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F.No. FC-I/MH-369/2023-NGP/ 14461

Date: 09.07.2025

To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 3.30 ha. forest land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction of Ranjangaon to Ukkhalgaon Doubling of Railway line, a part of Daund Manmad Doubling of Railway track Daund Manmad Railway at Village Ukkhalgaon, Tal Shrigonda, Dist. 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-186/F-10 dated 16.11.2023 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Pune/ID-13095 (25)/568/2022-23 dated 24.05.2023 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 02.01.2024. The Addl. PCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, vide his letter no. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-147694/Pune/2024-25/1848 dated 13.11.2024 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 **3.30 ha.** forest land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction of Ranjangaon to Ukkhalgaon Doubling of Railway line, a part of Daund Manmad Doubling of Railway track Daund Manmad Railway at Village Ukkhalgaon, Tal Shrigonda, Dist. Ahmednagar in the State of Maharashtra subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

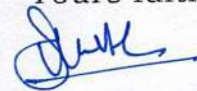
- The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;

- ii. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency;
- iii. The State Government shall carry out plantation and maintenance over 3.3 ha of non forest area identified in Village Kalaspimpri Gut No 107 from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- iv. **The non-forest land proposed for CA which has been transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and notified as RF/PF under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act as the case may be, before handing over of the forest area to the User Agency. The copy of the notification shall be submitted to this office for record purpose;**
- v. The State Government may ensure action under 3A and 38 of the Adhiniyam ,as applicable;
- vi. **The site specific wildlife mitigation plan duly approved by the SC NBWL and all condition stipulated by the SC NBWL shall be implemented at the cost of the project;**
- vii. All mitigation measures required as per the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) prescribed for such linear projects and recommendation of SC NBWL shall be implemented;
- viii. No tree felling shall be carried out in the forest area;
- ix. **The construction work shall be carried out only as per the timings that may be prescribed by the CWLW or SCNBWL direction as the case may be;**
- 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. Speed limit of the train may be restricted as required in consultation with the CWLW and court orders, if any specific to the speed regulation in such wildlife habitats;
- xii. **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, 2023;**
- xiii. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the railway line at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas;
- xiv. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
- xv. 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;

- xvi. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xvii. 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;
- xviii. Pre-fabricated structures should be used to the maximum possible extent to reduce the extent of disturbance in the habitat;
- xix. The debris/ earth excavated during the track laying work should be disposed off or reused suitably so that the natural drainage of the area is not blocked;
- xx. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **3.30 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- xxi. 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 railway line projects;
- xxii. 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;
- xxiii. 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**;
- xxiv. The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

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
- 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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