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**Sub:-** Diversion of 12.2607 ha of forest land in favour of Thane Municipal Corporation for construction of Balkum to Gaimukh DP Road (NH.3 Connector Ghodbunder By-pass) in Taluka- Thane, District- Thane in the State of Maharashtra. regarding. (FP/MH/ROAD/148050/2021)

No. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-148050/Thane/594/2025-26  
Nagpur – 440 001, Date :- 12/06/2025

To,  
The Deputy Director General (Central)  
Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change,  
Regional Office, Ground Floor, East Wing,  
New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines,  
Nagpur- 440001.

Ref:- 1. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Nagpur letter No. F.No.FC-II/MH-213/2023-NGP/12543, dated 24/11/2023

2. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai letter No. O.No.Desk-3/Land/407/25-26, dated 02/06/2025.

Sir,

The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Regional Office, Nagpur conveyed the 'in-principle' approval for diversion of 12.2607 ha of forest land in favour of Thane Municipal Corporation for construction of Balkum to Gaimukh DP Road (NH.3 Connector Ghodbunder By-pass) in Taluka- Thane, District- Thane in the State of Maharashtra. Accordingly, the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane vide letter under reference no.2 has submitted compliance of conditions of in-principle approval to this office. The compliance report of the conditions of in-principle approval was furnished vide letter dt.24/11/2023

Sr.No	Conditions	Compliance
i.	Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 20/05/2025 & 02/06/2025 has submitted compliance:-  The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure-1)
ii.	Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for raising CA is handed over by the User Agency;	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 20/05/2025 & 02/06/2025 has submitted compliance:-  The User Agency complied this condition by handing over the required non-forest land for raising CA of Survey No.34 Village Kukdheti

		Taluka Sindewahi, Dist. Chandrapur. The handover document of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure No.2) p/135 to 131
iii.	<b>Compensatory afforestation</b>	
a.	Compensatory Afforestation will be carried over 15.00 ha. Non-Forest Land at Survey no. 34, at Village-Kukudheti, Taluka- Sindewahim, District-Chandrapur at the cost of the User Agency. Since canopy density of the said land is more than 0.4, CA shall be carried over 15.00 degraded forest land in Compt. no. 45 at Village- Mendhebodi, Taluka-Wadsa, District Gadchiroli;	<p>The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 20/05/2025 &amp; 02/06/2025 has submitted compliance:-</p> <p>The User Agency has deposited Rs.1,26,76,920/- for compensatory afforestation to CAMPA account, UTR No. of the same is MAHBN62025012101674000. p/124</p>
b.	The non-forest land proposed for CA shall be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and notified as RF/PF prior to Stage-II approval. 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, will be submitted by the State Movement prior to Stage-II approval;	<p>The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 20/05/2025 &amp; 02/06/2025 has submitted compliance:-</p> <p>The non forest land proposed for CA shall be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department in the name of Forest Department. Further, the State Government has issued the notification of declaring the non-forest land as "Reserved Forest" proposed at Survey No.34 issued Survey No.34 of Village Kukadheti in Taluka Sindewahi of Chandrapur District under Section-4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 vide the Forest Department have vide it notification FLD-15/2025/C.R.-93/F-3, dated 05/03/2025. 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 enclosed as (Annexure No.3) p/130 to 127</p>
iv	The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;	<p>The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 20/05/2025 &amp; 02/06/2025 has submitted compliance:-</p> <p>The User Agency has deposited Rs.1,26,76,920/- for compensatory afforestation and Rs.12,77,979/- cost of Survey, Demarcation and erection of permanent pillars to CAMPA account, UTR No. of the same is MAHBN62025012101674000. p/124</p>
v.	<b>NPV</b>	
a.	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan and Addl.PCCF,



	12.2607 ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/11/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/10/2008, 24/10/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 2021995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No. 5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II) dated 18/09/2003, letter No. 5-22006-FC dated 03/10/2006, letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009, letter No. 5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and letter No. 5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 22.03.2022 in this regard;	Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 20/05/2025 & 02/06/2025 has submitted compliance:- The User Agency has deposited Rs.1,76,14,580/- cost towards Net Present Value (NPV) for the 12.2607 ha. forest area to be diverted under this proposal to CAMPA account, UTR No. of the same is MAHBN62025012101674000. <i>p/124</i>
b.	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. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 20/05/2025 & 02/06/2025 has submitted compliance:-  The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure-4) <i>p/128</i>
vi.	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 and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 20/05/2025 & 02/06/2025 has submitted compliance:-  The User Agency has deposited of cost of tree felling, in favour of Divisional Forest Officer Mangrove, Division North Konkan CAMPA Account through Cheque No. of the same is 112789 enclosed as (Annexure No.5) The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure-5 A) <i>p/125</i>
vii	All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through portal ( <a href="https://parivesh.nic.in">https://parivesh.nic.in</a> ) ;	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 20/05/2025 & 02/06/2025 has submitted compliance:-  The User Agency has deposited all the funds Rs.6,78,00,0553/- to CAMPA Account Acknowledgement receipt of the same is enclosed as (Annexure No.6) <i>p/124</i>

