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विषय:- राष्ट्रीय महामार्ग क्र.३५३ C सिरोंचा ते झमेला नाला रस्ता बांधकाम करण्याबाबतचा वन्यजीव मान्यतेचा प्रस्ताव. (प्राणहिता वन्यजीव अभयारण्य व त्याचे पर्यावरण संवेदनशील क्षेत्र तसेच ताडोबा-अंधारी व्याघ्र भ्रमणमार्ग)

- संदर्भ:- १. अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक व केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी, म. रा. नागपूर यांनी त्यांचेकडील विषयांकित प्रकरणी मुख्य वन्यजीव रक्षक, महाराष्ट्र राज्य यांचे अभिप्रायासाठी सादर केलेली नस्ती क्र. D-17/2/Nodal/ID-12983/20-21
२. या कार्यालयाचे पत्र क्र. कक्ष-२३(२)/वजी/सर्व्हे/प्र.क्र. ५८ (नोडल)/४७३, दि. १८/०५/२०२३
३. या कार्यालयाचे पत्र क्र. कक्ष-२३(२)/वजी/सर्व्हे/प्र.क्र. ३९/८५७, दि. २१/०६/२०२४
४. या कार्यालयाचे पत्र क्र. कक्ष-२३(२)/वजी/सर्व्हे/प्र.क्र. ३९/२१७६, दि. ०७/१०/२०२४
५. केंद्र शासन, पर्यावरण, वन आणि हवामान बदल मंत्रालय (वन्यजीव विभाग), नवी दिल्ली यांचेकडील पत्र क्र. F.No.WL-6/115/2024-WL/ दिनांक १५/१०/२०२४
(राष्ट्रीय वन्यजीव मंडळाचे ८० व्या बैठकीचे मंजूर कार्यवृत्तांत)
६. केंद्र शासन, पर्यावरण, वन आणि हवामान बदल मंत्रालय (वन्यजीव विभाग), नवी दिल्ली यांचेकडील पत्र क्र. F.No.WL-6/129/2024-WL/ दिनांक २५/१०/२०२४
७. या कार्यालयाचे पत्र क्र. कक्ष-२३(२)/वजी/सर्व्हे/प्र.क्र. ३९/४५३४, दि. १२/१२/२०२४
८. केंद्र शासन, पर्यावरण, वन आणि हवामान बदल मंत्रालय (वन्यजीव विभाग), नवी दिल्ली यांचेकडील पत्र क्र. F.No.WL-6/134/2024-WL/ दिनांक ०९/०१/२०२५
(राष्ट्रीय वन्यजीव मंडळाचे ८१ व्या बैठकीचे मंजूर कार्यवृत्तांत)
९. केंद्र शासन, पर्यावरण, वन आणि हवामान बदल मंत्रालय (वन्यजीव विभाग), नवी दिल्ली यांचेकडील पत्र क्र. F.No.WL-6/119/2024-WL/ दि. १०/०२/२०२५ (Meeting Notice)
१०. या कार्यालयाचे पत्र क्र. कक्ष-२३(२)/वजी/सर्व्हे/प्र.क्र. ३९/५२३६, दि. १०/०२/२०२५
११. केंद्र शासन, पर्यावरण, वन आणि हवामान बदल मंत्रालय (वन्यजीव विभाग), नवी दिल्ली यांचेकडील पत्र क्र. F.No.WL-6/10/2025-WL/ दिनांक १५/०४/२०२५
(राष्ट्रीय वन्यजीव मंडळाचे ८२ व्या बैठकीचे मंजूर कार्यवृत्तांत)
१२. केंद्र शासन, पर्यावरण, वन आणि हवामान बदल मंत्रालय (वन्यजीव विभाग), नवी दिल्ली यांचेकडील पत्र क्र. F.No.WL-6/40/2025-WL/ दि. २९/०४/२०२५ (Meeting Notice)
१३. या कार्यालयाचे पत्र क्र. कक्ष-२३(२)/वजी/सर्व्हे/प्र.क्र. ३९/४१४, दि. ०५/०५/२०२५

१४. केंद्र शासन, पर्यावरण, वन आणि हवामान बदल मंत्रालय (वन्यजीव विभाग), नवी दिल्ली
यांचेकडील पत्र क्र. F.No.WL-6/40/2025-WL/ दिनांक २०/०५/२०२५
१५. या कार्यालयाचे पत्र क्र. कक्ष-२३(२)/वजी/सर्व्हे/प्र.क्र. ३९/७३९, दि. २८/०५/२०२५
१६. अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (वन्यजीव), पूर्व नागपूर यांनी या कार्यालयास उद्देशुन लिहिलेले
पत्र क्र. कक्ष-१(ब)/सर्व्हे/प्र.क्र. १८५/२५-२६/७२३, दिनांक ३०/१०/२०२५

विषयांकीत प्रकरणी, अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक व केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी, महाराष्ट्र राज्य यांचे संदर्भ पत्र -१ अन्वये १३२.१०२ हे. वनजमिन वळतीकरणाच्या प्रस्तावाचे अनुषंगाने, प्रस्तावीत असलेले क्षेत्र व्याघ्र भ्रमणमार्गात आहे किंवा कसे? याबाबत अभिप्राय करण्याबाबत विनंती केलेली होती.

उपरोक्त प्रस्तावाचे या कार्यालयात संस्करण केले असता, सदर प्रस्तावील तपशिलाप्रमाणे Tiger Corridor of EVL नुसार १० गावातील वनजमिनीची प्रस्तावीत क्षेत्रातील रस्त्याची लांबी १०.२५८ किमी. असून त्याचे क्षेत्र २२.५६ हे. एवढे असून सदरचे गावे व्याघ्र भ्रमणमार्गात येत असल्यामुळे वन्यजीव (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, १९७२ चे कलम ३८-ओ (१) (जी) नुसार वन्यजीव मान्यता प्राप्त करणे आवश्यक असल्याचे या कार्यालयाचे संदर्भ पत्र २ अन्वये आपणांस कळविण्यात आले होते.

