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Date: 17.09.2025

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 16.6846 ha of forest land in favour of Central Railway, Ghatkopar for construction of third Railway line between Kalyan to Kasara station of 67.62 km in Ulhasnagar, Kalyan and Shahapur Talukas in Thane District in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-1923/CR.20/F-10 dated 25.05.2023 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra Letter No.Desk-17/Nodal/Thane/ID-13361(78)/2430/2022-23 dated 19.12.2022 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 19.07.2024. The Addl. PCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra's letter no. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-41780/Thane/1305/2025-26 dated 02.09.2025 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 **16.6846 ha** of forest land in favour of Central Railway, Ghatkopar for construction of third Railway line between Kalyan to Kasara station of 67.62 km in Ulhasnagar, Kalyan and Shahapur Talukas in Thane District in the State of Maharashtra, subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions:

- Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- 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 by the State Forest Department from the amount realized from the User Agency;
- Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 17.00 ha. Non-forest land in Survey No. 56, at Beat- Waranga, Village Bhosi, Taluka- Kalamnuri, District - Hingoli 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 Hingoli District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. The CA area shall be fenced for better protection;

- iv. **The extent of 17.00 ha. of non-forest land identified for CA in Survey No. 56, at Beat- Waranga, Village Bhosi, Taluka- Kalamnuri, District - Hingoli which has ben notified as RF/PF under Section 4 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 shall be demarcated properly, Further the local villagers may be educated with regard to applicability of provisions of IFA and VSSA, 1980 so as to avoid encroachments and violation of the provisions of the Acts mentioned above;**
- v. CA scheme shall be implemented in time bound manner as per Van (Samvardhan Evam Sanrakshan) Rules, 2023;
- vi. 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.
- vii. User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- viii. 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 the provision of Van (Samvardhan Evam Sanrakshan) Rules, 2023;
- ix. **The User Agency shall strictly comply with all recommendation/mitigation measures stipulated by the SC NBWL at the project cost and State Forest Department shall ensure strict compliance to that effect;**
- x. Speed regulating signages will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas;
- 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 **16.6846 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 as per the provision of Van (Samvardhan Evam Sanrakshan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and rules/guidelines issued thereunder;
- 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,


(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. User agency.
- iv. Guard file.


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