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Date: 17.12.2025

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 54.274 ha of forest land in favour of Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Gadchiroli for Up-gradation to 2/4 lane with paved shoulder configuration of Gadchiroli- Allapalli- Sironcha of NH- 353 C from Gitali- Mosam- ZamelaNalla in Gadchiroli District in the State of Maharashtra. (FP/MH/ROAD/119248/2021)- Final approval -regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to State Government of Maharashtra letter no. FLD-36A22/CR-205/F-10 dated 23.12.2022 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra Letter No, Desk-17/Nodal/Gadchiroli/ID-12987/141512022-23 dated 06.09.2022 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section- 2 of the VSSA, 1980 and to inform that, with the approval of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC), the RO Nagpur vide order dated 21.11.2023 conveyed in principle approval. The State Forest Department vide letter Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-119248/Gadchiroli/961 dated 23.07.2025 and 13.12.2025 submitted a compliance report and requested to convey final approval for the project under VSSA, 1980.

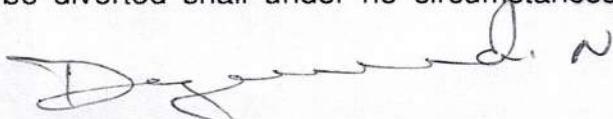
After careful consideration of the proposal and compliance report submitted by the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government's Final approval under **Section '2' (1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980** for diversion of **54.274 ha** of forest land in favour of Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Gadchiroli for Up-gradation to 2/4 lane with paved shoulder configuration of Gadchiroli- Allapalli- Sironcha of NH- 353 C from Gitali- Mosam- Zamela Nalla in Gadchiroli District in the State of Maharashtra, subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions: -

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. 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;
3. Compensatory Afforestation shall be carried over **110.00 ha**. Degraded forest

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land identified in Markhanda, Aheri, Choudampalli Ranges of Allapalli Forest division by the State Forest department **from the amount which has already been realized from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;**

4. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Gadchiroli Districts shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
5. 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
6. User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled at the cost of User Agency under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
7. 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
8. The trees having bird nests shall not be felled without written permission from the DCF concerned both in forest as well as non forest land;
9. In conformity with Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, the User Agency in consultation with concerned DCF, may provide suitable guided cross passage structures as per need and along possible traditional routes of Wildlife for their smooth movement;
10. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas
11. 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;
12. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
13. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
14. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land
15. 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;
16. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work
17. 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;
18. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
19. 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;

20. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan E�am Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980 and action would be taken as per the provision of Adhiniyam and rules /guidelines issued there under;
21. 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 issues with the approval of Competent Authority, Regional Office, MoEF & CC, Nagpur.

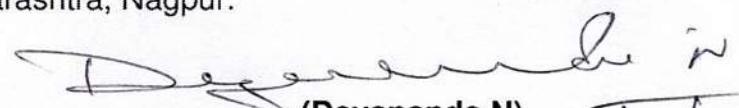
Yours faithfully,



(Dayananda.N)
Technical Officer (Forestry) 17/12/25

Copy to:

1. The IGF (RoHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003 **for information please**
2. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
3. User agency.
4. Guard file.



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