -I clearance for obtaining forest clearance has been concurred by MoD (Fin/BR) with the approval of FADS vide ID No.12 (3)/BRS/2012 (406/BRS/14) dated 8th Dec 2014. Dte GBR is requested to take necessary action to follow the procedure as per SOP enclosed as per Annexure to this letter.

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**Annexure to BRDB Sectt Letter No
BRDB/04/835/2013/Works dated 11 Dec 2014**

**STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) TO ENSURE EXPEDITIOUS
PAYMENT OF FC/NPV/CA/COST OF TREES AND OTHER RELATED PAYMENTS
TO FOREST AUTHORITIES AFTER GETTING STAGE- I CLEARANCE FOR
OBTAINING FOREST CLEARANCE**

Introduction

1. BRO is engaged in construction and improvement of roads which are of strategic importance in far flung and remote areas of the Country. Some of these roads are very important from view point of national security and defence preparedness of Country.
2. Every new road project and widening / improvement of existing roads require Forest clearance and wild life clearance (if applicable) before the start of execution of work. In spite of a single window system created by MoEF, forest clearance cases generally take 2-3 yrs time to get sanctions.
3. The forest clearance is accorded in two stages i.e. Stage I (Approval in Principle) and Stage –II (Final Clearance). The process in brief in as under:-
 - (a) The initial proposal is submitted to Nodal Officer by indenting department.
 - (b) Joint inspection of the area is done by DFO along with departmental representative.
 - (c) Case duly completed is submitted to State / Regional Office (MoEF) as the case may be for stage –I clearance.
 - (d) After stage-I clearance , the indenting department is asked to deposit CA, NPV to adhoc CAMPA and tree felling amount to concerned state forest authority.
 - (e) Indenting department moves case for getting Govt sanctions based on the amount indicated for CA, NPV & tree felling for making payment to adhoc CAMPA/ State Govt. The process of getting Govt approval involves the role of

Internal Financial Advisors and other technical check procedures. This process takes time and thus delays the filling of compliance and payment to adhoc CAMPA & State Govt.

4. As per the decision of empowered Committee on Border Infrastructure under the chairmanship of the Cabinet Secretary , a working group was formed to review and expedite Forest Clearance cases. During one of the meetings of working group a proposal was mooted by BRO to deposit the amount immediately on getting the AIP in order to start the work on ground without waiting for final clearance.

5. This SOP has formulated a procedure for making expeditious payment to Forest Department on getting Stage-I (AIP) approval out of the budget placed at the disposal of Chief Engineer Projects.

Procedure for ensuring expeditious payment of FC/NPV/CA/cost of trees and other related payments to Forest Authorities.

6. In order to ensure expeditious payment of FC/NPV/CA/cost of trees and other related payments to Forest Authorities, the following procedure shall be adopted.

- (i) On Stage-I approval and placing of demand by forest authorities, Estimates shall be initiated by respective formations to Project Chief Engineers. The Project Chief Engineers shall sanction all the estimates related to payment of FC/NPV/CA/cost of trees and other related payments to Forest Authorities in concurrence with Project ACDA/AO (P) as per the delegated financial powers.
- (ii) For roads included in BRDB programme and part of Long Term Roll On Perspective Plan, an annual ceiling amount will be provisioned in the AWP by BRDB Sectt. Further Project-wise ceiling limits may be provisioned by DteGBR.

7. All other procedures shall be as per the extant procedure in vogue as before.
