

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

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Dated: March, 2024

To,

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

Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 0.28 ha. of forest land for construction of underground Optical Fiber Cable for High speed broadband connectivity of Gram Panchayat in Mulshi Block of Pune District in the State of Maharashtra (Online no.- P/JIH/MIN/59823/2020). –reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra's letter No. FLD-1923/C.R.229/F-10 dated 02.02.2024 on above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and to say that after examination of proposal the following shortcomings have been observed:

- i. The Regional Office Nagpur vide letter dated 15.01.2024 had returned the proposal to the state government with a request to take action under section 3A/3B and submit the proposal directly to the MoEFCC for further consideration. In this regard, the letter received from the State Govt. does not mention anything about the action taken under section 3A/3B of the Van(Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan Adhinyam),1980. The State Government shall therefore intimate whether the action under section 3A/3B has been initiated in the instant case or not. An action taken report in this regard shall be submitted.
- ii. The DFO concerned in his site inspection report has informed that the proposed area lies within the ESZ of the Tamhini Wildlife Sanctuary and Sudhagad Wildlife Sanctuary. The State Govt. may ensure that the activity is permissible within the ESZ and submit a report to the ministry in this regard.
- iii. The DFO in Part-II of the application form has intimated that violation has been stated from the year 2018, while in the Violation report it has been indicated that violation has been started in the year 2019. The State Government may therefore, inform the exact details of violation by the user agency.
- iv. State Government has uploaded Shape file/ KML file over an area of 0.764 ha of forest land instead of 0.28 ha. Therefore, the State Govt. is requested to upload the correct KML file of 0.28 ha proposed forest land.
- v. The DGPS Map and Survey of India Topo-sheet Map showing the proposed

forest land for diversion uploaded on PARIVESH portal are not legible in nature. Therefore the State Govt. shall upload legible copies of maps.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information/ documents, as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-
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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.