

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**  
**(Forest Conservation Division)**  
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To  
**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Government of Maharashtra,  
Mantralaya, Mumbai

**Sub: Proposal for prospecting (Research) over an area of 121.83 ha of forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory in India (LIGO) in village Dudhala, Anjanwada, Nandgaon Sawali (B), Tal- Aundha (Nagnath), Distict - Hingoli by taking 150 Bore Holes in 0.375 ha forest area - reg.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry letter of even no. dated 31.12.2019 wherein the Government of Maharashtra was requested to submit the clarification/information.

In this regard, it has been observed that on dated 05.10.2021 a letter dated 21.11.2020 of APCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra has been uploaded on PARIVESH portal against proposal File no. 8-60/2018 wherein it has been mentioned that technically the proposal involves violation.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the action taken report against the violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

**(Suneet Bhardwaj)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF & HoFF, Department of Forests, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEFCC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.