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**Sub:-** Diversion of 8.2222 ha. Forest land in favour of City Industrial Development Corporation Of Maharashtra for construction of coastal road from jalmarg sector-16 Kharghar to Sector-11 in CBD Belapur and Balance Link Transport Terminal in Nerul Mumbai in Mangrove and Raigad District in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

No. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-153241/Thane/2603/2025-26  
Nagpur - 440 001, Date :- 4/02/2026

To,  
The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),  
Revenue & Forest Department,  
Mantralaya Mumbai -32

- Ref:-
1. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Nagpur letter No. F.No. FC-II/MH-231/2023-NGP/13582, dated 24/09/2024.
  2. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane letter No.Desk-10/FCA/A-20/CR-01/23-24/49, dated 01/07/2025.
  3. This office letter No.Desk-17/Nodal/FCA/S1/PID-153241/Thane/2023-24/877, dated 11/07/2025.
  4. Executive Engineer (Kharghar Coastal Road), CIDCO Ltd letter No.CIDCO/EE (KCR)/2025/197, dated 23/12/2025.
  5. The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division, South Konkan letter No.A/MDSK/Land/Project/KCR/955/Yr-25-26, dated 06/01/2026.
  6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Mangrove Cell, Mumbai letter No. D-3/land/FCA/1968/2025-26, dated 12/01/2026.

Sir,

The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Regional Office, Nagpur vide letter under reference No.1 has conveyed the 'in-principle' approval for diversion of 8.2222 ha. Forest land in favour of City Industrial Development Corporation Of Maharashtra for construction of coastal road from jalmarg sector-16 Kharghar to Sector-11 in CBD Belapur and Balance Link Transport Terminal in Nerul Mumbai in Mangrove and Raigad District in the State of Maharashtra. Accordingly, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter under reference no.6 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.24/09/2024.

Sr.No	Conditions	Compliance
1.	The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;	<p>The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 06/01/2026 &amp; 12/01/2026 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-1)</b></p> <p>The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai &amp; DFO, Mangrove</p>

Division, North Konkan vide letter dated 12/01/2026, 06/01/2026 have been submitted request letter to Nodal Office and mentioned that:-

Sub Committee of Expert Appraisal Committee (CRZ) had visited the site before recommending for CRZ clearance, for assessing the possible alignment with minimal destruction of mangroves. As suggested by the said committee, Rotary NG.1 & 2 along with connecting roads in Raigad district are shifted to new non mangrove locations, without changing the original main alignment, thus reduction of mangrove area by 1.2024 Ha. The original proposal (for which stage-I approval was granted) was forwarded by Deputy Conservator of Forest, Alibag Territorial Forest Division and the extent of Mangrove areas involved in the project was finalised based on 2005 MRSAC mangrove maps. Upon verification of 2018 IIST maps by South Konkan Mangrove Division 0.844 Ha, additional mangrove areas are found in the original alignment. The total mangrove areas thus involved in the proposed project without changing the original alignment comes to 7.8638 ha which is less than that was approved in Stage-I clearance by Government of India. The details of changing area are as below:-

Mangrove Forest Division	As per Stage-I approval (MRSAC-2005 Map)	Area measured as per IIST 2018 Map	Area Reduced as per CRZ Clearance (MRSAC-2005 Map)	Actual area to be utilized for project (As per IIST-2018 Map)
South Konkan, Raigad MDSK	6.4171	7.2611	1.2024	6.0587
North Konkan, Thane MDNK	1.8061	1.8051	0.000	1.8051
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.2222</b>	<b>9.0662</b>	<b>1.2024</b>	<b>7.8638</b>

The detail statement of the same is annexure as **(Annexure –IA Collectively)**

2. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet cement concrete pillars at 20 mtrs intervals at the cost of the User Agency;

The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 06/01/2026 & 12/01/2026 has submitted compliance:-

The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as **(Annexure-2A)**

As per demand note, the cost of the demarcation of the proposed forest area by erecting 4 feet cement concrete pillars at 20 mtrs intervals amounting to Rs.37,16,477/- transferred in account of Maharashtra CAMPA via generating E-Challan on dated

