

भारत सरकर GOVERNMENT OF INDIA पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS & CLIMATE CHANGE Regional Office, Ground Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building Civil Lines, Nagpur – 440001, apccfcetral-ngp-mef@gov.in



F.No. FC-II/MH-240/2024-NGP/ 13597

Date: 26.09.2024

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

Sub: Diversion of 6.3912 ha. forest land under section -2 of the Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of newly declared NH-752G Section from Satana to Mandrul (From Km 64 +000 toKm101+140)to two lane with paved shoulders in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir,

To,

Please refer to the Government of Maharashtra's letter no.FLD-1524/C.R.180/F-10 dated 23.08.2024 and online application No FP/MH/ROAD/152830/2022 seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal submitted by the State Government and with the approval of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC), I am directed to convey the Central Government's *In-principle* approval under Section '2' (1) of Van Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 6.3912 ha. forest land under section -2 of the Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of newly declared NH-752G Section from Satana to Mandrul (From Km 64 +000 toKm101+140)to two lane with paved shoulders in the State of Maharashtra, subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions: -

- 1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;
- The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out at suitable places by erecting 4 feet cement concrete pillars at 20 mtrs intervals at the cost of the User Agency;
- 3. The State Government shall carry out compensatory afforestation and its maintenance in the identified non forest land over **4.556 ha** in Gut No.230, at Village Kheldari, Taluka Chandwad, Dist. Nashik at the cost of the User Agency
- 4. As the non-forest area proposed for Compensatory Afforestation is less than 10 ha, the User Agency shall provide funds for protection of the area for a period of 20 years. The State Forest Department shall revise the CA scheme and shall realize the required levies from the User Agency;
- 5. Chain link fencing and proper watch and ward of the area shall be

ensured through site specific CA scheme and CA scheme shall be implemented in time bound manner as prescribed under Van (Şanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023;

- 6. The non-forest land of 4.556 ha identified in Gut No.230, at Village Kheldari, Taluka Chandwad, Dist. Nashik shall be transferred and mutated in favour of the Forest Department and same shall be notified by the State Government as RF/PF prior to issue of final order. A copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act as the case may be shall be submitted to this office prior to final approval;
- 7. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 6.3912 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 midalina;
- 8. 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:
- 9. All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (https://parivesh. pic.in/);
- 10. After execution of the project work the User Agency shall dismantle the existing road at two stretches and shall restore the area by raising the suitable indigenes species at the project cost and shall hand over the area to the State Forest Department;
- 11. The User Agency shall ensure that muck shall not be dumped in the
- 12. The State/User Agency shall ensure all other approvals / permission under relevant rules / regulation, if any required prior to commencement of the relevant work.
- project work,
 13. 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;
- After ensuring settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007) and compliance to all such conditions, the State Government shall issue order for working permission and diversion as the case may be;
- 15. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
- 16. 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;
- source or alternate fuel,
 17. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- 18. 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;
- prior approval of Govi. of findla,
 19. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 6.39612 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those

shown in the diversion proposal. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect:

- 20. 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;
- 21. 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;
- 22. 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;
- 23. The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (https://parivesh.nic.in/).

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 non-compliance 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 DDGF (Central), 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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