

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bag Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi – 110003
Dated: November, 2023

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Maharashtra,
Mumbai.

Subject: Diversion of 263.5406 ha forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction of Sambarkund Irrigation Project at Village Mahan, Taluka Alibag, District Raigad in the State of Maharashtra (Online No. FP/MH/IRRIG/142819/2021) – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra letter no. Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-142819/Thane/2023-24/2151 dated 17.10.2023 on the above cited subject. In this regard following shortcomings have been observed in the information submitted by the State Govt.:-

- i. The majority of the proposed Compensatory Afforestation land is not free from encumbrances and is not suitable for carrying out plantation. Therefore the State Govt. shall provide suitable non-forest land free from all encumbrances along with required details.
- ii. The State Government has informed that the non-forest land proposed for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) has been handed over by the Collector, Nanded's order no.CR/5643/8.1/97, dated 03/11/1997 to DCF, Nanded for Sambarkund Project and subsequently the mutation of this land has been done. However, the proposal for diversion of 263.5406 ha forest land for construction of Sambarkund Irrigation Project was submitted in the year 2022. This needs clarification.

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above-mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by
Suneet Bhardwaj

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(Suneet Bhardwaj)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Date: 01-11-2023 16:00:44

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.