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

> Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj New Delhi: 1100 03, Dated: 29th December, 2023

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## The Principal Secretary (Forests),

Department of Forest and Environment Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai.

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of Water Resources Department, Nandurbar, Govt. of Maharashtra, for non-forestry use of 73.94 ha of forest land for construction of Kareghat Minor Irrigation Tank at Kareghat, Tal. Nawapur, District Nandurbar in the State of Maharashtra (Online No. FP/MH/IRRIG/61238/2020)- regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra's letter No. FLD-2022/CR-01/F-10 dated 12.09.2022 seeking prior approval of Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. In this regard, it is informed that the matter was considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 18.12.2023. The detailed minutes of the meeting are uploaded at parivesh.nic.in. The Committee after detailed discussion and deliberation with the DDGF (Central), RO, Bengaluru (holding additional charge of RO Nagpur), Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra and after going through the facts of the proposal, observed that the project proposal has ambiguities, the proposal is incomplete and not based on actual ground situation.

Keeping in view the recommendations of the Advisory Committee and with the approval of the competent authority in the Ministry, it has been decided that the proposal cannot be accepted in its present proposition and the same is therefore rejected. The User agency would be at liberty to submit a *de-novo* proposal which is complete in all respects.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

(Suneet Bhardwai)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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- DDGF (C) Regional Office, Nagpur of MoEF&CC;
  Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
- 4. User Agency;

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