

**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: Diversion of 0.4620 ha Reserved forest land for construction of link road between two defence complexes in Survey No. 102, at Village Kothrud, Tal.- Haveli, District Pune in the State of Maharashtra (Online No. FP/MH/Road/144314/2020) - regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the APCCF & Nodal Officer, Government of Maharashtra's letter No. Desk-17/FCA-SI/PID-144314/Pune/2024-25/748 dated 27.06.2024 on the above cited subject. In this regard, following shortcomings have been observed in the information submitted by the State Govt.:

- i. The State Govt. has still not clarified whether diversion of 0.462 ha forest land may be consider as fresh diversion proposal or only 0.31 ha forest land can be considering as fresh diversion and balance 0.152 ha forest land as re-diversion proposal because the revocation order for Stage-II approved 55.74 ha forest land has not been issued by the State Govt. and nor requested to the Ministry in this regard.
- ii. The Ministry vide letter No. 8-15/2007-FC dated 24.07.2008 diverted 55.74 ha (45.57 ha for proposed facilities + 10.17 ha for existing built-up area/ facilities) forest land to user agency i.e. ARAI. However the State Govt. has informed that an area of 7.695 ha. is in possession of ARAI. The State Govt. shall submit factual information on the proposal based on actual ground position.
- iii. The Complete and updated compliance report on the conditions stipulated in Final/Stage-II approval dated 24.07.2008 along with the KML files of CA carried over 111.48 ha degraded forest land has not been submitted.
- iv. The copy of the MoU signed on 20.01.2021 between ARDE & ARAI has not been submitted.
- v. On examination of the DRDO land KML file through DSS revealed that the total area of DRDO land is 275.128 ha out of which 25.17 ha is falling in the Forest land. The copy of approval of this 25.17 ha forest land under Van Adhiniyam, 1980 shall be submitted.
- vi. The calculated area of the KML file of proposed forest land as submitted is found 0.393 ha. Therefore the correct KML/Shape-file of 0.462 ha shall be uploaded/submitted.

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

Yours sincerely,

Signed by

Suneet Bhardwaj

Date: 16-08-2024 17:29:24

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(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.