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To,

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

**Sub: Diversion of 0.6732 ha. Mangrove Forest land in favour of CIDCO Ltd. for establishment of a connectivity link from Kharghar to Taloja at Pendhar involving Construction of Bridge on Taloja River and Construction of ROB on Diva-Panvel Railway Line in Taluka- Panvel, District- Raigad in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.**

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to State Government of Maharashtra letter no. FLD-2022/CR-290/F-10 dated 23.03.2023 which was received in this office on 28.03.2023 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra letter no. Desk-17/Nodal/Thane/I.D-13131 (77)/1605/2022-23 dated 27.09.2022 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 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 15.05.2023. The Government of Maharashtra has now submitted a report on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' approval and requested the State Government to grant final approval to the proposal.

After careful examination of the compliance report submitted by the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government's '**final approval**' under Section- 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 for diversion of **0.6732 ha.** Mangrove Forest land in favour of CIDCO Ltd. for establishment of a connectivity link from Kharghar to Taloja at Pendhar involving Construction of Bridge on Taloja River and Construction of ROB on Diva-Panvel Railway Line in Taluka- Panvel, District- Raigad 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 **as per the direction of the Division Forest Officer at the project cost**;
- iii. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over **1.00 ha. degraded forest** land in Survey No. 85 at Village- Turbhe, Taluka- Panvel, District- Raigad **from the amount which has already been realized**

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- from the User Agency.** As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Raigad District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. Atleast one water body shall be constructed in the form of tank/ stop dams etc if the same are not available in the area or in nearby vicinity. Further, if existing tanks/ stop dams are available and needs desilting/ repair; same shall be carried out to meet the water requirement of wild animals throughout the year;
- iv. 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;
  - v. 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. **Tree felling shall be done from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency**
  - 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 as per Rule- 9 (6) (b) (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022 dated 28.06.2022;
  - viii. To improve the Forest/ Tree cover and to reduce pollution in the State, as mandated in National Forest Policy, 1988 and Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 respectively, the User Agency with involvement of Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMC's) and in consultation with local DCF shall raise at least 2500 seedlings of forestry species along with bamboo, fruit bearing, medicinal, ornamental and indigenous/local for 10 years. 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;
  - ix. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas;
  - x. The UA shall ensure to provide necessary passages under proposed bridge to ensure smooth movement of Wildlife and cattle;
  - 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;
  - 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;
- 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 rules /guidelines issued there under and action will be initiated in case of any such violation noticed;
- 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;

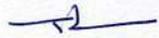
**This issues with the approval of DDGF(C), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur.**

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 for information please
- ii. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iii. User agency.
- iv. Guard file.

  
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