प्रकरणी, वन्यजीव मान्यतेसाठी विषयांकीत प्रस्ताव या कार्यालयास प्राप्त झालेला होता. त्याअनुषंगाने, उपरोक्त प्रस्ताव या कार्यालयाचे संदर्भ पत्र ३ अन्वये, राज्य वन्यजीव मंडळाच्या स्थायी समितीच्या निर्णयार्थ ठेवण्यासाठी राज्य शासनास सादर करण्यात आलेला होता. राज्य वन्यजीव मंडळाच्या स्थायी समितीने घालून दिलेल्या अटीच्या अधिन राहून सदर प्रस्ताव राष्ट्रीय वन्यजीव मंडळाकडे सादर करण्याची शिफारस केलेली होती. प्रकल्प यंत्रणेने अटी व शर्तीबाबत लिखित हमीपत्र या कार्यालयास सादर केल्यामुळे प्रस्तुत प्रस्ताव Part V सह राष्ट्रीय वन्यजीव मंडळाचे निर्णयार्थ ठेवण्यासाठी केंद्र शासनास सादर करण्याची या कार्यालयाचे संदर्भ पत्र ४ अन्वये शासनास विनंती करण्यात आलेली होती.

तद्नंतर, सदर प्रस्ताव राष्ट्रीय वन्यजीव मंडळाच्या स्थायी समितीच्या दिनांक ९ ऑक्टोबर, २०२४ रोजीच्या ८० व्या बैठकीत चर्चेकरीता होता. प्रस्तुत प्रस्तावावर मंडळाने चर्चा करून खालीलप्रमाणे निर्णय घेतलेला आहे.

“After discussion, the Standing Committee decided that a site inspection committee may be constituted comprising of representatives from the Ministry, Forest Department of Madhya Pradesh, the NTCA, WII and the User Agency for carrying out for site inspection and examination of the animal passage plan and therefore decided to defer the proposal.”

वरिल निर्णयाच्या अनुषंगाने, स्थळ निरीक्षण करण्याबाबत केंद्र शासनाचे संदर्भ पत्र ६ अन्वये समिती स्थापन करण्यात आलेली होती. केंद्र शासनाचे संदर्भ पत्र ६ च्या अनुषंगाने मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (प्रा), गडचिरोली यांना महाराष्ट्र वनविभागचे प्रतिनिधी म्हणून नियुक्त करण्याबाबत या कार्यालयाचे संदर्भ पत्र ७ अन्वये केंद्र शासना विनंती करण्यात आलेली होती.

तद्नंतर, सदर प्रस्ताव राष्ट्रीय वन्यजीव मंडळाच्या स्थायी समितीच्या दिनांक २१ डिसेंबर, २०२४ रोजीच्या ८१ व्या बैठकीत चर्चेकरीता होता. प्रस्तुत प्रस्तावावर मंडळाने चर्चा करून खालीलप्रमाणे निर्णय घेतलेला आहे.

“After discussion, the Standing Committee decided that a comprehensive review meeting may be conducted with the User Agency, State Forest Department, Forest Conservation Division, Regional Office of the Ministry, Nagpur, Wildlife Institute of India, National Tiger Conservation Authority to evaluate the proposal and the report of the site inspection committee. Accordingly, the proposals were deferred for the next meeting.”

वरिल निर्णयाचे अनुषंगाने, केंद्र शासनाचे मिटींग नोटीस दिनांक १०/०२/२०२५ रोजीच्या पत्रान्वये दिनांक १२ फेब्रुवारी, २०२५ रोजी सकाळी १०.०० वाजता ऑनलाईन बैठकीला उपस्थित राहण्याबाबत कळविण्यात आले होते, त्याअनुषंगाने मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (प्रा), गडचिरोली यांना या कार्यालयाचे संदर्भ पत्र १० अन्वये कळविण्यात आलेले होते.

तद्नंतर, सदर प्रस्ताव राष्ट्रीय वन्यजीव मंडळाच्या स्थायी समितीच्या दिनांक १२ मार्च, २०२५ रोजीच्या ८२ व्या बैठकीत चर्चेकरीता होता. प्रस्तुत प्रस्तावावर मंडळाने चर्चा करून खालीलप्रमाणे निर्णय घेतलेला आहे.

“After discussion, the Standing Committee decided that a comprehensive review meeting may be held at the level of Secretary, MOEF&CC; DGF&SS, State Forest Department and concerned department of the State Government and therefore decided to defer the matter for the next meeting.”

वरिल निर्णयाचे अनुषंगाने, केंद्र शासनाचे मिटींग नोटीस दिनांक २९/०४/२०२५ रोजीच्या पत्रान्वये दिनांक ०७ मे, २०२५ रोजी दुपारी ०३.०० वाजता ऑनलाईन बैठकीला उपस्थित राहण्याबाबत कळविण्यात आले होते, त्याअनुषंगाने प्रकल्प यंत्रणेला उपस्थित राहण्याबाबत या कार्यालयाचे संदर्भ पत्र १३ अन्वये कळविण्यात आलेले होते.

तद्नंतर, सदर प्रस्ताव राष्ट्रीय वन्यजीव मंडळाच्या स्थायी समितीच्या दिनांक १२ मार्च, २०२५ रोजीच्या ८२ व्या बैठकीत चर्चेकरीता होता. राष्ट्रीय वन्यजीव मंडळाच्या स्थायी समितीच्या ८२ व्या बैठकीत असलेल्या प्रस्तावाबाबत वन्यजीव मंजूरीशी संबंधित दिनांक ७ मे, २०२५ रोजी सचिव, पर्यावरण व वने आणि हवामान बदल यांच्या अध्यक्षतेखाली झालेल्या बैठकीमध्ये चर्चा करून खालीलप्रमाणे निर्णय घेण्यात आलेला आहे. (प्रत सहपत्रीत)

“The User Agency shall submit the request for withdrawing the proposal.”

तरी, वरील निर्णयाचे अनुषंगाने आवश्यक कार्यवाही करण्याबाबत या कार्यालयाचे संदर्भ पत्र १५ अन्वये प्रकल्प यंत्रणेला कळविण्यात आले आहे.

