

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

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Jor Bag Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi – 110003
Dated: As per E-sign

To,

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

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 263.5406 ha forest land under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 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 the Government of Maharashtra's letter No. FLD-2022/C.R.294/F-10 dated 10.02.2025 on the above subject forwarding required information on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 02.08.2024 and to say that following information/documents are required for further process:

- i. In compliance of condition no. (ii), the user agency has not furnished a report from the State Dam Safety Organisation (SDSO) regarding all technical aspects w.r.t the safety of the dam. Also, the user agency has not submitted that the undertaking mentioning that the recommendations of State Dam Safety Organisation (SDSO) will be implemented to avoid any possible unforeseen conditions.
- ii. In compliance of condition no. (iii), the State Government has not obtained approval of the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) on the recommendations made by the State Dam Safety Organisation (SDSO).
- iii. In compliance of condition no. (vii), as per the Stage-I approval the non forest land for CA needs to be notified as Protected Forest. However as per the copies of notification provided the Non forest land for CA has been notified as Reserved Forest. A justification in this regard shall be submitted.
- iv. In compliance of condition no. (viii), the copy of Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) Plan as submitted is not approved as per Para 9.2 (vii) of Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
- v. In compliance of condition no. (xiv), the State Govt. has not uploaded the KML files of the area under diversion and the accepted area for raising compensatory afforestation in the E-green watch portal of FSI.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for according Final/Stage-II approval.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by

Suneet Bhardwaj

Date: 24-02-2025 14:20:36

(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.