viii.	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, 2002 dated 28.06.2022;	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 20/05/2025 & 02/06/2025 has submitted compliance:-  The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure-7) P/123
ix	The trees having bird nests shall not be felled without written permission from the DCF concern both in forest as well as non-forest land;	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 20/05/2025 & 02/06/2025 has submitted compliance:-  The User Agency accepts the condition and prior to tree cutting TMC shall carry the Third-Party inspection from the Educational Institute to ascertain any bird nest on the trees to be felled. On observation of the Birds nest the written permission shall be taken from DCF concern in forest as well as non-Forest Department land.  The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure-8) P/124
x	The Forest Department shall carryout the avenue plantation by planting 8 feet tall suitable forestry species outside RoW passing through the Forest Areas as well as non-forest areas as per the IRC norms at the cost of User Agency;	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 20/05/2025 & 02/06/2025 has submitted compliance:-  The User Agency has deposited of Rs.3,62,30,574/- to MAHA CAMPA towards avenue plantation by planting 8 feet tall suitable forestry species outside RoW passing through the Forest Areas as well as non-forest areas as per the IRC norms UTR No. of the same is MAHBN62025012101674000. P/124
xi	In conformity with Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, '1960, the User Agency in consultation with concerned DCF, shall construct box culverts of approximately 2 x 3 mtrs in forest area as well as in non-forest area where there is traditional route of Wildlife movement, for smooth movement of Wildlife and cattle	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 20/05/2025 & 02/06/2025 has submitted compliance:-  The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure-9) P/124



xii	Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas;	<p>The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 20/05/2025 &amp; 02/06/2025 has submitted compliance:-</p> <p>The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <b>(Annexure-10)</b> p/120</p>
xiii	No working permission should be given without approval of CRZ clearance and Hon'ble High Court permission for cutting of Mangroves and other necessary approvals from the competent authority. Copies of the approval shall be submitted along with Stage- I compliance report to Regional Office, Nagpur;	<p>The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 20/05/2025 &amp; 02/06/2025 has submitted compliance:-</p> <p>The User Agency has obtained CRZ Clearance copy is enclosed as <b>(Annexure No.11)</b>. p/119 40115</p> <p>The User Agency undertake to obtain Hon'ble High Court permission for cutting of Mangroves and other necessary approvals from the competent authority. The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <b>(Annexure-12)</b> p/114</p>
xiv	User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;	<p>The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 20/05/2025 &amp; 02/06/2025 has submitted compliance:-</p> <p>The User Agency has stated that as per the EIA notification 2006 and Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, the proposal project is exempted from obtaining Environmental Clearance.</p>
xv	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;	<p>The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 20/05/2025 &amp; 02/06/2025 has submitted compliance:-</p> <p>The layout proposed by the User Agency The project for the diversion of the Forest land of area 12.26 ha. for which in-principle approval (Stage-I) was granted. The same alignment layout was examined by the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) of MoEF&amp;CC for the CRZ Clearance of the project in its 340<sup>th</sup> meeting. The committee examined the proposed alignment and directed for the change of layout from cut-cover to tunnel to the Akbar Camp in Village Koshet. Further, User Agency for obtaining of the Revised NOC of the Navy. The minor modification in the alignment was</p>

