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Date: 24.04.2025

To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 0.0728 ha. forest land for widening of existing Shri Krishna Nagar Bridge near Western Express Highway, Borivali (East) at Village- Kanheri, Taluka- Borivali, District- Mumbai Suburban in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra's letter No. FLD-2023/C.R.-135/F-10 dated 29.05.2023 and the letter from the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (APCCF) & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra, No. Desk-17/Nodal/Thane/ID-14241(79)/52/2023-24 dated 06.04.2023, regarding the above-mentioned subject. The proposal seeks prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

After careful examination of the proposal submitted by the State Government, the Central Government accorded 'in-principle' approval vide its letter of even number dated 08.08.2023. Subsequently, the Additional PCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, vide letter No. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-155480/Thane/91/2024-25 dated 09.04.2025, submitted the compliance report and requested final approval of the proposal.

Upon thorough consideration of the proposal and the 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 the diversion of 0.0728 hectares of forest land for the widening of the existing Shri Krishna Nagar Bridge near Western Express Highway, Borivali (East), at Village Kanheri, Taluka Borivali, District Mumbai Suburban, in the State of 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;**
- Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over **1.00 ha** Degraded Forest Land in Survey No. 419, Compartment no. 1144 at Village- Panchpakhadi, Taluka- Thane, District- Thane from the amount

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which has already been realised from the User Agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Thane District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. At least one water body shall be constructed in the form of tank/ stop dams etc if the same are not available in the area or in nearby vicinity. Further, if existing tank/ stop dams are available and needs desilting/ repair, same shall be carried out to meet the water requirement of wild animals throughout the year;

- iv. 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. User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;
- 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 as per Rule;
- vii. To improve the Forest/ Tree cover and to reduce pollution in the State, as mandated in National Forest Policy, 1988 and Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 respectively, the User Agency with involvement of Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMC's) and in consultation with local DCF shall raise at least 500 seedlings of forestry species along with bamboo, fruit bearing, medicinal, ornamental and indigenous/local for 10 years. At least 50% of seedlings shall be planted in the vicinity of project area and remaining 50% of seedlings shall be distributed among villagers as per choice of villagers. The concerned JFMC's shall maintain record of plantation/ seedling distribution to villagers;
- viii. The trees having bird nests shall not be felled without written permission from the DCF concerned both in forest and non-forest land;
- ix. **Project specific Wildlife Management Plan with special emphasis on avian fauna duly approved by PCCF (Wildlife) shall be implemented at the project cost;**
 - x. Speed regulating signage with wildlife protection will be erected at suitable places in consultation with park management;
- xi. **As per recommendation of State Government, User Agency shall implement suggestion of monitoring committee of ESZ of Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP) at the project cost;**
- xii. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
- xiii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- xiv. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xv. 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;
- xvi. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
 - xvii. 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;
 - xviii. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
 - xix. 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;
 - xx. Violation, if 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;
 - xxi. 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 is issued with the approval of Competent Authority, Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,



(Dayananda.N)

Technical Officer (Forestry)

24/04/25

Copy to:

- i. The IGF (RoHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003.
- ii. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iii. User agency.
- iv. Guard file.



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