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F.No. FC-II /MH-231/2023-NGP/ 13582

Date: 24.09.2024

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Revenue and Forest Department,  
Hutatma Rajguru Chowk  
Madam Cama Marg, Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400032.

**Sub: Diversion of 8.2222 ha. Forest land in favour of City Industrial Development Corporation Of Maharashtra for construction of coastal road from jalmarg sector-16 Kharghar to Sector-11 in CBD Belapur and Balance Link Transport Terminal in Nerul Mumbai in Mangrove and Raigad District in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.**

Sir,

Please refer to the Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-1223/C-269/F-10 dated 25.09.2023 and online application No **FP/MH/ROAD/153241/2022** seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 (1) of the **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980**.

After careful consideration of the proposal submitted by the State Government and with the approval of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC), I am directed to convey the Central Government's ***In-principle*** approval under **Section '2' (1) of Van Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980** for diversion of **8.2222 ha.** Forest land in favour of City Industrial Development Corporation Of Maharashtra for construction of coastal road from Jalmarg sector-16 Kharghar to Sector-11 in CBD Belapur and Balance Link Transport Terminal in Nerul Mumbai in Mangrove and Raigad District in the State of Maharashtra, subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet cement concrete pillars at 20 mtrs intervals at the cost of the User Agency;
3. The State Government has proposed compensatory afforestation and its maintenance in Non forest land over an 8.2222 ha. at Village Navhe, Taluka Panvel Dist. Raigad forest Range Uran. As the non forest area is already having canopy density of more than

- 0.4, the State Government shall implement programme for improving the existing forest crop at the cost of the User Agency and considering the fact that the non forest area was handed over by the UA long back in the year 1997, as proposed the State Forest Department shall carry out Compensatory Afforestation over 9.00 ha. Degraded Reserved Forest land in compt. no. 216/0 at Vani, Taluka Roha, District Raigad identified by the Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency;
4. **Chain link fencing and proper watch and ward of the area shall be ensured through site specific CA scheme and CA scheme shall be implemented in time bound manner as prescribed under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023;**
  5. The entire extent of **8.2222 ha.** at Village Navhe, Taluka Panvel Dist. Raigad forest Range Uran claimed to be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department shall be notified as RF/PF prior to Stage-II approval. A copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act as the case may be, will be submitted by the State Government **prior to Stage-II approval**
  6. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **8.2222 ha** from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and Ministry's guideline;
  7. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. **The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;**
  8. All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);
  9. **The User Agency shall obtain prior approval of the Hon'ble High Court Bombay for felling of mangroves and shall implement all mitigation measures, if any at the project cost;**
  10. The User Agency shall implement all mitigation measures in consultation with the State Forest Department Mangrove cell at the cost of the project;
  11. The road / pillars shall be constructed in a such a way that it will not hamper natural flow of water;
  12. The User Agency shall ensure that muck shall not be dumped in the forest area;
  13. **The UA shall implement all mitigation measures as suggested under CRZ clearance issued by the MoEF&CC New Delhi vide order dated 09.08.2024 at the cost of the**



**project;**

14. The State/User Agency shall ensure all other approvals / permission under relevant rules / regulation, if any required prior to commencement of the project work;
15. Proper labour camps shall be constructed in the non-forest area and in any case, labour camp shall not be made within the RF area;
16. **After ensuring settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007) and compliance to all such conditions, the State Government shall issue order for working permission and diversion as the case may be;**
17. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
18. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
19. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
20. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;
21. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **8.2222 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. **The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;**
22. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the all acts, rules, regulation and guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the subject project;
23. Any other condition that the Regional Office, Nagpur may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area shall be complied by the User Agency;
24. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / guidelines issued under **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980;**
25. The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).


After receipt of the Compliance report on the above conditions, the proposal will be considered to accord final approval. The in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of **2 years** from the date of issue of the same. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions within the stipulated period, this in principle approval **shall be deemed**



to be null and void;


This issues with the approval of DDGF (Central), Regional Office,  
MoEF& CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,

  
(C.B. Tashildar)  
AIGF (Central)

Copy to:

- i. The IGF (RoHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003 **for information please.**
- ii. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iii. User agency.
- iv. Guard file.

  
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