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Date: 14.03.2024

To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 0.0785 ha Forest Land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of Mr. Laxman Kondu Chate for laying of pipeline for agricultural irrigation purpose at Village Gandhari, Tal. Lonar, Dist Buldhana, Maharashtra.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to State Government vide its letter No. FLD-2920/C.R.02/F-10 dated 29.10.2020 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra vide his letter No. Desk-17/NC/II/ID-12624/1253/19-20 dated 31.10.2019 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 30.09.2021. The State Government submitted a report on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' approval and requested to grant final approval to, the proposal.

After careful examination of the proposal and compliance report submitted by the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government '**final approval**' under Section- 2 of the **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980** for diversion of 0.0785 ha Reserved Forest land in favour of Mr. Laxman Kondu Chate for laying of pipeline for agricultural irrigation purpose at Village- Gandhari, Taluka- Lonar, District- Buldhana, Maharashtra subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

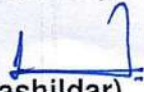
- Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground by the **State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency**;
- The State Forest Department shall undertake plantation of 100 plants over degraded forest land as compensatory afforestation, in lieu of forest land being diverted from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on

receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;

- v. No tree felling or cutting shall be permitted under instant proposal
- vi. 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;
- vii. The pipeline shall be laid down 1.5 meter below the ground and after lying down of pipe line the ground will be leveled;
- viii. No new Forest land shall be allotted for laying of pipeline in proposed Forest patch. The RoW of instant proposal shall serve as public use for irrigation purpose only. All future pipeline proposed in near by area shall be laid down in same RoW and re-diversion proposal shall be submitted by every new user under **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980**;
- ix. To improve the Forest/ Tree cover and to reduce pollution, as mandated in National Forest Policy, 1988 and Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 respectively, the User Agency shall develop a separate nursery at one or more places to raise at least 500 seedlings of forestry species along with bamboo, fruit bearing, medicinal, ornamental and indigenous/local every year. At least 50% of seedlings shall be planted by User Agency in the vicinity of project area including forest area and for hand holding with local people residing in vicinity of proposed area, User Agency shall voluntarily distribute remaining 50% of seedlings to them free of cost. A compliance report including species wise details of seedlings raised, location of plantation area and details of villagers whom seedlings have been distributed need to be prepared every six month and submitted to Regional Office of MoEF&CC;
- x. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- xi. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xii. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
- xiii. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xiv. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less;
- xv. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal **and diverted forest area shall not exceed 0.0785 ha**;
- xvi. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;
- xvii. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980** and action would be taken as per the provision of **Adhiniyam** and rules /guidelines issued there under;
- xviii. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation,


protection and development of forests & wildlife;
**This order issues with the approval of DDGF(C), Regional Office,
MoEF&CC, Nagpur.**

Yours faithfully,


(C.B. Tashildar)
AIGF (Central)

Copy to:

1. The IGF (RoHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003 for information please
2. The PCCF (HOFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
3. User Agency.
4. Guard File.


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