

भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS & CLIMATE CHANGE Regional Office, Ground Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building Civil Lines, Nagpur – 440001, <u>apccfcetral-ngp-mef@gov.in</u>



F.No. FC-I/MH-390/2024-NGP/ 14380

Date:23.06.2025

To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 0.1702 ha of Mangrove Forest land in favour of MCGM, Bridge Department for construction of Bridge at Dharivali Village at Marve road, P/N ward in Mumbai District in the state of Maharashtra -regarding. (Proposal Number: FP/MH/ROAD/146680/2021.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-1124/CR-148/F-10 dated 01.07.2024 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Thane/ID-146680/560/24-25 dated 05.06.2024 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 01.08.2024. The Addl. PCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, vide his letter no. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-146680/Thane/593/2025-26 dated 12.06.2025 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 0.1702 ha of Mangrove Forest land in favour of MCGM, Bridge Department for construction of Bridge at Dharivali Village at Marve road, P/N ward in Mumbai District 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 from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;

- iii. As a compensatory afforestation the State Government shall carryout plantation and maintenance of 10 times the trees to be felled under the project from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- iv. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (N PV) of the diverted forest land it: any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;
- v. Tree felling shall be carried out in the forest area wherever required under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- vi. The UA shall obtain prior permission from the Hon'ble High Court Bombay for felling of mangrove trees and shall comply with the recommendation / suggestion of the Hon'ble court at the cost of the project, if any;

vii. The UA shall follow the condtions of CRZ clearance;

- viii. 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 and ensure required certificate from the District Collector;
 - ix. The State / UA shall ensure all other approvals / permission under relevant rules / regulation, if any required prior to commencement of the project work.
 - x. Proper labour camps shall be constructed in the non-forest area and in any case, labour camp shall not be made within the RF area;
 - xi. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
- xii. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers 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 the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xiv. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;
- xv. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.1702 ha.** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- xvi. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the all acts, rules, regulation and guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the subject

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project;

xvii. Any other condition that the Regional Office, Nagpur may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area shall be complied by the User Agency;

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xviii. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980;

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

Yours faithfully,

(Davananda. N.) Technical Officer (Forestry) 23

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- 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. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iv. User Agency.
- v. Guard file.

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