

F. No. 8-33/2001-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(FC Division)

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Dated: 27th June, 2018

To,
The Principal Secretary/Secretary (Forests),
All States / UT Governments

Subj: Guidelines on the issue of Zudpi Jungle of Maharashtra.
Sir,

I am directed to refer the matter related to the General condition i.e. **“The Forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of central government”**. The condition was stipulated by the Regional Office Nagpur while according permission for diversion of 15.84 ha of Zudpi Jungle on 05th January 2017. This is a general condition imposed in all diversion cases under FCA, 1980 vide FCA guidelines 2.8.

The matter was discussed in the PMO on 09th April 2018, and the decision was conveyed to MoEF&CC vide PMO ID No. 670/61/C/15/2017-ES I dated 11th April 2018. In the meeting it was decided that *“In view of the contention of government of Maharashtra, that Zudpi jungle is not a notified forest and its status remain revenue land, the diversion orders under forest (Conservation) Act for such Zudpi land can include the condition ‘the land may be transferred to other agency department of person only with the prior approval of the state government instead of the current condition requiring prior approval of the central government.’”*

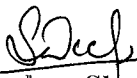
The matter has been examined in the Ministry and it is conveyed that the general condition in case of diversion of Zudpi Jungle land {as specified in **category I** (Diversion of 32,229ha of fragmented Zudpi Jungle for Public purpose/ public infrastructure) and **Category –II** (Encroachments excluding commercial purposes prior to 12/12/1996)} proposed under Simplified Procedure conveyed vide letter No. 8-33/2001-FC shall be read as

“The Forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other user agency, department or person without prior approval of State government”

State government shall ensure that no provisions of FCA 1980 are violated.

This is issued with the prior approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully


(Sandeep Sharma) 27.6.18
Inspector General of Forests (FC)

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