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To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 9.19 ha of Reserved forest land in favour of Soil and Water Conservation Division, Nashik for construction of Boripada Minor Irrigation Tank is Irrigation Cum Drinking Water Supply Project in Nashik District in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to Government of Maharashtra letter no. FLD-1521/CR-233/F-10 dated 01.08.2023 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra letter no. Desk-17/Nodal/Nashik/I.D-12924/1595/2021-22 dated 22.11.2021 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that preliminary scrutiny of the proposal in the Regional Office, MoEF&CC revealed following:

- Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nashik has mentioned in his Part- II that as per joint inspection report, the habitat is known to have presence of leopard. The State Government shall obtain comments from PCCF (Wildlife), Maharashtra on the importance of area from wildlife point of view and conservation measures, if any shall be submitted.
- The Compensatory Afforestation in the instant case has to be carried out over 9.19 ha of non-forest land. The User Agency have to hand over 9.19 ha non-forest land to Forest Department and at least 9190 no. of plants need to be planted on the same. However, in case 9190 no. of plants cannot be planted on the said CA land then balance number of plants should be planted over a degraded Forest land. Accordingly, the State Government shall submit KML files for 9.19 ha non-forest land and required DFL along with their CA schemes, CA suitability certificate and Differential GPS map.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to submit information on the shortcomings, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

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

Yours faithfully,

(Karthik M. L.)

Technical Officer (Gr. II)

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- The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- User Agency.
- Guard file.

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