

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,
Mumbai.

Sub: Proposal seeking ex-facto approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of 18.18 ha of Forest land in favour of Public Work division, Nanded for AU-108-Two lanning of District Boundary to Chuncha-Manatha-Barad-Mudkhed Road with paved Shoulder in Nanded District under HAM SH-261 of Km 000/000 to Km 48/700 and AU-109 Two lanning of Mudkhed-Gadga-Khandgaon-Mukhed-Savargaon (BK)-Jamb to district Border road with paved shoulder in Nanded district in the state of Maharashtra.-regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra, letter no. FLD-2022/CR-216/F-10 dated 15.11.2022 submitted the above subject proposal to the Regional Office, Nagpur seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to say that after examination of the proposal in the Ministry following shortcoming have been observed:

- i. As per the DSS analysis, some pre-plantation work is visible in the Gut No-406, Village – Sawargaon and Gut No-128, Village - Pimpalgaon Tanda which have been proposed for diversion. This needs clarification and the details of the scheme under which the plantation is being carried out.
- ii. As per the DSS analysis, the user agency has uploaded the KML file of Non-forest land comprising an area of 255.471 ha whereas in part-I of the application form, total area of Non-forest land involved in the project has been mentioned as 262.47 ha. Therefore the State Govt. shall submit correct and complete KML file of project involving forest as well as non forest land.
- iii. The user agency has not uploaded the DGPS map and Survey of India Toposheet Map showing the Non-forest land proposed for CA.
- iv. Satellite imagery shows that the most of the construction of the Road has been completed in the Non-forest land. Therefore, the alternatives examined by the user agency before starting the work and justification for selecting presently proposed route/alignment needs submission.
- v. The State has intimated that charge sheet has been issued against the forest department officials, however, the detail of action taken against the responsible officers of the user agency/State Govt for violation of

Van(Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam,1980 has not bee submitted.
The detailed action taken report shall be submitted in this regard.

- vi. The documentary evidence/revenue papers indicating that the land proposed for compensatory afforestation in Non-forest land and the same is free from all encumbrances needs to be submitted.

In view of the above, it is requested to furnish the information, as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

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Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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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.