		04/03/2025. Copy of the payment Challan, Copy of the payment status on Parivesh etc. is enclosed as <b>(Annexure-2B Collectively)</b>  <b>RTGS UTR No.SBIN225071284795, dated 12/03/2025.</b>
3.	The State Government has proposed compensatory afforestation and its maintenance in Non forest land over an 8.2222 ha. at Village Navhe, Taluka Panvel Dist. Raigad forest Range Uran. As the non forest area is already having canopy density of more than 0.4, the State Government shall implement programme for improving the existing forest crop at the cost of the User Agency and considering the fact that the non forest area was handed over by the UA long back in the year 1997, as proposed the State Forest Department shall carry out Compensatory Afforestation over 9.00 ha. Degraded Reserved Forest land in compt. no. 216/0 at Vani, Taluka Roha, District Raigad identified by the Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency;	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 06/01/2026 & 12/01/2026 has submitted compliance:-  As per demand note, the cost of the Compensatory Afforestation deposited, amounting to Rs.93,27,686/- in account of Maharashtra CAMPA via generating E-Challan on dated 04/03/2025. Copy of the payment Challan, Copy of the payment status on Parivesh etc. is enclosed as <b>(Annexure-2B Collectively)</b>  <b>RTGS UTR No.SBIN225071284795, dated 12/03/2025.</b>
4.	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 (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023.	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 06/01/2026 & 12/01/2026 has submitted compliance:-  As per demand note, the cost of the Chain Link fencing with Pre-monsoon works and watch & ward for 10 years period with operations which are Rs.58.05 Lakhs & Rs.35.23 Lakhs respectively & are the cost towards Compensatory Afforestation Scheme. This cost towards CA on degraded Forest land i.e. 9.00 ha. is Rs.93,27,686/- has been transferred to CAMPA vide Challan for CAMPA Funds total amounting to Rs.2,28,04,755/- generated on 04/03/2025 & RTGS UTR No.SBIN225071284795, dated 12/03/2025. The copy of challan, details of payment and status of payment verified on Parivesh portal are enclosed as <b>(Annexure-2B Collectively)</b>
5.	The entire extent of 8.2222 ha. at Village Navhe, Taluka Panvel Dist. I Raigad forest Range Uran claimed to be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department shall be 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	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 06/01/2026 & 12/01/2026 has submitted compliance:-  In this regard, required documents i.e. undertaking, 7/12 (in Local Language and English) etc. attached as <b>(Annexure -3 Collectively)</b> . The entire extent of 8.2222 ha. at Village Nhave, Taluka Panvel, Dist.

	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 Government prior to Stage-II approval	Raigad forest Range Uran, transferred in the name of Forest Department.
6.	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 8.2222 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	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 06/01/2026 & 12/01/2026 has submitted compliance:-  As per demand note, the cost of the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land deposited, amounting to Rs.97,60,592/- in account of Maharashtra CAMPA via generating E-Challan on dated 04/03/2025. Copy of the payment Challan, Copy of the payment status on Parivesh etc. is enclosed as <b>(Annexure-2B Collectively)</b> <b>RTGS UTR No.SBIN225071284795, dated 12/03/2025</b>
7.	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;	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 06/01/2026 & 12/01/2026 has submitted compliance:-  The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <b>(Annexure-4)</b> .
8.	All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal ( <a href="https://parivesh.nic.in/">https://parivesh.nic.in/</a> );	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 06/01/2026 & 12/01/2026 has submitted compliance:-  As per demand note, the funds deposited by CIDCO are transferred to CAMPA fund through e-portal. <b>(Annexure-2B Collectively)</b> .
9.	The User Agency shall obtain prior approval of the Hon'ble High Court Bombay for felling of mangroves and shall implement all mitigation measures, if any at the project cost;	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 06/01/2026 & 12/01/2026 has submitted compliance:-  An application has been filed on 22.04.2025 for getting permission of Hon'ble High Court Bombay for felling of mangroves; vide Writ Petition Stamp No 14645/2025 & Reg. No. WP/6297 /2025. The matter was listed on 11/11/2025 but not came on board, thus matter is yet to be listed for next date. In this regard, an undertaking attached as <b>(Annexure-5A)</b> .  As per demand note, CIDCO has been transferred of felling of Mangrove trees amount of Rs.50,465/- by Demand Draft No.909832, dated 18/03/2025 to favour of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag  As per demand note, CIDCO has been transferred of felling of mangrove trees amount of Rs.1,26,870/- by