आता, अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (वन्यजीव), पूर्व नागपूर यांचे कार्यालयाकडून उपरोक्त विषयांकीत प्रस्तावाच्या अनुषंगाने queries/EDS बाबतचा अहवाल संदर्भ पत्र १६ अन्वये या कार्यालयाकडून प्राप्त झालेला आहे. (प्रत सहपत्रीत)

तरी, सदर अहवाल पुढील कार्यवाही करण्याकरीता आपणाकडे पाठविण्यात येत आहे.

सहपत्र:- वरिलप्रमाणे

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 प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (वन्यजीव),
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 १०/११

प्रति,

अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक तथा केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी,
 महाराष्ट्र राज्य, नागपूर.

प्रतिलिपी :- अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (वन्यजीव) पूर्व, नागपूर यांना माहिती व योग्य त्या कार्यवाहीस अग्रेषित.

प्रतिलिपी :- मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (प्रादेशिक), गडचिरोली यांना माहिती व योग्य त्या कार्यवाहीस अग्रेषित.

प्रतिलिपी :- उपवनसंरक्षक (प्रादेशिक), सिरोंचा यांना माहिती व योग्य त्या कार्यवाहीस अग्रेषित.



अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (वन्यजीव) पूर्व, नागपूर यांचे कार्यालय.

नविन प्रशासकीय इमारत (वनभवन), शासकीय मुद्रनालयाजवळ, झिरो माईल, नागपूर
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प्रति,
प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (वन्यजीव)
महाराष्ट्र राज्य, नागपूर

विषय : Diversion of 132.102 ha. Forest land in favour of Ministry of Road Transport and Highway through National Highway through National Highway Division of PWD Gadchiroli for up-gradation to 2 lane with paved shoulder configuration of Gadchiroli-Allapalli-Sironcha of NH-353C on Gadchiroli District in the State of Maharashtra.

संदर्भ : १) अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक व केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी, म.रा. नागपूर यांचे पत्र क्र. कक्ष-१७/FCA-S२/PID-११८८०५/Gadchiroli/११८१, दिनांक १९/०८/२०२५
२) मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (प्रादेशिक) गडचिरोली यांचे पत्र क्र. कक्ष-२(८)/जमीन/प्र.क्र. ४६७(१)/२०२५/९००, दिनांक ०८/१०/२०२५ (प्राप्त दिनांक १६/१०/२०२५)

उपरोक्त विषयांकीत प्रकरणी अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक व केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी, म.रा. नागपूर यांनी त्यांचे संदर्भ क्र. १ चे पत्रान्वये संबंधीत प्रकल्प यंत्रणा यांनी सादर अटीमध्ये सुट मिळण्याबाबत मुख्य वन्यजीव रक्षक (CWLW) यांच्या विशिष्ट टिप्पण्यांसह वापरकर्ता संस्थेने मागितलेल्या प्रस्तावीत सुधारणा / सुटचे तपशीलवार औचित्य प्रदान करण्याचे निर्देश मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (प्रादेशिक) गडचिरोली यांना दिलेले होते.

त्याअनुषंगाने उपवनसंरक्षक (प्रादेशिक) सिरोंचा यांचे पत्र क्र. कक्ष-३(२)/S-१/५३९ व ५४०, दिनांक ०६/१०/२०२५ अन्वये मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (प्रादेशिक) गडचिरोली यांचे कार्यालयास विशिष्ट टिप्पणीसह अहवाल सादर केलेला असून सादर अहवाल मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (प्रादेशिक) गडचिरोली यांनी त्यांचे संदर्भिय पत्र क्र. २ अन्वये या कार्यालयास सादर केलेला आहे.

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सहपत्र : वरील प्रमाणे

(डॉ. जितेंद्र रामगावकर)

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प्रतिलिपी : मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (प्रादेशिक) गडचिरोली यांना संदर्भिय पत्र क्र. २ चे अनुषंगाने माहिती व पुढील कार्यवाहीस अग्रेषित.

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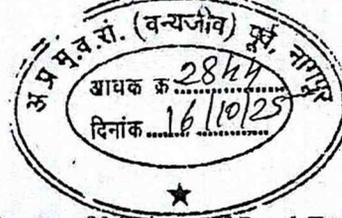
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- 6) उपवनसंरक्षक (प्रा.), सिरोंचा यांचे कार्यालयाचे पत्र क्र. कक्ष 3(2)/S-1/539 व 540 दि.06.10.2025

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करीता याबाबत अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक व केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी, म.रा.नागपुर यांचे उपरोक्त संदर्भिय पत्र क्र. 5 मध्ये देण्यात आलेल्या सुचनाप्रमाणे प्रकल्प यंत्रणा यांनी सदर अटीमध्ये सुट मिळण्याबाबत मुख्य वन्यजीव रक्षक (CWLW) यांच्या विशिष्ट टिपण्यांसह वापरकर्ता संस्थेने मागितलेल्या प्रस्तावीत सुधारणा / सुटचे तपशीलवार औचित्य प्रदान करण्याचे निर्देश दिले आहेत, जेणेकरून प्रादेशिक कार्यालय योग्य विचारार्थ REC समोर मांडू शकेल. त्याअनुषंगाने विशिष्ट टिपणीसह अनुपालन अहवाल सादर करावा. असे स्पष्ट निर्देश आहे.

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16/10/2025

उक्त प्रकारणी, पैत्र शासनाचे तसेच अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक व केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी, म.रा.नागपुर यांचे कार्यालयाचे वरील संदर्भिय पत्राचे अनुषंगाने उपवनसंरक्षक (प्रा.),सिरोंचा वनविभाग यांना संदर्भिय पत्र क्र. 6 अन्वये queries/EDS बाबतचा अनुपालन अहवाल या कार्यालयात सादर केलेला आहे. (प्रत यासोबत सादर करण्यात येत आहे.) करीता माहीतीस सविनय सादर.

सहपत्र:- वरीलप्रमाणे.

(एस.रमेश कुमार)

मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (प्रादेशिक),गडचिरोली

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प्रतिलिपी:- उपवनसंरक्षक (प्रा.), सिरोंचा वन विभाग, सिरोंचा यांना माहीतीस अग्रेषित.

प्रतिलिपी:- कार्यकारी अभियंता, राष्ट्रीय महामार्ग विभाग, गडचिरोली यांना उचित कार्यवाहीस अग्रेषित.



