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Office Note

No. : Desk-17/Nodal/Guidelines/25-26/ 421
Nagpur – 440 001, Dated : 26/5/2025

Sub:- To authorize Nodal Officer for submission of Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) Plan-reg.

Ref:- 1) Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications issued Central Government under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam , 1980 on 29/12/2023
2) The Government of India, MoEF&CC, New Delhi letter dated 24/02/2025

The Central Government in Para 9.2 in the Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 has given following directions in respect of Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) Plans:-

9.2 Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) Plans:- A proposal for diversion of forest land for Irrigation/Hydro-electric projects shall invariably be accompanied by detailed CAT plan except in respect of small hydel projects (maximum up to 10 MW capacity), which are either canal head or run-of the river projects and do not involve impounding of water/submergence of forest land.

2.0 Now, the Government of India, MoEF&CC, New Delhi vide reference No.2 has informed the copy of the Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) Plan should be submitted as approved by the Principal CCF & HoFF or any other officer authorized by him as per Para 9.2 (vii) of consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan), Adhiniyam, 1980.

3.0 The Para 9.2 (vii) of Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 is reproduced as below:-

'CAT plan shall be approved by the Principal CCF & HoFF or any other officer authorized by him for the purpose'

4.0 In the light of the background mentioned above and in accordance with the communication from the Central Government as per reference No.2, the undersigned hereby authorized the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer for submission of the Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) Plans to State Government/Central Government for seeking approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980



(Shomita Biswas)

**Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)
Maharashtra State, Nagpur**

The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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No. Desk-17/Nodal/S1/PID- 153240/Thane/367 /2023-24

Nagpur – 440 001, Date : 20/05/2025

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),

Revenue & Forest Department.,

Mantrtalaya, Mumbai-32

Sub :- Proposal for diversion of 243.74 ha. (Shahapur division 181.45 ha. and West Nashik Division 62.29 ha.) Forest land for Bhavali Pumped Storage Project (1500 MW) Village Kothale & Kalbhode in Tal. Shahapur, Dist. Thane & Village Jamunde, Tal. Igatpuri, Dist. Nashik in the State of Maharashtra (FP/MH/HYD/153240/2022)

Ref- 1) The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane letter No.Desk-10/FCA/A-20/CR-80/24-25/OW-13/25-26, dated 05/05/2025.

2) This office letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/S1/PID-153240/Thane/357/25-26, dated 19/05/2025

The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane vide letter under reference No.1 has submitted proposal to this office. Accordingly, this office vide letter under reference No.2 has submitted aforesaid proposal to Government of Maharashtra. Therefore, the copy of the Catchment Area Treatment Plan has approved by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) Maharashtra State on note sheet as per Chapter No.9.2 (vii) of the consolidated guidelines and Clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan Eevam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith for needful action

Encl:- As above

Notesheet approved by the PCCF (HoFF)

CCF 22/5/25

(Naresh Zurture)

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane for information.

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur/Nashik for information.

Copy to the Authorized Signatory, JSW Energy PSP, Limited, Mumbai for information.