		A/c. No.444302010108204 to favour of the Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division-North Konkan. Copy of the Demand Draft and letters of receipt are enclosed as <b>(Annexure-5B Collectively)</b>
10.	The User Agency shall implement all mitigation measures in consultation with the State Forest Department Mangrove cell at the cost of the project;	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 06/01/2026 & 12/01/2026 has submitted compliance:- The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <b>(Annexure-6)</b>
11.	The road / pillars shall be constructed in a such a way that it will not hamper natural flow of water;	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 06/01/2026 & 12/01/2026 has submitted compliance:- The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <b>(Annexure-7)</b>
12.	The User Agency shall ensure that muck shall not be dumped in the forest area;	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 06/01/2026 & 12/01/2026 has submitted compliance:- The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <b>(Annexure-8)</b>
13.	The UA shall implement all mitigation measures as suggested under CRZ clearance issued by the MoEF&CC New Delhi vide order dated 09.08.2024 at the cost of the project	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 06/01/2026 & 12/01/2026 has submitted compliance:- The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <b>(Annexure-9)</b>
14.	The State/User Agency shall ensure all other approvals / permission under relevant rules / regulation, if any required prior to commencement of the project work;	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 06/01/2026 & 12/01/2026 has submitted compliance:- The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <b>(Annexure-10)</b>
15.	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;	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 06/01/2026 & 12/01/2026 has submitted compliance:- The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <b>(Annexure-11)</b>
16.	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	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 06/01/2026 & 12/01/2026 has submitted compliance:- In this regard, the certificate under FRA 2006 of District Collector, Raigad issued vide letter No.RB/LND/A-03/VANHAKKA/450857/2023,

	as the case may be;	dated 16/05/2023 and District Collector, Thane issued vide letter No.RB/Desk-IV/T-2/FRA/NOC/CR-01/2023, dated 28/04/2023 in prescribed format attached as <b>(Annexure-12 Collectively)</b>
17.	User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 06/01/2026 & 12/01/2026 has submitted compliance:-  The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <b>(Annexure-13)</b>
18.	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;	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 06/01/2026 & 12/01/2026 has submitted compliance:-  The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <b>(Annexure-14)</b>
19.	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 06/01/2026 & 12/01/2026 has submitted compliance:-  The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <b>(Annexure-15)</b>
20.	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;	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 06/01/2026 & 12/01/2026 has submitted compliance:-  The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <b>(Annexure-16)</b>
21.	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 8.2222 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;	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 06/01/2026 & 12/01/2026 has submitted compliance:-  The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <b>(Annexure-17)</b> .  The total forest area utilized for the project is only 7.8638 ha. as per CRZ conditions, & thus not exceeding Stage-I approval 8.2222 ha. area.
22.	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;	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 06/01/2026 & 12/01/2026 has submitted compliance:-  The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <b>(Annexure-18)</b>
23.	Any other condition that the	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division

	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;	South Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 06/01/2026 & 12/01/2026 has submitted compliance:- The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as ( <b>Annexure-19</b> )
24.	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;	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 06/01/2026 & 12/01/2026 has submitted compliance:- The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as ( <b>Annexure-20</b> )
25.	The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online ( <a href="https://parivesh.nic.in/">https://parivesh.nic.in/</a> ).	The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Konkan and Addl.PCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai vide letter dated 06/01/2026 & 12/01/2026 has submitted compliance:- The user agency has submitted an undertaking regarding this. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as ( <b>Annexure-21</b> )

Subsequently, the APCCF, Mangrove Cell, on 12/01/2026, requested this office, as quoted as under:-

In this regards, User Agency has submitted compliance report to Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Konkan vide reference No.04. The Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Konkan has scrutinized the compliance report and forwarded to this office for further action vide reference No.5. After scrutiny of the compliance report, following points have been observed:

1. The said diversion of forest area partly falls under the jurisdiction of Mangrove Division North Konka and partly falls in Mangrove Division South Konkan. The details of the same are as below:-

Sr.No	Forest Division	Area (in ha.)	Remarks
1	Mangrove Division North Konkan	1.8051	--
2	Mangrove Division South Konkan	6.4171	Earlier in the possession of Alibag Territorial Foerst Divison
<b>Total</b>		<b>8.2222</b>	

2. The forest area (6.4171 ha) now falls under the jurisdiction of Mangrove Division, South Konkan was handed over by Deputy Conservator of Forests (Territorial) Alibag in 2024-25. As a result, user agency has submitted a revised compliance report of Stage 1 (In principle) approval, compliance report of discrepancies observed by this office along with various statutory approvals (MCZMA, CRZ approvals) to Divisional Forest Officer Mangrove Division South Konkan. Accordingly, Divisional Forest Officer Mangrove Division South Konkan, Assistant Conservator of Forest, Mangrove Division South Konkan, Range Forest

