

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

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**Dated: February, 2024**

To,

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

**Subject: Diversion of 315.74 ha forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Renovation of Asolamendha Irrigation Project in Division Bramhapuri, Central Chanda and Chandrapur Forest Division, Saoli, Mul and Pombhurna talukas of Chandrapur District in the State of Maharashtra (Online No. FP/MH/IRRIG/39591/2019) – regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra's letter No. FLD-2022/CR-291/F-10 dated 14.11.2022 forwarding a proposal to obtain prior approval of the Central Government, in terms of the Section-2 (1) (ii) Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980, and to say that the said proposal was placed before the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 17.01.2024. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at [www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in). After detailed deliberation on the matter, the Committee deferred the proposal and decided that:

- i. The details about the command area, irrigation potential, present cropping pattern, total population of the villages to be benefitted and the likely impact of the project on cropping pattern in future is essential for evaluating the socio-economic benefits of the project. The State shall submit a detailed report on these aspects.
- ii. Keeping in view the significance of the area as a wildlife habitat, it is important that the impact of the project on the wildlife and its habitat is considered beforehand. Therefore, the proposal will be considered for approval only if the approval for the same is accorded by the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife (SC-NBWL). The State Govt. shall submit a copy of the wildlife clearance.
- iii. The State shall explore the possibility of providing suitable non-forest land which is near to/contiguous to forest area for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation.

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;
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