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✓ The Chief Conservator of Forests (T.),
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 3. Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate, Government of India, Regional Office, Nagpur letter dated 24/07/2025 of F.No.FC-III/MH-51/2022-NGP/14523.
 4. This office letter No.Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-118805/Gadchiroli/1016, dated 29/07/2025.
 5. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Gadchiroli Circle letter No.Desk-2(8)/Land/C.R.467(1)/2025/631, dated 13/08/2025.

This office vide letter under reference No.2 & 4 has sought a compliance report regarding queries/ EDS raised by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office, Nagpur, Government of India vide letter under reference No.1 & 3.

The User Agency has sought an exemption from constructing the mitigation structures. Therefore, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office, Nagpur, Government of India vide letter under reference No.1 & 3 has directed to provide a detailed justification for the proposed amendment/ exemption sought by the User Agency, along with specific comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden (CWLW), to enable Regional Office to place the matter before the REC for appropriate consideration.

However, the appropriate point-wise compliance report regarding queries/ EDS, alongwith a detailed justification for the proposed amendment/ exemption sought by the User Agency, specific comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden (CWLW) and point-wise remarks of the Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Gadchiroli Circle and the Deputy Conservator of Forests (T.), Sironcha Forest Division in English has not been submitted vide letter under reference

Therefore, you are once again directed to submit a point-wise, requisite compliance report regarding queries/ EDS in three copies to this office in English at the earliest for onward submission to the Government.


17/8/24

(Naresh Zurmure)

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 3. Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate, Government of India, Regional Office, Nagpur letter dated 24/07/2025 of F.No.FC-III/MH-51/2022-NGP/14523.

In continuation to the letter under reference No.1, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, Regional Office, Nagpur has issued a Corrigendum vide letter under reference No.3. A Copy of the same is enclosed herewith for your information and further needful action.

Encl:- As above

(Handwritten signature)

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F.No. FC-III/MH-51/2022NGP/14523

Date: 24.07.2025

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Reference: The RO, MOEF&CC, Nagpur letter No FC-III/MH-51/2022NGP/14545 dated 24.07.2025

Sir,

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Hence, I am directed to request that the abbreviation "EVL" may be corrected and read as "Eastern Vidarbha Landscape". The remaining content of the letter remains unchanged.

This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority, Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully

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Technical Officer (Forestry) 24/07/25

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Encl:- As above

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Reference: The Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State Forest Department letter No 17/FCA-S2/PID-118848/Gadchiroli/960 dated 23.07.2025 (Copy enclosed)

Sir,

With reference to the subject, it is informed that the Regional Office, Nagpur, vide letter dated 30-01-2023, conveyed in-principle approval for the subject proposal. Subsequently, as requested by the State Forest Department, the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) considered the request for amendment of Condition No. xi of the Stage-I approval order dated 30-01-2023. After examining the joint survey report submitted by the Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State Forest Department, the REC accepted the request and recommended amending Condition No. xi by imposing the requirement to construct 49 culverts, as agreed upon by the State Forest Department and the User Agency.

However, the Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State Forest Department, vide reference cited above, informed this office that the User Agency has now sought exemption from constructing the mitigation structures.

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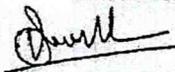
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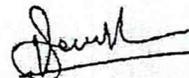
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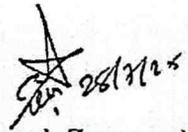
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Ref:- Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate, Government of India, Regional Office, Nagpur letter dated 24/07/2025 of F.No.FC-III/MH-51/2022-NGP/14515.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office, Nagpur, Government of India has sought a compliance report regarding queries/ EDS raised vide letter under reference. (Copy enclosed)

Therefore, you are directed to submit the point-wise compliance report regarding queries/ EDS in three copies to this office in English at the earliest for onward submission to the Government.

Encl:- As above


(Naresh Zurmure)

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to:-

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Date: 24.07.2025

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Reference: The RO, MOEF&CC, Nagpur letter No FC-III/MH-51/2022NGP/14545 dated 24.07.2025

Sir,

Kindly refer to the subject and reference cited above. It is to inform that this Office, vide the reference cited, had requested the State Government to submit certain clarifications, wherein the abbreviation "EVL" was inadvertently mentioned as "Ecologically Vulnerable Landscape".

Hence, I am directed to request that the abbreviation "EVL" may be corrected and read as "Eastern Vidarbha Landscape". The remaining content of the letter remains unchanged.

This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority, Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully

(Dayananda.N)

Technical Officer (Forestry) 24/07/25

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Reference: The Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State Forest Department letter No 17/FCA-S2/PID-118848/Gadchiroli/960 dated 23.07.2025 (Copy enclosed)

Sir,

With reference to the subject, it is informed that the Regional Office, Nagpur, vide letter dated 30-01-2023, conveyed in-principle approval for the subject proposal. Subsequently, as requested by the State Forest Department, the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) considered the request for amendment of Condition No. xi of the Stage-I approval order dated 30-01-2023. After examining the joint survey report submitted by the Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State Forest Department, the REC accepted the request and recommended amending Condition No. xi by imposing the requirement to construct 49 culverts, as agreed upon by the State Forest Department and the User Agency.

However, the Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State Forest Department, vide reference cited above, informed this office that the User Agency has now sought exemption from constructing the mitigation structures.

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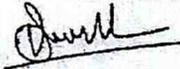
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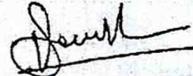
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To,
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 - 7) This office letter No- desk-3(2)/S-1/516 Date-26/09/2025

Respected Sir,

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) Wide reference letter No.1 has sought clarification on the proposal. The following point are mentioned in the above letter.

*"The State Government is therefore requested to provide a detailed justification for the proposed amendment/exemption sought by the User Agency, along with specific comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden (CWLW), to enable this office to place the matter before the REC for appropriate consideration-----
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In response to reference letter No.3 and 4, the following information and opinion of this undersigned office is submitted for further comments of the CWLW office.

The Maharashtra State Board of Wildlife in its 24th meeting dated 17th April 2025 discussed this subject and its decision is mentioned as follows in its minutes of meeting " The State Board for wildlife decided to accept only tiger corridors as delineated in NTCA's report "Connecting tiger populations for long-term conservation" in 2014-15 and as per the GIS data pertaining to Tiger Reserves, Protected Areas and corridors available under Decision Support System (DSS) on the website of NTCA."