Officer Alibag Mangrove and other forest officials have inspected the said area along with User Agency on dated 21/11/2025. After field inspection, DFO, Mangrove Division, South Konkan has observed the following:

- A) Sub Committee of Expert Appraisal Committee (CRZ) of Government of India, MoEFCC had visited the site before recommending for CRZ clearance, for assessing the possible alignment with minimal destruction of mangroves. As suggested by the said committee Rotary No-1 & 2 along with connecting roads in Raigad district are shifted to new non mangrove locations, without changing the original main alignment, thus reduction of mangrove area by 1.2024 Ha. The original proposal 8.222 ha. for which stage-I approval issued by MOEFCC was forwarded by Deputy Conservator of Forest, Alibag Territorial Forest Division and the extent of Mangrove areas involved in the project was finalized based on 2005 MRSAC mangrove maps. Upon verification of 2018 IIST maps by South Konkan Mangrove Division, additional mangrove areas 0.844 Ha. are found in the original alignment. Thus, the total mangrove areas involved in the proposed project without changing the original alignment comes to 6.0587 ha. which is less than that was approved in Stage-I clearance by Government of India. The details of change in areas under the jurisdiction of Mangrove Division South Konkan are as below:-

Forest area statement of the proposed project				
Details	Original proposed mangrove area as per Stage-I approval	Reduction in mangrove area in the proposed project due to the shifting of Rotary no.1 & 2 along with the connecting roads	Additional mangrove area found in the alignment	Mangrove area finally required for the project with the changes mentioned in column 3 & 4 without change in alignment (2-3+4)
1	2	3	4	5
Area (in ha.)	6.4171	1.2024	0.844	6.0587
No. of Mangroves	837	171	128	794

- B) The Mangrove forest area (1.8051 ha.) under the jurisdiction of Mangrove Division North Konkan has not changed and it remains the same.
- C) The total mangrove area thus involved in the proposed project without changing the original alignment comes to 7.8638 ha. which is less than that was approved in Stage-I clearance by Government of India. The details of change in areas are as below:-

Forest Area Statement of the proposed project				
				Area in ha.
Mangrove Forest Division Col.1	Original proposed mangrove area as per Stage-I approval Col.2	Reduction in mangrove area in the proposed project due to the shifting of Rotary no.1 & 2 along with the connecting roads col 3	Additioanl mangrove area found in the alighment Col 4	Mangrove area finally required for the project with the changes mentioned in column 3 & 4 without change in alignment (col. No 2-3+4)
South Konkan (Raigad District)	6.4171	1.2024	0.844	6.0587
North Konkan (Thane District)	1.8051	--	--	1.8051
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.2222</b>	<b>1.2024</b>	<b>0.844</b>	<b>7.8638</b>

Number of Mangrove trees involved in proposed project				
Division	Number of Mangrove trees in original proposed mangrove area as per Stage-I approval.	Number of Mangrove trees reduced because of reduction in mangrove area in the proposed project due to the shifting of Rotary no.1 & 2 along with the connecting roads.	Number of Mangrove trees added because of additional mangrove area found the alighment	Total no. of Mangrove trees finally required to fell with changes mentioned in col.3 & 4 without change in main alignment.
1	2	3	4	5
Mangrove Division South Konkan	837	171	128	794
Mangrove Division North Konkan	345	--	--	345
<b>Total</b>	<b>1182</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>1139</b>

The compliance of the queries raised by the this office vide ref. 3, and information on changes (reduction/addition) of areas and no of mangrove trees to be felled in the original alignment, along with the compliance of the Stage-1 conditions, are submitted for further Stage-II approval under the Forest (Protection and Conservation) Act, 1980

The APCCF, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai also recommend the proposal for Stage-II approval under the Forest (Protection and Conservtion) Act, 1980, as;

- i. There is an overall reduction in mangrove forest area as against that sanctioned for diversion by the Government of India while according stage -I clearance vide ref-1

