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MUMBAI RAILWAY VIKAS CORPORATION LTD.

(A PSU of Govt. of India, Ministry of Railways)

Date: 11, November 2021

No. MRVC/W/150/Forest Land

Deputy Conservator of Forests
Alibag, Raigad.

Sub: Diversion of 9.13.21 ha of Forest Land for the Project of Panvel - Karjat Suburban corridor (Doubling Railway Line) In Raigad District in the State of Maharashtra regarding. (Proposal No. FP/MH/RAIL/43265/2019)

Ref: Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Regional Office, Nagpur's letter No. FC-II/MH-156/2021-NGP/8676, Date: 29. 09. 2021 (Copy Enclosed for ready reference)

Dear Sir,

Integrated Regional office/ Nagpur, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change of Govt. of India had placed the proposal before Regional Empowered Committee (REC) in its meeting held on 16.09.2021. The Committee, after detailed discussion and examination of the proposal, decided to call further remarks/additional information and proposal to be resubmitted to the Committee for evaluation vide letter referred above.

In view of the above remarks on the observations pertaining to this office are as under: -

S. No.	MOEF & CC Observations	Remarks
i.	For detailed examination of proposal comments from PCCF (HoFF)/PCCF (Wildlife), Maharashtra and District Collector, Raigad on any adverse impact of proposal on local Biodiversity /Wildlife/Environment and Mitigation measures therefor needs to be submitted.	Pertain to DCF, Alibag office.
ii.	A joint Inspection by a team having officials from state Forest Department, Morbe dam Authority and User Agency shall be carried out and a detailed report on impact of blasting on Morbe dam and recommendation thereof shall be submitted.	A joint inspection by a team having officials from state Forest Department, Morbe dam Authority and User Agency has been held on 22.10.2021 at Morbe dam site. The joint inspection note along with reports is enclosed herewith.
iii.	Since the User Agency in instant proposal is State Government the dispensation over raising CA over double degraded forest land is not applicable. Accordingly, the state Government shall propose CA over equivalent non-forest land or double in extent over such categories of forest land which are not under management and/or	The user agency for the land is Central government under Ministry of Railways, Govt. of India and not State Govt. Government of Maharashtra is sharing the cost as the project is sanctioned under MUTP-3 by Government of India in Railway budget in 2015-16. Moreover, all assets

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	administrative control of the state Government.	belong to Central Railway i.e. central Government only.
iv.	There is possibility of proposing alignment further south of existing alignment specifically at the place where tunnel is proposed, accordingly the state Government shall explore possibility of shifting proposed alignment towards south of existing alignment.	The proposed alignment for the corridor has been kept on North of existing alignment keeping in view major constraints on south of existing alignment for the suburban corridor. Since the existing alignment is single line section and doubling of the same need to be done on south side only considering various constraints and technical & operational requirements of the section. Hence new corridor has been planned on north of existing alignment and detour near the tunnel location has been done on technical ground for the safety of existing tunnel.

In view of above, it is requested to send the detailed reply along with compliance for item no. (i) to Integrated Regional office, MOEF & CC, Nagpur for further consideration of the proposal for approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.


11.11.2021.
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