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Dated: 11.02.2025

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Revenue and Forest Department,
Hutatma Rajguru Chowk
Madam Cama Marg, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400032

Sub: Diversion of 3.4659 ha of Forest land in favour of National Highway Division, Ratnagiri for upgrading of existing 2 lane of NH-66 to 4 lane configuration starts from Talegaon to Kalmat between Km 367/200 to Km 406/030 in Sindhudurg District in the State of Maharashtra.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra's letter no. Desk-17/NC/I.I.D.-2582/17-18 dated 01.02.2018 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980**. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government, 'in-principle' approval was accorded by the Central Government vide its letter of even number dated 23.05.2018. The APCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra's letter no. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-12576/Kolhapur/24-25/2457 dated 31.01.2025 submitted compliance report and requested to grant final approval to the proposal.

After careful consideration of the proposal and compliance report, I am directed to convey the Central Government's 'final approval' under Section-2 of the **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980** for diversion of **3.4659 ha** of Forest land in favour of National Highway Division, Ratnagiri for upgrading of existing 2 lane of NH-66 to 4 lane configuration starts from Talegaon to Kalmat between Km 367/200 to Km 406/030 in Sindhudurg District in the State of Maharashtra subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- Compensatory afforestation over the degraded forest land, twice in extent to the forest land being diverted, shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
- The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the

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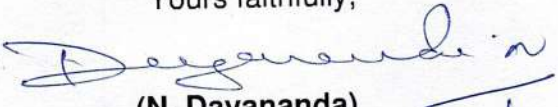
- provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- v. The boundary of the diverted forest land, shall be demarcated on ground by the State Forest Department by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
 - vi. The user agency shall arrange to raise strip plantation on either side of the road and central verge at project cost, as per IRC specification, with maintenance of 7-10 years.
 - vii. Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake afforestation measures along the roads within the area diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost.
 - viii. The reclamation of quarry should be done under the supervision of the State Forest Department. The quarry shall be reclaimed and afforested completely before the project is closed.
 - ix. Overburden shall not be dumped outside the width of the road. The muck generated in the earth cuttings will be disposed of at the designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be allowed to roll down the hill slopes.
 - x. The user agency will provide retaining walls, breast walls and drainage as per requirement to make the slope stable;
 - xi. The State Forest Department shall implement a comprehensive Soil Conservation Plan in the forest area from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
 - xii. The designing of culverts/bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals.
 - xiii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
 - xiv. The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
 - xv. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
 - xvi. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
 - xvii. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
 - xviii. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;
 - xix. As the forest area is inhabited by the Schedule-I species, the protection and conservation of wildlife as per the CWLW approved plan shall be implemented by the State Forest Department from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency
 - xx. Vehicles and Officials of the State Forest Department should be allowed free access on the road without any sort of fee/toll.
 - xxi. Space at cost of project authority should be provided by the User Agency in form of booths/Kiosk/hall etc. at nodes indicated by the Forest Department to facilitate setting of forest check Nakas or Jan-Van Dhan Stall/Information



- centers by the Forest Department.
- xxii. Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
 - xxiii. The State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency. Bird's nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project;
 - xxiv. The State Government, Maharashtra/ Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra shall ensure settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (No. 2 of 2007) before issuing an order for handing over of forest land to the User Agency;
 - xxv. The User Agency shall submit six monthly self-compliance reports as on 1st January and 1st July of every year to this office as well as to the Nodal Officer of the State;
 - xxvi. The State Government shall monitor compliance of conditions of Forest Clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly report as on 31st December of every year;
 - xxvii. Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;
 - xxviii. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.


This order issues with the approval of Competent Authority, Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,


(N. Dayananda)
 Technical Officer (Gr-II) 11/02/25

Copy to:

- i. The IGF (RoHQ), MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003 **for information please.**
- ii. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iii. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iv. User agency.
- v. Guard file.


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