- ii. Overall reduction in the number of mangrove trees to be cut.
- iii. Original alignment remains unchanged.
- iv. User agency has complied all other conditions stipulated by the Government of India while according Stage-1 Clearance. The compensatory levies paid by the user agency were according to the 8.2222 ha. area that was sanctioned in stage-1 clearance vide ref. 1
- v. CA land of 8.2222 ha at village Nhave, Taluka Panvel, District Raigad has been mulated in favour of the Forest Department. The said land under Section 4 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 was submitted by DFO, Mangrove Division, South Konkan, vide their letter, dated 05/01/2026. The said proposal is forwarded by office of the APCCF, Mangrove Cell vide their letter no. 1947 dated 07/01/2026 to the APCCF, Conservation, Nagpur for onward submission to the State Government for declaration as Reserve Forest under Section 4 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927
- vi. The User Agency has been informed to approach Hon'ble High Court of Bombay to get the approval of 7.8638 ha. mangrove diversion and cutting of 1139 mangroves trees for the said project. This is again to submit that the working permission for the project under subject will be issued only after a) The Stage-II clearance obtained from Government of India and b) Permission obtained from Hon'ble High Court of Bombay

This is for your information and further needful action.

Encl : As above

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**Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
& Nodal Officer**

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

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Outward No. D-3/land/FCA/1968/ 2025-26.  
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To,

**Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Nodal Officer**  
**Maharashtra State, Nagpur.**

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3. Deputy Conservator of Forests (Territorial) Alibag letter No. A/20/Land FC/451/2025-26 Dated- 17.06.2025  
4. Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial) Thane letter No. D-10/FCA/A-20/CR-01/23-24/49/25-26, Dated.01.07.2025  
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7. Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division, North Kokan letter No. D- 9/land/1620, dtd.14.08.2025

With respect to above subject, Central Government has accorded Stage-I (In principle) approval to the above-mentioned project under stipulated conditions vide reference No.1. The user agency submitted the compliance report of the same to Deputy Conservator of Forests (Territorial) Alibag vide reference No.02. Dy. Conservator of Forests (Territorial) Alibag through Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial) Thane forwarded the said compliance report to your office vide reference letter 03 & 04 respectively. Your office found some discrepancies in the said compliance report and directed User Agency/ Forest Dept for further compliance vide reference No.5.

In this regards, User Agency has submitted compliance report to Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Kokan vide reference No.06. Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division South Kokan has scrutinized the compliance report and forwarded to this office for further action vide reference No.7. After scrutiny of the compliance report, following points have been observed:

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28/01/26

1. The said diversion of forest area partly falls under the jurisdiction of Mangrove Division North Kokan and partly falls in Mangrove Division South Kokan. The details of the same are as below:

Sr. No	Forest Division	Area in Hector	Remarks
1.	Mangrove Division North Kokan	1.8051	--
2.	Mangrove Division South Kokan	6.4171	Earlier in the possession of Alibag Territorial Forest Division
Total		8.2222	

2. The forest area (6.4171 ha) now falls under the jurisdiction of Mangrove Division, South Konkan was handed over by Deputy Conservator of Forests (Territorial) Alibag in 2024-25. As a result, user agency has submitted a revised compliance report of Stage I (In principle) approval, compliance report of discrepancies observed by your office along with various statutory approvals (MCZMA, CRZ approvals) to Divisional Forest Officer Mangrove Division South Konkan. Accordingly, Divisional Forest Officer Mangrove Division South Konkan, Assistant Conservator of Forest, Mangrove Division South Konkan, Range Forest Officer Alibag Mangrove and other forest officials have inspected the said area along with User Agency on dated 21/11/2025 After field inspection, DFO, Mangrove Division, South Konkan has observed the following :

- A) Sub Committee of Expert Appraisal Committee (CRZ) of Government of India, MoEFCC had visited the site before recommending for CRZ clearance, for assessing the possible alignment with minimal destruction of mangroves. As suggested by the said committee, Rotary No-1 & 2 along with connecting roads in Raigad district are shifted to new non mangrove locations, without changing the original main alignment, thus reduction of mangrove area by 1.2024 Ha. The original proposal 8.222 ha. for which stage-I approval issued by MOEFCC was forwarded by Deputy Conservator of Forest, Alibag Territorial Forest Division and the extent of Mangrove areas involved in the project was finalized based on 2005 MRSAC mangrove maps. Upon verification of 2018 IIST maps by South Konkan Mangrove Division, additional mangrove areas 0.844 Ha. are found in the original alignment. Thus, the total mangrove areas involved in the proposed project without changing the original alignment comes to 6.0587 ha. which is less than that was approved

in Stage-1 clearance by Government of India. The details of change in areas under the jurisdiction of Mangrove Division South Konkan are as below.

