

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

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Dated: August, 2023

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 63.540 ha forest land for development of Green Filed Airport at village Vhirgaon and Murti, Taluka Rajura of District Chandrapur in the State of Maharashtra (Online No. FP/MH/Others/42471/2019) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra's letter No. FLD-2022/C.R-272/F-10 dated 18.10.2022 forwarding a proposal to obtain prior approval of the Central Government, in terms of the Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Further in reference to the Government of Maharashtra's letter No. FLD-2022/C.R.272/F-10 dated 06.07.2023 on the above mentioned subject the proposal was placed before the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 17.07.2023. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in.

After going through the facts of the proposal and submissions made by the State Govt. authorities, MADC authorities, the recommendations of NTCA and Wildlife Institute of India, the Committee decided that the area proposed for diversion is an important wildlife habitat and construction of the airport will further increase the biotic interference in the region. Keeping in view the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, it has been decided that the proposal cannot be acceded to in its present proposition and the above mentioned proposal for diversion of forest land therefore stands rejected.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by

Suneet Bhardwaj

Date: 21-08-2023 14:55:29

(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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