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F.No. FC-I/MH-196/2020-NGP 13716

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To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Revenue and Forest Department,
HutatmaRajguruChowk
Madam Cama Marg Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400032.

Sub: Diversion of 0.72 ha forest land for Rehabilitation & Upgradation of newly declared Badhera road Nagzirakheda and Murtizapur to Kherda of NH-161 E section from Washim to DastarpurDesign to Two lane with paved shoulder in village Masola Tal. Mangrulpir Dist. Washim in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra letter No. Desk-17/NC/I/ID-12827/703/20-21 dated 29.10.2020 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 10.11.2020. The State Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-2020/C.R. 220/F-10 dated 04.05.2023 and letter no. FLD-2020/C.R.220/F-10 dated 19.10.2023 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 0.72 ha forest land for Rehabilitation & Upgradation of newly declared Badhera road Nagzirakheda and Murtizapur to Kherda of NH-161 E section from Washim to DastarpurDesign to Two lane with paved shoulder in village Masola Tal. Mangrulpir Dist. Washim 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. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department 1.50 ha. Degraded Forest Land at Compartment no. C-111 at Village –Karanja, Tal- Karanja, Dist- Washim at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any



species may be avoided;

- iv. The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;
- 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. 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 and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;
- vii. 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
- viii. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
- ix. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- x. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xi. State Government shall take action against violation of VSSA 1980;
- xii. As proposed by the State Government Wildlife mitigation measures like wildlife crossing Boards, Sign Boards, Speed Breakers rambler strips, delineators, hazard Markers, cat eyes, Solar Blinker and 4 water bodies at both side of the road;
- xiii. 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;
- xiv. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xv. 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:
- xvi. 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 0.72 ha;
- xvii. 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;



- xviii. 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;
- xix. 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 DDGF(C), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,

(C.B. Tashildar) 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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