Further, the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) issued clarification on the subject to all Chief Wildlife Warden of states vide its letter dated 20.8.2025. The following clarification is mentioned in the letter as

"Reference is invited to the subject cited above and the directions given as per 84th Standing committee of National Board for Wildlife . In this context, I am to place on record, the following provisions of law:

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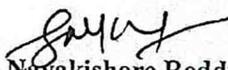
ii. Section 38V(3)(b) "Ecologically compatible land uses in the tiger reserves and areas linking one protected area or tiger reserve with another for addressing the livelihood concerns of local people, so as to provide dispersal habitats and corridor for spill over population of wild animals from the designated core areas of tiger reserves or from tiger breeding habitats within other protected areas;"

2. In letter and spirit of the above provisions of law, this Authority has published 32 tiger corridors in its document titled "Connecting tigers for long term conservation". Further, the Tiger Conservation Plan mandated for each tiger reserve under section 38 (V) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and approved by this Authority under section 38 O (1) (a) of the said Act identifies tiger corridors in letter and spirit of section cited at S. No. ii above. There are, thus, two statutory sources which generally apply for the purpose of identifying the Tiger Corridors.

5. Further, the aforesaid matter has been discussed in the 84th meeting of Standing Committee of NBWL and it is hereby clarified that for the purpose of tiger corridors, the States should preferably adhere to those corridors, which have been identified from the aforementioned two sources under the aforesaid provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972."

In this background, the Eastern Vidarbha Landscape (EVL) area (as per WII study 2016) of the present proposal doesn't comes under the Tiger corridors as delineated under NTCA report 2014. So, the prior approval of NBWL as per the wildlife protection Act 1972 for activities in said area is not required.

Therefore, we request that you kindly forward the above information for necessary action.


(S. Navakishore Reddy, I.F.S)
Deputy Conservator of Forests (T.)
Sironcha Forest Division, Sironcha

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Respected Sir,

As per reference No.5 and 7, this office has replied to the queries raised in the above proposal. However, the revised point-wise compliance is forwarded once again as follows:

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National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) is not required for activities within the Ecologically Vulnerable Landscape (EVL) area of 132.102 ha, as stated in Condition No. xiv of the Stage-I approval. However, as per the prevailing rules, any activity proposed within a tiger corridor requires prior approval of both the SBWL and the Standing Committee of the NBWL (SC-NBWL). Therefore, the State Government is requested to clarify whether the User Agency has obtained the prior approval of the SBWL and SC-NBWL.

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Accordingly, there is no requirement of prior approval of the SBWL and NBWL.

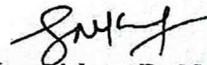
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This office, vide its letter No.539 dated 6/10/2025, has sent necessary information for the specific comments of CWLW. The comments of CWLW will be submitted separately once received.

So, the above information is submitted for your necessary action

Thanking you,



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प्रस्तुत प्रकरणी, केंद्र शासनाचे तसेच आपले कार्यालयाचे संदर्भिय पत्राच्या अनुषंगाने उपवनसंरक्षक (प्रा.), सिरोंचा यांनी queries/EDS बाबतचा मुद्देनिहाय अनुपालन अहवाल या कार्यालयात सादर केलेला असुन पुढील उचित कार्यवाहीसाठी मा. अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (वन्यजीव) पूर्व, नागपूर यांचेकडे संदर्भिय पत्र क्रमांक 8 अन्वये अनुपालन अहवाल सादर करण्यात आलेला आहे. (प्रत संलग्न)

तथापि संदर्भिय पत्र क्रमांक 9 अन्वये उपवनसंरक्षक (प्रा.) सिरोंचा यांनी संदर्भिय पत्र क्रमांक 5 अन्वये नमुद पत्रातील queries/EDS बाबतचा मुद्देनिहाय अनुपालन अहवाल या कार्यालयात सादर केलेला असुन पुढील उचित कार्यवाहीसाठी आपणाकडे 03 प्रतित यासोबत सादर करण्यात येत आहे.

सहपत्र:- वरीलप्रमाणे.


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मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (प्रादेशिक), गडचिरोली

प्रतिलिपी :- उपवनसंरक्षक (प्रा.), सिरोंचा वन विभाग, सिरोंचा यांना माहीतीस अग्रेषित.

प्रतिलिपी :- कार्यकारी अभियंता, राष्ट्रीय महामार्ग विभाग, गडचिरोली यांना उचित कार्यवाहीस अग्रेषित.

