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F. No.: FC-III/MH-51/2022-NGP/ 14980

Date: 17.12.2025

To,

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

**Sub: Diversion of 132.102 ha of forest land in favour of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways through National Highway Division of PWD Gadchiroli for Up-gradation to 2 lane with paved shoulder configuration of Gadchiroli-Allapalli-Sironcha of NH-353 C in Gadchiroli District in the State of Maharashtra- Final approval-regarding.**

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-26A22/CR-189/F-10 dated 28.07.2022 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra's letter no. Desk-17/Nodal/Gadchiroli/ID-12983/875/2022-23 dated 12.07.2022 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 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 30.01.2023 and amendment letter dated 05.12.2024. The State Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-26A22/C.R.-189/F-10 dated 04.05.2023 and The APCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, vide his letter no. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-118848/Gadchiroli/960 dated 23.07.2025, 1312.2025, 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 **132.102 ha** of forest land in favour of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways through National Highway Division of PWD Gadchiroli for Up-gradation to 2 lane with paved shoulder configuration of Gadchiroli-Allapalli-Sironcha of NH-353 C in Gadchiroli District in the State of Maharashtra subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 270.00 ha degraded forest land per following details **from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency:**

Sl. No.	Compt. No.	Area	Beat	Round	Range
1	KP138	10	Rajaram- I	Rajaram	Kamlapur
2	SA038	5	Bejjurpalli- I	Bejjurpalli	Bamni
3	SA063	5	Gangunur- I	Sirkonda	Bamni

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4	SA002	10	Paidigudam	Parsewada	Bamni
5	312	10	Dhanur	Choudampalli	Choudampalli
6	AP004	10	Zinganoor	Zinganoor	Zinganoor
7	AA302	10	Asarali I	Asarali	Asaralli
8	220	10	Ashti	Markhanda	Choudampalli
9	254	10	Chandankhedi	Thakri	Choudampalli
10	280	10	Choudampalli	Choudampalli	Choudampalli
11	SA064	10	Gangunur- I	Sirkonda	Bamni
12	SA002	15	Paidigudam	Parsewada	Bamni
13	318	15	Dhanur	Choudampalli	Choudampalli
14	SA064	15	Gangunur- I	Sirkonda	Bamni
15	AA229	20	Pulligudum	Zinganoor	Zinganoor
16	SB009	25	Rangyapalli- I	Karaspalli	Sironcha
17	SB009/1	25	Rangyapalli- I	Karaspalli	Sironcha
18	SB010	25	Rangyapalli- I	Karaspalli	Sironcha
19	SA356	30	Arda	Sirkonda	Sironcha

As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Central Chanda Forest Division shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. At least six water bodies in Compt. no. SA356, five water bodies in Compt. no's SB009, SB009/1, SB010, four water bodies in Compt. no. AA229, three water bodies in compartment no's SA002, 318, SA064, two each in compartment no's KP138, SA002, 312, AP004, AA302, 220, 254, 280, SA064 and one in Compt. no's SA038 & SA063, shall be constructed in the form of tank/ stop dams etc. Further, if existing tank/ stop dams are available and needs desilting/ repair, same shall be carried out by the State Forest Department **from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency** to meet the water requirement of wild animals throughout the year;

- iii. 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. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
- iv. 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;
- v. 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 Rule;
- vi. To improve the Forest/ Tree cover and to reduce pollution in the State, as

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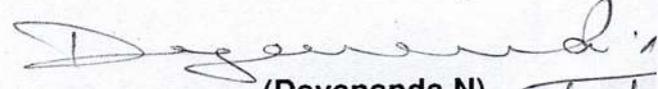
- mandated in National Forest Policy, 1988 and Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 respectively, the State Forest Department with involvement of Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMC's) shall raise at least 75,000 seedlings of forestry species along with bamboo, fruit bearing, medicinal, ornamental and indigenous/local for 10 years **from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency**. At least 50% of seedlings shall be planted in the vicinity of project area and remaining 50% of seedlings shall be distributed among villagers as per choice of villagers. The concerned JFMC's shall maintain record of plantation/ seedling distribution to villagers;
- vii. 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;
  - viii. The Forest Department shall carryout the avenue plantation by planting 8 feet tall suitable forestry species outside RoW passing through the Forest Areas as well as non-forest areas as per the IRC norms **from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency**;
  - ix. **It is noted that the User Agency deposited amount in compliance to the condition Nos (vi) & (viii) above in to the DCF accounts. Hence, as per the norms, the concerned DCF shall be instructed to transfer all such amounts to the designated CAMPA account immediately and inform this office accordingly.**
  - x. The User Agency shall construct 49 numbers of culverts in the entire stretch of the road as recommended by the State Forest Department and to address the safety concerns at locations where culverts are omitted, measures such as rumble strips, speed breakers, and speed control retro-reflective boards as recommended by the State forest department shall be implemented by the User Agency at its own cost;
  - xi. As the area is adjacent to the tiger corridor and Pranhita Wild-life Sanctuary, also the region is known for man-animal conflicts due to presence of Schedule-I animals in area like tiger, leopard, sloth bear along with spotted deer; a 10 years Wildlife Conservation Plan and mitigation measures if any suggested by the PCCF (Wildlife), Government of Maharashtra shall be implemented at the project cost;
  - xii. As per the decision of the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife (SC NBWL) in its 84th meeting and the clarification issued by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) vide letter No. 7- 9/2010-NTCA (Part) dated 20- 08-2025, the State Government shall decide on the requirement of obtaining wildlife clearance and seek approval from the competent authority under Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972 as applicable before commencement of the project work;
  - xiii. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road 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. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
  - xvi. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
  - xvii. 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;
- xviii. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer;
- xix. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xx. 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;
- xxi. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
- xxii. 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;
- xxiii. 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;
- xxiv. 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) 17/12/21

**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. User agency.
- iv. Guard file.

  
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