

F. No. 8-15/2017-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(FC Division)

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Dated: 7th March, 2018

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Maharashtra,
Mumbai.

Sub: Diversion of 104.90 ha Zudpi Jungle land of 32 villages in Nagpur City Taluka, Dist. Nagpur under Category II { Encroachments (excluding commercial purpose) prior to 12/12/1996 using simplified procedure} in consolidated form under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in accordance with the procedure prescribed as per Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forest's letter No. 8-33/2001-FC, dt. 04/03/2014.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's Maharashtra vide their letter no. FLD-3416/CR-314/F-10 dated 1.10.2016 & Desk-17/NC/RS-1/ID-12490/2456/17-18 dated 12.01.2018 submitting the above subject proposal for prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After examining the matter in the Ministry, the following observation are made:

- i. The guidelines dated 04.03.2014 was issued for simplified procedure for submission of diversion proposal for Zudpi Jungle under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to following conditions:
 - a) The State Government will ensure the notification of 92,115 ha of Zudpi Jungle as RF/PF (16,309 ha already notified and 75,806 ha to be notified), which has been considered suitable for forestry management, development and conservation by the High Power Committee.
 - b) The State Government shall submit a 10 years perspective plan for greening of the zudpi jungle land being notified to the Ministry of Environment & Forests which may also include compensatory afforestation to be taken against future diversions of the forest lands for State Government's purpose.

With regard to point (b) above, the State Govt. has not submitted the 10 years perspective plan for greening of the zudpi jungle land. Accordingly, the clarification on above points are required.

- ii. The Ministry with the approval of competent authority communicating the certain recommendation of FAC on issue of Zudpi Jungle vide this Ministry's letter no. 8-33/2001-FC dated 18.12.2017 which includes that : *the zudpi jungle under encroachment (27507 ha) and under non-forestry use (26672 ha) which has been put to non-forestry use without FC clearance before judgement dated 12.12.1996 by Hon'ble supreme Court in T.N. Godaverman may be considered for post facto approval under section 2(ii) of FC Act subject to mitigation measures and district wise comprehensive proposal, where zudpi jungle is recorded in the land record and the same has been put to non-forestry use before 12.12.1996 will be submitted providing the details of each piece of zudpi jungle land with names of owner of the land and its present land use duly certified by District collector and the respective Divisional Forest Officer of the*

concerned district along with the maps. If the present land use of the Zudpi jungle is still a forest having jungle jhar and tree growth, as certified by the DFO and revenue authority, the same piece of land will be retained and maintained as forest and developed as village or urban forest as the case may be. **In view of this, the State Govt. is requested to provide master list of the name of Person /Organisation in possession of Encroached Zudpi land alongwith area in each district duly certified by Collector and DFO of concerned forest division. The detail may please be submitted on following format:**

(a) For Encroached land (27,507 ha.)

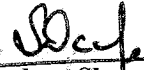
S. No.	Name of Person/Organisation in possession of forest land	Area (in ha)	Sub-division	Forest Division	District
	Total :				

(b) For Zudpi Jungle under Non forestry use (26,672 ha)

S. No.	Name of Person/Organisation in possession of forest land	Area (in ha)	Sub-division	Forest Division	District
	Total :				

In view of the above, the State Government of Maharashtra may be requested to submit the above information/clarification/documents for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully


(Sandeep Sharma) 7.3.18

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
2. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
3. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Nagpur.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Divisions, MoEF&CC.
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