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F.No. FC-I/MH-349/2023-NGP/ 14335

Date: 9.06.2025

To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 3.90 ha of Reserve Forest land in favour of National Highway Division, Ahmednagar for rehabilitation and up-gradation of the newly declared Jamkhed to Sautada National Highway 548-D Km 195.375 to Km 208.774 in Village- Moha, Taluka- Jamkhed, District- Ahmednagar in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-1823/CR-218/F-10 dated 27.07.2023 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra Letter No. Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-152831/Nashik/852 dated 20.06.2023 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 20.06.2023. The Addl. PCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, vide his letter no. Desk-17/Nodal/Nashik/PID-152831/1758/2024-25 dated 30.10.2024 (received through online on 06.06.2025) 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 **3.90 ha** of Reserve Forest land in favour of National Highway Division, Ahmednagar for rehabilitation and up-gradation of the newly declared Jamkhed to Sautada National Highway 548-D Km 195.375 to Km 208.774 in Village- Moha, Taluka- Jamkhed, District- Ahmednagar in the State of Maharashtra subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- i. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. 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;**

- iii. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over **8.00 ha**. Degraded forest Land in Survey/Gut no. 87, at Village-Nehuli, Taluka- Jamkhed, District- Ahmednagar from the amount 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 Ahmednagar District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. As proposed water body shall be constructed in the form of tank/ stop dams etc from the amount which has already been realised from the UA. Further, if existing tanks/ 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 avoid felling of Neem trees as far as possible. The trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency;
- 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 VSS 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 State Forest Department shall raise at least 4,000 seedlings of forestry species along with bamboo, fruit bearing, medicinal, ornamental and indigenous/local for 10 years from the amount which has already been realised from the User Agency. 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. **State Forest Department shall undertake avenue plantation of 8 feet tall plants as per IRC norms from the amount which has already been realised from the the User Agency;**
- ix. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas;
- x. The trees having bird nests shall not be felled without written permission from the DCF concern both in forest as well as non-

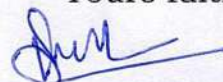


forest land;

- xi. **In conformity with Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, the User Agency in consultation with concerned DCF, shall construct box culverts of approximately 2 x 3 mtrs in forest area as well as in non-forest area where there is traditional route of Wildlife movement, for smooth movement of Wildlife and cattle;**
- 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 and **diverted forest area shall not exceed 3.90 ha;**
- 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 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;
- 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 order issues with the approval of Competent Authority, Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,



(Vijay Sahebrao Kanthale)

AIGF (Central)

Copy to:

- i. The IGF (RoHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, 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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