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F. No. FC-II/MH-211/2023-NGP/14484

Date: 18.07.2025

To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 18.94 ha of forest land in favour Minor Irrigation Division, Sindhudurg for construction of Minor Irrigation Tank in Village- Nirukhe, Taluka- Kudal, District- Sindhudurg in the State of Maharashtra-regarding.

Sir,

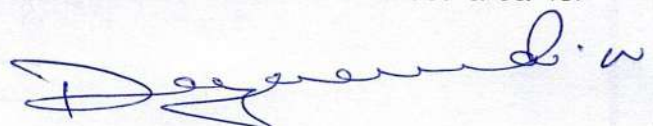
The undersigned is directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-2022/CR-285/F-10 dated 20.03.2023 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra's letter no. Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-155544/Thane/1392 dated 03.08.2023 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government 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 15.02.2024. The Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-2022/C.R.285/F-10 dated 08.07.2025 and the Addl. PCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, vide his letter no. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-127453/Kolhapur/25-26/783 dated 02.07.2025 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 **18.94 ha** of forest land in favour Minor Irrigation Division, Sindhudurg for construction of Minor Irrigation Tank in Village- Nirukhe, Taluka- Kudal, District- Sindhudurg in the State of Maharashtra subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- The forest land diverted for non-forest purpose shall be appropriately demarcated on the ground by way of appropriate permanent boundary marks from the amount which has already been realized from the user agency and the demarcation shall be done prior to starting of any non-forestry activity;
- As the identified non forest area is having more than 0.4 canopy density, programme for improvement of the forest crop shall be implemented by the

Forest Department in a time-bound manner over **18.94 ha.** non-forest land identified in Survey No. 23/1 at Village- Kendre Budruk, Taluka-Dodamarg District-Sindhudurg at the cost of the User Agency. As proposed by the State Government, Compensatory afforestation shall be carried out over **18.94 ha.** of degraded forest land in 18.94 ha. in Gut no 49, 53, Comp. no.295 at Village - Aakalwadi, Taluka - Jat, District - Sangli from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Sindhudurg District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided;

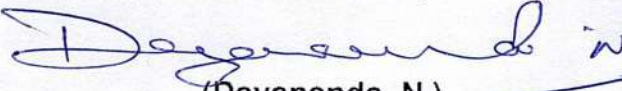
- iv. **The non-forest land proposed for CA which has been transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and notified as RF/PF under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act as the case may be, before handing over of the forest area to the User Agency. The copy of the notification shall be submitted to this office for record purpose;**
- v. 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;
- vi. The State Government and the User Agency shall ensure that the trees available between Full Reservoir level (FRL) and FRL-4 meters are not felled. Further, 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;
- vii. **The User Agency shall undertake plantation of native forest tree species along the periphery of the reservoir;**
- viii. The State Forest Department shall implement comprehensive Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan for 10 years from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- ix. **Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) Plan shall be implemented from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency. Regular monitoring is essential for effective implementation of the CAT Plan. Teh committee shall ensure proper implementation as well as monitoring of the progress of CAT plan as per the provisions of Consolidated Guidelines and Clarification issued under VSS Rules, 2023;**
- x. 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;
- xi. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
- xii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- xiii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xiv. 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;
- xv. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for



- transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xvi. 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;
 - xvii. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **18.94 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
 - xviii. 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;
 - xix. 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;
 - xx. 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,


(Dayananda. N.)
Technical Officer (Forestry) 18/07/25

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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