Sr. No	Query Point	User Agency Reply	Dy. CF Remark	CCF Remarks
1	<p>The State Government is therefore requested to provide a detailed justification for the proposed amendment/exemption sought by the User Agency, along with specific comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden (CWLW), to enable this office to place the matter before the REC for appropriate consideration. Further, the Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra State Forest Department, has informed that, as per the minutes of the 24th State Board for Wildlife (SBWL) meeting held on 17/04/2025, approval of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) is not required for activities within the Ecologically Vulnerable Landscape (EVL) area of 132.102 ha, as stated in Condition No. xiv of the Stage-I approval. However, as per the prevailing rules, any activity proposed within a tiger corridor requires prior approval of both the SBWL and the Standing Committee of the NBWL (SC-NBWL). Therefore, the State Government is requested to clarify whether the User Agency has obtained the prior approval of the SBWL and SC-NBWL.</p>	<p>In this regard it is submitted that, proposal for diversion of 132.102 Ha was submitted by this office for the work of up-gradation of road from Zimela Nallah to Sironcha and Stage-1 permission was granted vide letter under reference [Ref. No. 6 & 7] and the working permission was granted by CCF Gadchiroli vide letter under reference [Ref. 8] on date 08/05/2023. In the meeting of SBWL dated 17/04/2025 the clarification on requirement of NBWL clearance was given which was communicated by Nodal Forest Officer Maharashtra vide letter dated 19/05/2025 [Ref. No. 9] As per observations of SBWL's 24th meeting, the SBWL decided to accept only tiger corridor as delineated in NTCA's report "Connecting tiger populations for long term Conservation" in 2014-15 and as per the GIS data pertaining to Tiger Reserves Protected Areas and corridors available under Decision Support System (DSS) on the website of NTCA. In the letter under reference [Ref. No.9] at para number 4 it is also mentioned that forcing any agency/project to obtain wildlife clearance for the areas not falling in Tiger Corridor Atlas Map approved by NTCA published in 2014 will cause injustice and it will adversely affect the socioeconomic development of that area. In the instant project stretch, there is only one location, where the tiger corridor as per DSS on website on NTCA as identified by User Agency is crossing the road. Therefore, only this location will require of wildlife board. The independent proposal for wildlife clearance in this stretch already initiated (Parivesh Id: WL/MH/ROAD/463717/2024) As there exist no Tiger Corridor in the stretch of 132.102 Ha (Zamela Nallah to Sironcha) proposal after the directions in meeting dated 17/04/2025 and as per letter received from Nodal Forest Officer letter dated 19/05/2025, the User Agency feels that there is no requirement for construction of wildlife mitigation structures in the proposal of 132.102 Ha. On this background the User</p>	<p>The user agency has requested exemption from condition number XI based on the decisions and observations recorded in the minutes of the SBWL meeting dated April 17, 2025. Further, the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), Government of India letter dated August 20, 2025, with the subject "Identification of corridors – clarification thereof," also provides clarification on the matter.</p> <p>In view of the above SBWL meeting and the NTCA (Government of India) letter, it is clear that in the proposed alignment of road (132.102 ha) there is no tiger corridor as delineated in the NTCA report "Connecting tiger populations for long term conservation" in 2014-15 and as per the GIS data pertaining to Tiger Reserves, Protected Areas, and corridors available under the Decision Support System (DSS) on the website of NTCA.</p> <p>So, considering that there is no tiger corridor in the 132.102 ha stretch proposed in the project, the request of the user agency for exemption is recommended.</p> <p>Accordingly, there is no requirement of prior approval of the SBWL and NBWL.</p>	<p>As per the compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests (T.), Sironcha Forest Division, The user agency has requested exemption from condition number XI based on the decisions and observations recorded in the minutes of the SBWL meeting dated April 17, 2025. 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Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Wildlife (East) Nagpur (Copy Enclosed.)</p>

condition number 'XI' vide letter under reference [Ref. No.10] Pursuant to para number 6 in letter under reference received from IRO MoEFCC Nagpur dated 24/07/2025 [Ref. No. 4]. It is submitted that the User Agency has identified Tiger Corridor from the KML/KMZ file available on DSS of NTCA website. The existence of Tiger Corridor in Chainage form km 271+820 to km 279+500 (Start Point- Lat-19° 5'3.90"N, Long- 80° 6'17.13"E, End Point- Lat-19° 4'19.33"N, Long-80° 4'28.06"E). The User Agency has already initiated the independent proposal for wildlife clearance (Parivesh Id:- WL/MH/ ROAD/ 463717/ 2024). And therefore, User Agency is not undertaking any upgradation/development work in these stretches of Tiger Corridor unless the approval is obtained from NBWL.Only maintenance works are being under taken in such corridor areas till the approval from NBWL is received, though it is a part of up-gradation project.

2 The specific recommendation of the CWLW regarding the applicability of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 to the EVL area, and the requirement of prior approval of the SC-NBWL for activities in the said area, may also, be submitted for placing the same before REC

As per observations of SBWL's 24th meeting, the SBWL decided to accept only tiger corridor as delineated in NTCA's report "Connecting tiger populations for long term Conservation" in 2014-15 and as per the GIS data pertaining to Tiger Reserves Protected Areas and corridors available under Decision Support System (DSS) on the website of NTCA. In the letter under reference [Ref. No.9]' at para number 4 it is also mentioned that forcing any agency/project to obtain wildlife clearance for the areas not falling in Tiger Corridor Atlas Map approved by NTCA published in 2014 will cause injustice and it will adversely affect the socioeconomic development of that area. In the instant project stretch, there is only one location, where the tiger corridor as per DSS on website on NTCA as identified by User Agency is crossing the road. Therefore, only this location will require of wildlife board. The independent proposal for wildlife clearance in this stretch already initiated (Parivesh Id: WL/MH/ROAD/463717/ 2024)

This office, vide its letter No.539 dated 6/10/2025, has sent necessary information for the specific comments of CWLW. The comments of CWLW will be submitted separately once received.

As per the compliance report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests (T.), Sironcha Forest Division, letter No.539 dated 6/10/2025, has sent necessary information for the specific comments of CWLW. The comments of CWLW will be submitted separately once received.

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विषय :- Diversion of 132.102 ha. Forest land in favour of Ministry of Road Transport and Highway through National Highway Division of PWD Gadchiroli for up-gradation to 2 lane with paved shoulder configuration of Gadchiroli-Allapalli-Sironcha of NH-353C in Gadchiroli District in the State of Maharashtra.

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उक्त प्रकरणी, केंद्र शासनाचे तसेच अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक व केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी, म.रा.नागपुर यांचे कार्यालयाचे वरील संदर्भिय पत्राचे अनुषंगाने उपवनसंरक्षक (प्रा.),सिरोंचा वनविभाग यांनी संदर्भिय पत्र क्र. 6 अन्वये queries/EDS बाबतचा अनुपालन अहवाल या कार्यालयात सादर केलेला आहे. (प्रत यासोबत सादर करण्यात येत आहे.) करीता माहीतीस सविनय सादर.

सहपत्र:- वरीलप्रमाणे.

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उक्त प्रकरणी, केंद्र शासनाचे तसेच अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक व केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी, म.रा.नागपुर यांचे कार्यालयाचे वरील संदर्भिय पत्राचे अनुषंगाने उपवनसंरक्षक (प्रा.),सिरोंचा वनविभाग यांनी संदर्भिय पत्र क्र. 6 अन्वये queries/EDS बाबतचा अनुपालन अहवाल या कार्यालयात सादर केलेला आहे. (प्रत यासोबत सादर करण्यात येत आहे.) करीता माहीतीस सविनय सादर.

सहपत्र:- वरीलप्रमाणे.

(एस.रमेश कुमार)

मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (प्रादेशिक),गडचिरोली

प्रतिलिपी:- अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक व केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी, म.रा.नागपुर यांना माहीतीस सादर.

