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Date: 28.03.2024

To,

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


Sub: Diversion of 0.009 ha of Reserved Forest land in favour of Shri Suresh Rambhao Giramakar for laying of underground water pipeline for drinking water and agriculture purpose at Village- Kurvati, Taluka- Velhe, District- Pune in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the State Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-1920/CR-82/F-10 dated 28.01.2022 and the APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra's letter no. Desk-17/NC/II/ID 12742/(19)/1795/2019-20 dated 01.02.2020 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government, 'in-principle' approval was accorded by the Central Government vide its letter of even number dated 30.06.2022. The State Government submitted compliance report and requested to accord Final approval;

After careful consideration of the proposal and compliance report submitted by the State Government and with concurrence of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC), I am directed to convey the Central Government's 'final approval' under Section- 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of **0.009 ha** of Reserved Forest land in favour of Shri Suresh Rambhao Giramakar for laying of underground water pipeline for drinking water and agriculture purpose at Village- Kurvati, Taluka- Velhe, District- Pune in the State of Maharashtra subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:


- i. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground **State Forest Department from the amount already been realized from the User Agency;**
- iii. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 1.00 ha degraded forest land identified in Sur. No. 48, Gut No. 248 at Village- Sakhar, Taluka- Velhe, District- Pune from the amount which has already

- been realized from the User Agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Pune District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. Atleast one water body shall be constructed in the form of tank/ stop dams etc if the same are not available in the area or in nearby vicinity. Further, if existing tank/ stop dams are available and needs desilting/ repair, same shall be carried out to meet the water requirement of wild animals throughout the year;
- iv. Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;
 - v. No tree felling or cutting shall be permitted under instant proposal
 - vi. The State Government, Maharashtra/ Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra shall ensure settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (No. 2 of 2007) before issuing an order for handing over of forest land to the User Agency;
 - vii. To improve the Forest/ Tree cover and to reduce pollution in the State, as mandated in National Forest Policy, 1988 and Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 respectively, the User Agency with involvement of Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMC's) and in consultation with local DCF shall raise at least 500 seedlings of forestry species along with bamboo, fruit bearing, medicinal, ornamental and indigenous/local for 10 years. At least 50% of seedlings shall be planted in the vicinity of project area and remaining 50% of seedlings shall be distributed among villagers as per choice of villagers. The concerned JFMC's shall maintain record of plantation/ seedling distribution to villagers;
 - viii. The pipeline shall be laid down 1.5 meter below the ground and after lying down of pipe line the ground will be levelled;
 - ix. If required, the RoW of instant of proposal shall be utilised by other farmers having agricultural land in close vicinity in future and no additional forest land shall be diverted for agriculture purpose in area and User Agency shall allow other farmers to utilise the RoW for laying pipelines for agriculture purpose;
 - x. The User Agency shall provide an outlet to the Forest Department for irrigating the plantation and for filling water holes in adjoining forest area as and when required. User Agency shall also provide water for drinking to nearby villagers during water scarcity;
 - xi. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
 - xii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
 - xiii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
 - xiv. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
 - xv. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
 - xvi. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life,
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- whichever is less;
- xvii. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal and **diverted forest area shall not exceed 0.009 ha**
- xviii. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;
- xix. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.** and rules /guidelines issued there under and action will be initiated in case of any such violation noticed;
- xx. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;

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

Yours faithfully,


(C.B. Tashildar)
AIGF (Central)

Copy to:

1. The IGF (RoHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003.
2. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur
3. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
4. User Agency.
5. Guard File.


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