		<p>proposed by the User Agency. The modified alignment was examined in the 378<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Committee of MoEF&amp;CC and further proposal was recommended by the EAC to MoEF&amp;CC for approval. Based on the recommendation the Central Government (MoEF&amp;CC) accepted and grant the CRZ clearance for the project.</p> <p>The copy of the minutes of the 340<sup>th</sup>, 378<sup>th</sup> &amp; 390<sup>th</sup> EAC committee of MoEF&amp;CC is enclosed as <b>(Annexure 13A)</b> p/113 to 88</p> <p>The diversion area due to modification as approved by the MoEF&amp;CC have change from 12.26 to 9.9 ha. requirement of Forest area. The presentation for understanding, Map and revised area statement for the modified alignment as approved by the Central Government is enclosed herewith as <b>(Annexure No.13B)</b> p/87 to 75</p> <p>In further if there is any deviation layout plan of the proposed prior approval of the Central Government shall be taken and undertaking of the same is enclosed herewith as <b>(Annexure No.13C)</b> p/74</p>
xvi	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;	<p>The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 20/05/2025 &amp; 02/06/2025 has submitted compliance:-</p> <p>The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <b>(Annexure-14)</b> p/73</p>
xvii	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;	<p>The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 20/05/2025 &amp; 02/06/2025 has submitted compliance:-</p> <p>The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <b>(Annexure-15)</b> p/72</p>
xviii	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;	<p>The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 20/05/2025 &amp; 02/06/2025 has submitted compliance:-</p> <p>The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <b>(Annexure-16)</b> p/71</p>



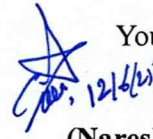
xix	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;	<p>The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 20/05/2025 &amp; 02/06/2025 has submitted compliance:-</p> <p>The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure-17) p/70</p>
xx	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;	<p>The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 20/05/2025 &amp; 02/06/2025 has submitted compliance:-</p> <p>The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure-18) p/69</p>
xxi	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;	<p>The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 20/05/2025 &amp; 02/06/2025 has submitted compliance:-</p> <p>The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure-19) p/68</p>
xxii	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;	<p>The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 20/05/2025 &amp; 02/06/2025 has submitted compliance:-</p> <p>The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure-20) p/67</p>
xxiii	Concealing factual data or submission of false/ fabricated data and violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F, No. 114212017-FC dt.29/01/2018;	<p>The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 20/05/2025 &amp; 02/06/2025 has submitted compliance:-</p> <p>The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure-21) p/66</p>
xxiv	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;	<p>The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 20/05/2025 &amp; 02/06/2025 has submitted compliance:-</p> <p>The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure-22) p/65</p>

xxv	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal ( <a href="https://parivesh.nic.in/">https://parivesh.nic.in/</a> )	<p>The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 20/05/2025 &amp; 02/06/2025 has submitted compliance:-</p> <p>The compliance is being submitted online on Parivesh Portal.</p> <p>The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure-23) p164</p>
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This is for your information and further needful action.

Encl : As above

Your sincerely,



(Naresh Zurmure)

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
& Nodal Officer

Naresh Zurmure  
10/06/2025  
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Copy submitted to the Additional Chief Secretary (Forests), Revenue & Forest Department, Mantralaya Mumbai -32 for information.

Copy to the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai for information.

Copy to the Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division North Konkan for information.

Copy to the Executive Engineer, PWD, Thane Municipal Corporation (TMC) for information.





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**Letter**

O. No. Desk-3/Land/ 607 /2025-26.  
Fort, Mumbai. Date: 02/06/2025.

**To,**

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Nodal Officer,  
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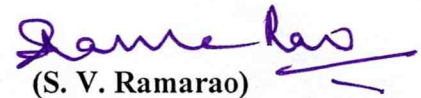
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**Ref. :-** 1) MoEF&CC Office letter No. FC-II/MH-213/2023-NGP/12543,  
Date 24/11/2023.  
2) Executive Engineer, PWD, Thane Municipal Corporation (TMC) Letter No. Ch. ठामपा/स.बां.(मुं)/काअ/34 नअ- 03, दिनांक 29/04/2025.  
3) Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division - North Konkan office letter No. Desk-9/Land/484, Dated 20/05/2025.

The Central Government has accorded '**In-principal**' approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 12.2607 Ha. Forest Land in favour of Thane Municipal Corporation for construction of Balkum to Gaimukh DP Road (NH 3 Connector Ghodbundar By-Pass) in Taluka - Thane, District Thane in the state of Maharashtra vide reference No. 01.

The Executive Engineer, PWD, Thane Municipal Corporation (TMC) has submitted the compliance report to Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division - North Konkan office vide reference No. 02. Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division - North Konkan office has submitted Stage- I approval Compliance report to this office vide reference No. 03 and same is being scrutinized and forwarded herewith for further action. It is very pertinent to submit that the required mangrove area for the project has been reduced to 9.9794 Ha. from 12.2607 Ha. based on the suggestion of MoEFCC while according the CRZ clearance. For necessary actions please.

**Enclosed :** as above. (3 sets of compliance report)

  
(S. V. Ramarao)

**Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Mangrove Cell, Mumbai**

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