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Sub:- Diversion of 19.43 ha. of Reserved Forest land in favour of Municipal Corporation Greater Mumbai for construction of Tunnel underneath Sanjay Gandhi National Park along Goregaon Mulund Link Road by Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 in Mumbai District in the State of Maharashtra (FP/MH/ROAD/27126/2017) in principle approval

No. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-27126/Thane/1522 /2024-25

Nagpur – 440 001, Date :-03/10/2024

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-104/2019-
NGP/12699, dated 02/01/2024
2. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife West,
Mumbai letter No. Desk-3/land/FCA/C.R.57/461, dated 12/09/2024

Sir,

The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Regional Office, Nagpur conveyed the 'in-principle' approval for diversion of 19.43 ha. of Reserved Forest land in favour of Municipal Corporation Greater Mumbai for construction of Tunnel underneath Sanjay Gandhi National Park along Goregaon Mulund Link Road by Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 in Mumbai District in the State of Maharashtra subject to certain terms and conditions. Accordingly, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife West, Mumbai vide letter under reference no.2 has submitted compliance report for the same as follows:-

Sr.no.	Conditions	Compliance
1	The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;	The user agency submitted undertaking. The same is enclosed herewith as Annexure – 1.
2	The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out at suitable places as per the	The user agency submitted undertaking. The same is enclosed herewith as Annexure – 2.

	direction of the DCF concerned at the cost of the User Agency;	
3	The State Government shall; carry out compensatory afforestation and its maintenance in the identified non forest area over an extent of 14.95 ha in Sy No 87, 49/1, 49/2, 53, 50 & 67 at Vasanhira of Chandrapur and an extent of 4.55 ha in Sy No 232/2 in Gondmohadi Chandrapur at the cost of the User Agency. The identified non forest area shall be transferred and mutated in favour of forest department and the State Government shall notify such mutated area in to RF/PF before final approval and copy of such notification shall be submitted along with the compliance report;	The user agency has transferred non-forest land at village Vasanhira & Gondmohadi, Dist. Chandrapur to Forest Department. The required mutation entries are mentioned in the Revenue Records. The copies of 7/12 extracts are enclosed herewith as Annexure – 3 (Colly) .
4	CA scheme shall be prepared and implemented as per the provision of under SI No 4 of the Schedule II of the Van (Samrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023;	The user agency has deposited Rs. 2,36,01,364/- towards the cost of Compensatory Afforestation at Village Gondmohadi (area 4.55 ha) and Village Vasanhira (area 14.55 ha.), Taluka Chimur, District Chandrapur. The screenshot of payment made on Parivesh Portal is enclosed herewith as Annexure-4 .
5	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 19.43 ha from the	The User Agency BMC has paid the payment amounting to Rs. 31,00,61,997/- towards Net Present Value on CAMPA portal. The payment details are uploaded on Parivesh portal. 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 No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 22.03.2022.	screenshot of payment made on Parivesh Portal is enclosed herewith as Annexure-5 .
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;	The user agency submitted undertaking. The same is enclosed herewith as Annexure – 6 .
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/);	The user agency submitted undertaking. The same is enclosed herewith as Annexure –7 .
8	All conditions recommended by the SC NBWL shall be implemented at the cost of the project;	The user agency submitted undertaking. The same is enclosed herewith as Annexure – 8 .
9	The State Government shall continue cumulative/holistic study on effects of construction	The user agency submitted undertaking. The same is enclosed herewith as Annexure – 9 .

