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

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Dated: As per E-sign

To,

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

Subject: Proposal seeking Ex-post facto approval under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for Non-forestry use of 0.467 ha forest land in favour of Shri Raju Baban Dhanve for construction of approach road towards non-forest land passing through Private Forest of Village-Asangaon & Protected Forest of Village Kalambhe, Taluka Shahapur, District Thane in the State of Maharashtra (Online No.: FP/MH/ROAD/16327/2015) -regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Addl. PCCF and Nodal Officer, Government of Maharashtra, letter no. Desk-17/Nodal/S1/Thane/ID-12481/904/2024-25 dated 15.07.2024 which has been forwarded by the Regional Office, Nagpur as per Sub Rule 2 (v) of Rule 10 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023. After examining the proposal, the following shortcomings have been observed:

- i. The State Govt. has informed about the presence of HPC plots in the proposed forest land wherein the said HPC plots were allotted to landless people prior enactment of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and the status of allotted plot-area remained as Protected Forest. A detailed report on the HPC plots needs submission along with present land use of these HPC plots. It may also be clarified how the landless persons will be compensated after completion of road on their land.
- ii. The State Government has informed that the Project Authority has his own private land at gut no.214/pt at Village-Kalambhe, Tal-Shahapur, Dist-Thane where Project Authority decided to construct residential project. In this regard, the State Govt. shall ensure that no forest land is involved in the Residential project.
- iii. It needs clarification whether the proposed road in the instant proposal is still in use or otherwise along with the present road condition.
- iv. The detail report on the violation carried out by the Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) in the proposed forest area by erecting electric poles needs submission.
- v. It needs justification how the requirement of electricity and water will be met by the user agency in his residential project. The details of additional forest

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land required to meet such purpose needs submission along with the relevant maps & KML files.

- vi. The project authority has mentioned the width of road required through proposed forest land is 10 meter. The same needs to be reconfirmed along with justification by the State.
- vii. The length, width and transmission line voltage to be establish in the proposed forest land needs submission. It may also be clarified whether the transmission line would be establishing through bare conductors or through underground insulated cables. The RoW requirement for the line as applicable shall also be submitted.
- viii. The tree enumeration data along with the number of trees to be affected due to instant project needs submission.
- ix. The user agency has uploaded KML file of the proposed forest land in line feature in the Part-I of the PARIVESH instead of Polygon. Therefore, complete KML file of the project including 0.467 ha forest as well as 0.398 ha Non-forest land involved in the proposed Road in polygon format shall be uploaded on PARIVESH.

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

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-(Suneet Bhardwaj) Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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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, Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
- 4. User Agency;
- 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.