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F. No.: FC-I/MH-269/2022-NGP/14742

Date: 6.10.2025

To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 2.15 ha Reserved Forest and Protected Forest land in favour of PWD, Special Project (P.W) Division, Kolhapur for improvement of Kerli-Kototi-nandgaon-Nandari Road SH-191 (Km 00/00 to Km 296/500) part of Kerli Phata to Nandari Forest area in Taluka- Panhala & Shahuwadi, District- Kolhapur in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra's letter no. Desk-17/Nodal/Kolhapur/(29)/ID-13145/154/2022-23 dated 20.04.2022 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 24.05.2022. the Government of Maharashtra, vide his letter no.FLD-2022/C.R. 102/F-10 dated 13.01.2023, letter no. FLD-2022/C.R.-102/F-10 dated 25.08.2023 and the Addl. PCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, vide his letter no. Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-115156/1353 dated 12.09.2025 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 2.15 ha Reserved Forest and Protected Forest land in favour of PWD, Special Project (P.W) Division, Kolhapur for improvement of Kerli-Kototi-nandgaon-Nandari Road SH-191 (Km 00/00 to Km 296/500) part of Kerli Phata to Nandari Forest area in Taluka- Panhala & Shahuwadi, District- Kolhapur in the State of Maharashtra subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 2.15 ha non-forest land in Gut No. 47 at Village- Manjare, Taluka- Shahuwadi, District- Kolhapur 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 Kolhapur District shall be

- planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. At least 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.
- iii. State Government shall ensure plantation of 1000 plants per ha for proposed non-forest land. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Kolhapur District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. In case it is not possible to raise plantation at the rate of 1000 plants per ha on the selected non-forest land, then the balance plants shall be planted on degraded forest land as per working plan prescriptions at the cost of User Agency;
 - 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. Felling of 1 *Madhuca Indica*, 3 *Grewia tiliaefolia*, 6 *Terminalia chebula*, 3 *Syzygium cumini* and 1 *Mallotus philippensis* may be avoided, if avoidable;
 - 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 as per Rule
 - 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 10,000 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. State Forest Department shall undertake avenue plantation of 8 feet tall plants as per IRC norms at the cost of User Agency;
 - ix. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas;
 - x. In conformity with Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, the User Agency in consultation with concerned DCF, shall convert all the existing culverts into box culverts of approximately 3 x 4 mtrs for smooth movement of Wildlife and cattle as suggested by Wildlife Institute of India in manual entitled "Eco-friendly Measures to Mitigate Impacts of Linear Infrastructure on Wildlife, published in 2016;
 - 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. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer;
 - xvi. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
 - xvii. 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;
 - xviii. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
 - xix. 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;
 - xx. 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;
 - xxi. 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 Competent Authority, Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,



(Vijay Sahebrao Kanthale)
AIGF (Central)

Copy to:

1. The IGF (RoHQ), MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003 **for information please.**
2. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur
3. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
4. User agency.
5. Guard file.



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