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F.No. FC-I/MH-392/2024-NGP/14474

Date: 16.07.2025

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
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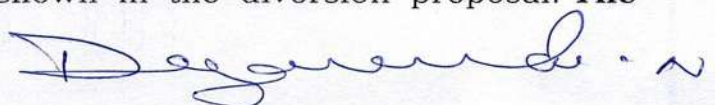
Sub: Diversion of 3.9443 ha. Forest land under section-2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for Uran-Usar Propane laying 12" dia liquid propane along with OFC in Uran, Panvel, Pen & Alibag Taluka, Raigad District in the State of Maharashtra- In-principal approval regarding.

Please refer to the Government of Maharashtra letter no. FLD-1324/C.R.85/F-10 dated 08.08.2024 and online proposal No FP/MH/Pipeline/155612/2022, seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with **Section '2' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980** for the above-mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal, I am directed to convey the Central Government's '**in-principle**' approval under Section '2' of **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980** for diversion of 3.9443 ha. Forest land under section-2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for Uran-Usar Propane laying 12" dia liquid propane along with OFC in Uran, Panvel, Pen & Alibag Taluka, Raigad District in the State of Maharashtra. (FP/MH/Pipeline/155612/2022), subject to the following conditions: -

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. The boundary of the diverted forest land, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar;
3. The State Government shall carry out compensatory afforestation over 8.00 ha. degraded forest land in Survey No. 45, 346 at Village Ambivali & Nere, Tal. Panvel, Dist. Raigad at the cost of the User Agency.
4. CA scheme shall be implemented in time bound manner as per the provision of the VSS rules, 2023;

5. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **3.9443 ha** from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and Ministry's guideline;
6. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. **The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;**
7. All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);
8. 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 or working permission to the User Agency and ensure required certificate from the District Collector;
9. **The User Agency shall obtain prior approval from the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay for felling of mangroves and execution of the project, and shall implement any mitigation measures as directed, if any, at the project cost;**
10. The pipeline shall be laid down 1.5 meter below the ground and after lying down of pipe line the ground will be leveled;
11. The State / UA shall ensure all other approvals / permission under relevant rules / regulation, if any required prior to commencement of the project work;
12. Proper labour camps shall be constructed in the non-forest area and in any case, labour camp shall not be made within the RF area;
13. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
14. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
15. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
16. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;
17. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **3.9443 ha.** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. **The**



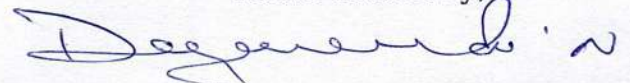
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18. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the all acts, rules, regulation and guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the subject project;
19. Any other condition that the Regional Office, Nagpur may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area shall be complied by the User Agency;
20. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / guidelines issued under **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980;**
21. The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);
22. **The State Government shall issue working permission only after ensuring compliance to all such condition (s) as per the provision of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023 and obtaining all clearance / approval from the all Acts, Rules, Regulation from the competent authorities/ Courts as required;**

After receipt of the Compliance report on the above conditions, the proposal will be considered to accord final approval. The in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of **2 years** from the date of issue of the same. In the event of noncompliance of the above conditions within the stipulated period, this in-principle approval **shall be deemed to be null and void.**

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority, Regional Office, MoEF& CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,



(Dayananda.N)

Technical Officer (Forestry)

Copy to:

- i. The IGF (RoHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003 **for information please.**
- ii. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iii. User agency.
- iv. Guard file.