	of tunnels on the ecological, geological, hydrological, seismological and biodiversity aspects of the Sanjay Gandhi National Park including its carrying capacity from a reputed institution and implement the outcome measures, before taking up any activity underneath SGNP;	
10	Proper muck disposal plan shall be implemented and in any way muck disposal shall not be done in the forest area;	The user agency has submitted Muck Disposal Plan which is enclosed herewith as Annexure-10.
11	Work shall be carried out only as per the timings that may be prescribed by the CWLW;	The user agency has informed that the boring of tunnel is continuous operation which should not interrupted. The IIT Bombay vide letter dated 23.05.2024, has stated that 'the removal of tunnelling muck, RCC segment fixing, and grouting of the annular space, to stabilize the surrounding rock mass, are to be executed in tandem (simultaneously/continuously) and the TBM operations should go on uninterrupted'. Hence requested to accord 24 x 7 Hrs. working permission for the GMLR Tunnel work. The copy of the above mentioned letter is enclosed herewith as Annexure-11.
12	No Labour camps/ office etc shall be built in the forest area;	The user agency submitted undertaking. The same is enclosed herewith as Annexure – 12.
13	The UA shall ensure proper drainage system to flush out wastage throughout the tunnel and any way such waste /	The user agency submitted undertaking. The same is enclosed herewith as Annexure – 13.

	garbage shall not be disposed inside the tunnel area;	
14	The UA at the project cost shall restore the area and compensate for the damage for the flora & fauna of the SGNP in case of any adverse impact (s) occurs during construction & operation phase throughout the project life due to construction of proposed tunnel;	The user agency submitted undertaking. The same is enclosed herewith as Annexure – 14.
15	No tree felling shall be carried out in SGNP for the project.	The user agency submitted undertaking. The same is enclosed herewith as Annexure – 15.
16	All mitigation measures as suggested in the reports submitted by the State Government shall be implemented by the concerned agency at the project cost.	The user agency submitted undertaking. The same is enclosed herewith as Annexure – 16.
17	The UA shall prepare and implement disaster management plan as per the relevant rules/ regulation to that extent, if required for such tunnel projects.	The user agency submitted undertaking. The same is enclosed herewith as Annexure – 17.
18	Detailed report on eviction of encroachers in SGNP and around area shall be submitted to the RO Nagpur by the State Government.	The Chief Conservator of Forests & Director, SGNP, Borivali has mentioned in compliance that the detailed report will be submitted to RO Nagpur.
19	The State / UA shall ensure all other approvals / permission under relevant rules / regulation, if any required prior to	The user agency submitted undertaking. The same is enclosed herewith as Annexure – 18.

	commencement of the project work.	
20	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 user agency submitted undertaking. The same is enclosed herewith as Annexure – 19.
21	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;	The Certificate of the concerned District Collector under Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007) is enclosed herewith as Annexure-20
22	User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;	MoEF&CC has vide letter dated 30.05.2018 has informed the project proponent that the Goregaon Mulund Link Road project does not attract the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006. The copy of letter is enclosed as Annexure-21.
23	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 user agency submitted undertaking. The same is enclosed herewith as Annexure – 22.
24	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest	The user agency submitted undertaking. The same is enclosed herewith as


	area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;	Annexure – 23.
25	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 user agency submitted undertaking. The same is enclosed herewith as Annexure – 24.
26	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 19.43 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 user agency submitted undertaking. The same is enclosed herewith as Annexure – 25.
27	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 user agency submitted undertaking. The same is enclosed herewith as Annexure – 26.
28	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;	The user agency submitted undertaking. The same is enclosed herewith as Annexure – 27.
29	In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions	The user agency submitted undertaking. The same is enclosed herewith as

	the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980;	Annexure – 28.
30	The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (https://parivesh.nic.in/).	The compliance report on the conditions mentioned in Stage-I approval letter will be uploaded on Parivesh portal.

This is for your information and further needful action.

Encl : As above

Your sincerely



(Ginni Singh)

**Deputy Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation)**

Copy submitted to the Principal Secretary (Forests), Revenue & Forest Department,
Mantralaya Mumbai -32 for information.

Copy to the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife West, Mumbai
for information.

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests & Director, Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Borivali
for information.

Copy to the Executive Engineer, GMLR, Bruhanmumbai, Municipal Corporation for
information.