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To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & HoFF,  
Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh  
Aranya Bhawan, Sector – 6  
Lucknow – 226010

**Sub:** Supervisory directions regarding observations and compliance issues in GCP  
ecore restoration activities-reg

Sir,

This is with reference to the field visits conducted on 20th and 21st March 2025 to assess the status of ecore restoration activities being implemented under the Green Credit Programme (GCP) in the forest divisions of **Sonbhadra** and **Mirzapur**. These visits were undertaken to review the progress and ensure conformity with the plans approved on the GCP Portal. Several issues of non-compliance, procedural lapses, and lack of timely progress have been noted, which need your direct intervention in ensuring compliance with the programme guidelines and timely execution of ecore restoration cum plantation activities. Detailed monitoring report is enclosed.

**Mirzapur Forest Division (NCL - 5.87 ha block)**

- It was observed that the advance work, including trenches and pits, was executed in an adjacent area rather than on the originally proposed site as marked in the polygon uploaded on the GCP Portal.
- No valid justification for the shift was provided, and the originally proposed site remains suitable for ecore restoration activities under GCP.
- During the field visit, instructions were issued to the Sub-Divisional Officer, Shri Muazzam Sekh, that the work carried out on the adjacent site shall not be considered valid. The Divisional Forest Officer, Mirzapur, also confirmed that the work will henceforth be confined to the approved site.

**Sonbhadra Forest Division (NTPC Ltd. – 25 ha block)**

- Similar to Mirzapur, the work was found to be executed on a location adjacent to the approved site.
- The Sub-Divisional Officer, Shri Shatrughan Tripathy, cited site unsuitability (dense vegetation and rocky terrain) as the reason for the shift.
- While the advance work (such as trenching and pit digging) done at the new site appears satisfactory, it was carried out without the required prior approval from the GCP Admin and consent from the concerned entity.

- A formal request must be submitted by the State Nodal Officer, along with a detailed report from the Implementing Officer, justifying the need for site change in case of Sonbhadra Forest Division.

Additionally, it was noted that some key activities such as installation of signage and construction of water harvesting structures are still pending and must be expedited.

In light of the above, the following actions are requested from your office:

- Ensure that all eco-restoration works are executed strictly on the sites represented by the approved polygons uploaded on the GCP Portal.
- Issue clear instructions to all concerned field officers that any unauthorized deviation from approved plans shall be considered non-compliance and may affect future fund disbursements.
- Initiate the necessary corrective actions, including submission of formal change requests wherever required, and complete pending works in a timely manner.

The Green Credit Programme is a flagship initiative aimed at promoting ecological restoration of degraded forest land. Given the national importance of the programme, it is imperative that all participating divisions maintain strict adherence to technical, administrative, and financial norms as outlined under the scheme. Your immediate intervention is critical to maintaining the credibility and progress of GCP implementation in the region.

We request your kind attention and guidance on this matter and anticipate a comprehensive compliance report from your office at the earliest.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Encl:** as above.

Yours faithfully,

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1. The State Nodal Officer-GCP, State Forest Department, Uttar Pradesh.