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To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 19.43 ha of Reserved Forest Land in favour of Municipal Corporation Greater Mumbai for Construction of Tunnel underneath Sanjay Gandhi National Park along Goregaon Mulund Link Road by Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai in Mumbai Suburban District in the State of Maharashtra-final approval- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-1119/C.R.96/F-10 dated 06.03.2019 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 02.01.2024. The Addl. PCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, vide his letter no. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-27126/Thane/1522/2024-25 dated 03.10.2024 and 26.06.2025 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 **19.43 ha** of Reserved Forest Land in favour of Municipal Corporation Greater Mumbai for Construction of Tunnel underneath Sanjay Gandhi National Park along Goregaon Mulund Link Road by Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai in Mumbai Suburban 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 at the cost of the User Agency;**
- iii. The State Government shall carry out Compensatory Afforestation

and its maintenance in the identified non forest area over an extent of **14.95 ha** in Sy No 87, 49/1, 49/2, 53, 50 & 67 at Vasanvihira of Chandrapur and an extent of **4.55 ha** in Sy No 232/2 in Gondmohadi Chandrapur from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency.

- iv. **CA scheme shall be prepared and implemented as per the provision of under SI No 4 of the Schedule II of the Van {Samrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023;**
- v. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if 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.
- vi. **All conditions recommended by the SC NBWL shall be implemented at the cost of the project;**
- vii. **The State Government shall continue cumulative/holistic study on effects of construction of tunnels on the ecological, geological, hydrological, seismological and biodiversity aspects of the Sanjay Gandhi National Park including its carrying capacity from a reputed institution and implement the outcome measures, before taking up any activity underneath SGNP;**
- viii. Proper muck disposal plan shall be implemented and in any way muck disposal shall not be done in the forest area;
- ix. Work shall be carried out only as per the timings that may be prescribed by the CWLW;
- x. No Labour camps/ office etc shall be built in the forest area;
- xi. The UA shall ensure proper drainage system to flush out wastage throughout the tunnel and any way such waste / garbage shall not be disposed inside the tunnel area;
- xii. The UA at the project cost shall restore the area and compensate for the damage for the flora fauna of the SGNP in case of any adverse impact (s) occurs during construction & operation phase throughout the project life due to construction of proposed tunnel;
- xiii. No tree felling shall be carried out in SGNP for the project;
- xiv. All mitigation measures as suggested in the reports submitted by the State Government shall be implemented by the concerned agency at the project cost;
- xv. The UA shall prepare and implement disaster management plan as per the relevant rules/ regulation to that extent, if required for such tunnel projects;
- xvi. Detailed report on eviction of encroachers in SGNP and around area has been submitted to the RO Nagpur by the State Government. The State Government shall submit further progress on the issue to the Regional Office for its records.
- xvii. The State / UA shall ensure all other approvals / permission under

- relevant rules / regulation, if any required prior to commencement of the project work;
- xviii. 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;
- xix. **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;**
- xx. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
- xxi. 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;
- xxii. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xxiii. 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;
- xxiv. 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 19.43 ha;**
- xxv. 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 project;
- xxvi. 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;
- xxvii. 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,



(Vijay Sahebrao Kanthale)
AIGF (Central)

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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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