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F.No. FC-II/MH-181/2022-NGP/ 13511

Date: 03.09.2024

To,

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

**Sub: Diversion of 14.613 ha Reserved Forest, Protected Forest and Private Forest in favour of NHAI, PIU, Thane for construction of eight laning of existing four lane Vadape to Thane from Km 539.202 to Km 563.00 section of NH-3 (New NH-848) to be executed on Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM) at Taluka- Bhiwandi, District- Thane in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.**

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-2022/CR-69/F-10 dated 05.05.2022 and APCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra's letter no. Desk-17/Nodal/Thane/I.D-13070 (75)/2599/2021-22 dated 03.03.2022 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 21.06.2022. The Government of Maharashtra's letter No. FLD-2022/CR-69/F-10 dated 06.09.2023 and the Addl. PCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, vide his letter no. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-148827/Thane/1735/2023-24 dated 04.09.2023 submitted compliance report and requested to grant final approval to the proposal.

After careful consideration of the proposal and compliance report, 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 **14.613 ha** Reserved Forest, Protected Forest and Private Forest in favour of NHAI, PIU, Thane for construction of eight laning of existing four lane Vadape to Thane from Km 539.202 to Km 563.00 section of NH-3 (New NH-848) to be executed on Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM) at Taluka- Bhiwandi, District- Thane in the State of Maharashtra subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;

- ii. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground by the **State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency**;
- iii. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over the area **30.00 ha.** degraded Forest Land at the cost of User Agency as under:

S.N.	Village	Taluka	District	Survey/ Comptt. No.	Area
1.	Parala	Vaijapur	Aurangabad	359	8.81
2.	Parala			376	10.87
3.	Parala			358	5.76
4.	Parala			352	4.56
<b>Total</b>					<b>30.00</b>

As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Aurangabad District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. Atleast two water bodies in Compt. no. 359 and 376 and atleast one water body in Compt. no. 358 and 352 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 tanks/ 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. User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department. Maximum numbers of trees in outer RoW will be kept intact;
- vi. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector;
- 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 25,000 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 State Government shall undertake the action against the violation of VSSA, 1980 as per provisions made under Para 1.21 of Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 published on 28.03.2020;**
- ix. User Agency in consultation with the State Forest Department shall ensure that there are enough openings available for movement of wildlife in all patches of the Reserve Forest and wherever required new underpasses shall be constructed as per Wildlife Institute of India's manual entitled "Eco-friendly Measures to Mitigate Impacts of Linear Infrastructure on Wildlife" published in 2016;
- x. **State Forest Department shall undertake avenue plantation of 8 feet tall plants as per IRC norms at the cost of User Agency;**
- xi. All small patches of forest left over due to bifurcation of forest patches by constructing the road shall be restored by planting suitable native species by the State Forest Department at the cost of User Agency;
- xii. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas;
- xiii. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
- xiv. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- xv. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xvi. 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;
- xvii. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xviii. 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, whichever is less;
- xix. 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 **14.613 ha**;
- xx. 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;
- xxi. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980** and action



would be taken as per the provision of Adhiniyam and rules/guidelines issued there under;

- xxii. 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 order issues with the approval of DDGF(C), 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
- ii. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iii. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iv. User Agency.
- v. Guard file.

  
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