प्रतिलिपी:- उपवनसंरक्षक (प्रा.), सिरोंचा वन विभाग, सिरोंचा यांना माहीतीस अग्रेषित.

प्रतिलिपी:- कार्यकारी अभियंता, राष्ट्रीय महामार्ग विभाग, गडचिरोली यांना उचित कार्यवाहीस अग्रेषित.



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To,
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Sub.:- Diversion of 132.102 ha. Forest land in favour of Ministry of Road Transport and Highway through National Highway Division of PWD Gadchiroli for up-gradation to 2 lane with paved shoulder configuration of Gadchiroli-Allapalli-Sironcha of NH-353 C in Gadchiroli District in the State of Maharashtra.

- Ref.:-**
- 1) Government of India letter No- File No:FC-III/MI-51/2022/NGP/14523 Date-24/07/2025
 - 2) The Executive Engineer, National Highway Division, Gadchiroli letter No.2223/Tech/PO/2025 Dated- 05/08/2025
 - 3) APCCF & Nodal Officer of Forest letter No-Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-118805/Gadchiroli/1181 Nagpur Dated-19/08/2025
 - 4) The Chief Conservator of Forest (T.), Gadchiroli Circle letter No. Desk-2(8)Land/C.R.467(1)/2025/1791 Dated-28/08/2025
 - 5) This office letter No- desk-3(2)/S-1/450 Date-04/09/2025
 - 6) The Chief Conservator of Forest (T.), Gadchiroli Circle letter No. Desk-2(8)Land/C.R.467(1)/2025/2057 Dated-23/09/2025
 - 7) This office letter No- desk-3(2)/S-1/516 Date-26/09/2025

Respected Sir,

As per reference No.5 and 7, this office has replied to the queries raised in the above proposal. However, the revised point-wise compliance is forwarded once again as follows:

Sr. No	Query Point	User Agency Reply	Dy. CF Remark
1	The State Government is therefore requested to provide a detailed justification for the proposed amendment/exemption sought by the User Agency, along with specific comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden (CWLW), to enable this office to place the matter before the REC for appropriate consideration. Further, the Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra State Forest Department, has informed that, as per the minutes of the 24 th State Board for Wildlife (SBWL) meeting held on 17/04/2025, approval of	In this regard it is submitted that, proposal for diversion of 132.102 Ha was submitted by this office for the work of up-gradation of road from Zimela Nallah to Sironcha and Stage-1 permission was granted vide letter under reference [Ref. No. 6 & 7] and the working permission was granted by CCF Gadchiroli vide letter under reference [Ref. 8] on date 08/05/2023. In the meeting of SBWL dated 17/04/2025 the clarification on requirement of NBWL clearance was given which was communicated by Nodal Forest Officer Maharashtra vide letter dated 19/05/2025 [Ref. No. 9] As per observations of SBWL's 24th meeting, the SBWL decided to accept only tiger corridor as delineated in NTCA's report "Connecting tiger populations for long term Conservation" in 2014-15 and as per the GIS date pertaining to Tiger Reserves Protected Areas and corridors	The user agency has requested exemption from condition number XI based on the decisions and observations recorded in the minutes of the SBWL meeting dated April 17, 2025. Further, the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), Government of India letter dated August 20, 2025, with the subject "Identification of corridors – clarification thereof," also provides clarification on the matter. In view of the above SBWL meeting and the NTCA (Government of India) letter, it is clear that in the proposed alignment of road (132.102 ha) there is no tiger corridor as delineated in the NTCA report "Connecting tiger populations for long term conservation" in 2014-15 and as per the GIS data pertaining to Tiger Reserves, Protected Areas, and corridors available under the Decision Support System (DSS) on the website of NTCA. So, considering that there is no tiger corridor in the 132.102 ha stretch proposed in the project, the request of the user agency for exemption is recommended.

the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) is not required for activities within the Ecologically Vulnerable Landscape (EVL)

area of 132.102 ha, as stated in Condition No. xiv of the Stage-I approval. However, as per the prevailing rules, any activity proposed within a tiger corridor requires prior approval of both the SBWL and the Standing Committee of the NBWL (SC-NBWL). Therefore, the State Government is requested to clarify whether the User Agency has obtained the prior approval of the SBWL and SC-NBWL.

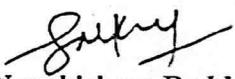
available under Decision Support System (DSS) on the website of NTCA. In the letter under reference [Ref. No.9]' at para number 4 it is also mentioned that forcing any agency/project to obtain wildlife clearance for the areas not falling in Tiger Corridor Atlas Map approved by NTCA published in 2014 will cause injustice and it will adversely affect the socioeconomic development of that area. In the instant project stretch, there is only one location, where the tiger corridor as per DSS on website on NTCA as identified by User Agency is crossing the road. Therefore, only this location will require of wildlife board. The independent proposal for wildlife clearance in this stretch already initiated (Parivesh Id: WL/MH/ROAD/463717/2024) As there exist no Tiger Corridor in the stretch of 132.102 Ha (Zamela Nallah to Sironcha) proposal after the directions in meeting dated 17/04/2025 and as per letter received from Nodal Forest Officer letter dated 19/05/2025, the User Agency feels that there is no requirement for construction of wildlife mitigation structures in the proposal of 132.102 Ha. On this background the User Agency in his compliance of terms and conditions mentioned in Stage-I approval requested to exempt the condition number 'XI' vide letter under reference [Ref. No.10] Pursuant to para number 6 in letter under reference received from IRO MoEFCC Nagpur dated 24/07/2025 [Ref. No. 4]. It is submitted that the User Agency has identified Tiger Corridor from the KML/KMZ file available on DSS of NTCA website. The existence of Tiger Corridor in Chainage form km 271+820 to km 279+500 (Start Point- Lat-19° 5'3.90"N, Long- 80° 6'17.13"E, End Point- Lat-19° 4'19.33"N, Long-80° 4'28.06"E). The User Agency has already initiated the independent proposal for wildlife clearance (Parivesh Id:- WL/MH/ ROAD/ 463717/ 2024). And therefore, User Agency is not undertaking any upgradation/development work in these stretches of Tiger Corridor unless the approval is obtained from NBWL. Only maintenance works are being undertaken in such corridor areas till the approval from NBWL is received, though it is a part of up-gradation project.