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Forest area statement of the proposed project				
Details	Original proposed Mangrove area as per Stage I approval	Reduction in mangrove area in the proposed project due to the shifting of Rotary no 1 & 2 along with the connecting roads	Additional mangrove area found in the alignment	Mangrove area finally required for the project with the changes mentioned in column 3 & 4 without change in alignment (2-3+4)
1	2	3	4	5
Area (ha.)	6.4171	1.2024	0.844	6.0587
No. of Mangroves	837	171	128	794

- B. The mangrove forest area (1.8051 ha.) under the jurisdiction of Mangrove Division North Konkan has not changed and it remains the same.
- C. The total mangrove areas thus involved in the proposed project without changing the original alignment comes to 7.8638 ha which is less than that was approved in Stage-I clearance by Government of India. The details of change in areas are as below.

Forest Area Statement of the proposed project				
				Area in Ha.
Mangrove Forest Division Col. 1	Original proposed mangrove area as per Stage-I approval Col. 2	Reduction in mangrove area in the proposed project due to the shifting of Rotary no. 1 & 2 along with the connecting roads col 3	Additional mangrove area found in the alignment Col 4	Mangrove area finally required for the project with the changes mentioned in column 3 & 4 without change in alignment (col. no 2-3+4)
South Konkan (Raigad District)	6.4171	1.2024	0.844	6.0587
North Konkan (Thane District)	1.8051	-	-	1.8051
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.2222</b>	<b>1.2024</b>	<b>0.844</b>	<b>7.8638</b>

Number of Mangrove trees involved in proposed project				
Division	Number of Mangrove trees in original proposed mangrove area as per Stage-I approval	Number of Mangrove trees reduced because of reduction in mangrove area in the proposed project due to the shifting of Rotary no. 1 & 2 along with the connecting roads.	Number of Mangrove trees added because of additional mangrove area found in the alignment	Total no. of Mangrove trees finally required to fell with changes mentioned in col. 3 & 4 without change in main alignment.
1	2	3	4	5
Mangrove Division South Konkan	837	171	128	794
Mangrove Division North Konkan	345	-	-	345
<b>Total</b>	<b>1182</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>1139</b>

The compliance of the queries raised by the APCCF cum Nodal Officer vide ref. 5, and information on changes (reduction/addition) of areas and no of mangrove trees to be felled in the original alignment, along with the compliance of the Stage-I conditions, are submitted for further Stage-II approval under the Forest (Protection and Conservation) Act, 1980.

The undersigned also recommend the proposal for Stage-II approval under the Forest (Protection and Conservation) Act, 1980, as:

- i. There is an overall reduction in mangrove forest area as against that sanctioned for diversion by the Government of India while according stage –I clearance vide ref-1.
- ii. Overall reduction in the number of mangrove trees to be cut
- iii. Original alignment remains unchanged
- iv. User agency has complied all other conditions stipulated by the Government of India while according Stage-I Clearance. The compensatory levies paid by the user agency were according to the 8.2222 ha. area that was sanctioned in stage-I clearance vide ref.1
- v. CA land of 8.2222 ha at village Nhave, Taluka Panvel, District Raigad has been mutated in favour of the Forest Department. The said land under Section 4 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 was submitted by DFO, Mangrove Division, South Konkan, vide their letter No. 952/2025–26 dated 05/01/2026. The said proposal is forwarded by office of the APCCF, Mangrove Cell vide their letter no.1947 dated 07/01/2026 to the APCCF, Conservation, Nagpur for onward submission to the State Government for declaration as Reserve Forest under Section 4 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927.

- vi. The user agency has been informed to approach Hon'ble High Court of Bombay to get the approval of 7.8638 ha mangrove diversion and cutting of 1139 mangrove trees for the said project. This is again to submit that the working permission for the project under subject will be issued only after; a) The stage-II clearance obtained from Government of India and b) Permission obtained from Hon'ble High Court of Bombay.

Submitted for further necessary actions please.

**Enclosure:-** As above. (2 sets)

  
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**Copy to :** Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial) Thane for information & necessary action.

**Copy to :** Dy. Conservator of Forest (Territorial) Alibag Division for information & necessary action.

**Copy to :** Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Division- South Konkan/ North Konkan for information & necessary action.

**Copy to :** Director Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority for information & necessary action.

**Copy to :** Executive Engineer, CIDCO for information & necessary action.