Accordingly, there is no requirement of prior approval of the SBWL and NBWL.

<p>The specific recommendation of the CWLW regarding the applicability of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 to the EVL area, and the requirement of prior approval of the SC-NBWL for activities in the said area, may also, be submitted for placing the same before REC</p>	<p>As per observations of SBWL's 24th meeting, the SBWL decided to accept only tiger corridor as delineated in NTCA's report "Connecting tiger populations for long term Conservation" in 2014-15 and as per the GIS data pertaining to Tiger Reserves Protected Areas and corridors available under Decision Support System (DSS) on the website of NTCA. In the letter under reference [Ref. No.9] at para number 4 it is also mentioned that forcing any agency/project to obtain wildlife clearance for the areas not falling in Tiger Corridor Atlas Map approved by NTCA published in 2014 will cause injustice and it will adversely affect the socioeconomic development of that area. In the instant project stretch, there is only one location, where the tiger corridor as per DSS on website on NTCA as identified by User Agency is crossing the road. Therefore, only this location will require of wildlife board. The independent proposal for wildlife clearance in this stretch already initiated (Parivesh Id: WLMH/ROAD/463717/2024)</p>	<p>This office, vide its letter No.539 dated 6/10/2025, has sent necessary information for the specific comments of CWLW. The comments of CWLW will be submitted separately once received.</p>
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So, the above information is submitted for your necessary action

Thanking you,


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To
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Subject :- Diversion of 132.102 ha of forest land in favor of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways through National Highway Division of PWD Gadchiroli for Upgradation to 2 lane with paved shoulder configuration of Sakoli-Gadchiroli-Allapalli-Sironcha road of NH- 353 C (Stretch :- Zimela Nallha to Sironcha) in Gadchiroli District in the State of Maharashtra.

Regarding :- Stage - II approval under FCA (Compliance of EDS)

Reference :-

1. Your office letter No. कक्ष - ३(२)/स-१/५५१ dated 30/07/2025.
2. APCCF & Nodal officer of forest letter No. Desk-47/FCA-S2/PID-118805/Gadchiroli/1016 dated 29/07/2025
3. CCF Gadchiroli letter No. कक्ष -2(8)/जमीन/ प्र. क्र. 467(1)/2025/जा क्र. 1414 dated 29/07/2025.
4. MoEFCC letter No. FC-III/MH-51/2022/NGP/14515 date 24/07/2025
5. MoEFCC letter No. FC-III/MH-51/2022/NGP/14523 date 24/07/2025
6. MoEFCC letter No. FC-III/MH-51/2022/NGP/11068 date 30/01/2023
7. MoEFCC letter No. FC-III/MH-51/2022/NGP/13806 date 05/12/2024
8. CCF Gadchiroli letter No. कक्ष -2(8)/जमीन/ प्र. क्र. 467/2023/423 dated 08/05/2023.
9. APCCF & Nodal officer of forest letter No. कक्ष-१७/नोडल/२०२५-२६/३५५ dated 19/05/2025
10. This office letter No. 1811/Tech/PO/2025 dated 25/06/2025

With reference to the mentioned subject, the EDS raised by IRO MoEFCC Nagpur vide his letter under reference [Ref. No. 4 & 5] which is communicated by DCF Sironcha vide letter under reference [Ref. No. 1, 2 & 3] to the undersigned, citing letter of IRO MoEFCC dated 24/07/2025 [Ref. No. 4 & 5].

In the IRO's letter at para 3, it is mention that "in order to further amend the condition number 'xi', the approval from REC will be required", which required cogent justification and requested to provide detail justification for exemption along with comments of CWLW.

In this regard it is submitted that, proposal for diversion of 132.102 Ha was submitted by this office for the work of upgradation of road from Zimela Nallah to Sironcha and Stage - 1 permission was granted vide letter under reference [Ref. No. 6 & 7] and the working permission was granted by CCF Gadchiroli vide letter under reference [Ref. No. 8] on date 08/05/2023.

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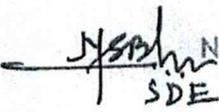
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As there exist no Tiger Corridor in the stretch of 132.102 Ha (Zamela Nallah to Sironcha) proposal after the directions in meeting dated 17/04/2025 and as per letter received from Nodal Forest Officer letter dated 19/05/2025, the User Agency feels that there is no requirement for construction of wildlife mitigation structures in the proposal of 132.102 Ha. On this background the User Agency in his compliance of terms and conditions mentioned in Stage - 1 approval requested to exempt the condition number 'xi' vide letter under reference [Ref. No. 10],

Pursuant to para number 6 in letter under reference received from IRO MoEFCC Nagpur dated 24/07/2025 [Ref. No. 4]. It is submitted that the User Agency has identified Tiger Corridors from the KML/KMZ file available on DSS of NTCA Website. The existence of Tiger Corridor in Chainage form km 271+820 to km 279+500 (Start point - Lat 19° 5'3.90"N, Long 80° 6'17.13"E; End Point - Lat 19° 4'19.33"N, Long 80° 4'28.06"E). The User Agency has already initiated the independent proposal for wildlife clearance (Parivesh Id :- WL/MH/ROAD/463717/2024). And therefore, User Agency is not undertaking any upgradation/ development work in these stretches of Tiger Corridor unless the approval is obtained from NBWL. Only maintenance works are being under taken in such corridor areas till the approval from NBWL is received, though it is a part of upgradation project.

It is once again requested on behalf of User Agency to consider the request for exemption of condition number 'xi' & 'xiv' in stage - 1 approval & shall be recommended for Stage - II approval.

The compliance submitted herewith for necessary action.


 Executive Engineer
 National Highway Division
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Copy to :-

1. APCCF & Nodal officer Forest Nagpur - For kind information & N/action.
2. APCCF & CWLW Nagpur - For kind information & N/action.
3. S. E. National Highway Nagpur - For kind information.
4. CCF(T) Gadchiroli - For kind information.
5. Sub Divisional Engineer, National Highway Sub-Division Dhanora Hq. Chandrapur - For information and necessary action.