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Date: 05.10.2018

To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 30.399 Ha. of Forest Land in favour of Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA), Bandra (East) Mumbai for laying underground water pipeline under 403 MLD Surya Regional Water Supply Scheme in Mumbai District in the State of Maharashtra - Regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the State Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-2018/C.R.215/F-10 dated 18.07.2018 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra letter No. No. Desk-17/NC/II/ID 12606/(64)/1258/2018-19 dated 25.09.2018 and letter No. Desk-17/NC/II/ID 12606/(64)/1257/2018-19 dated 25.09.2018 submitting additional information. After examination of the same, the proposal was placed before Regional Empowered Committee in its meeting held on 27.09.2018. The Committee, decided that the below mentioned deficit information may be sought from the State Government:

- (i) Revised CA scheme including financial outlay for fencing of CA area shall be submitted.
- (ii) Consolidated map on Survey of India Toposheet depicting both the alignments along with the statement may be submitted by the User Agency.
- (iii) Certificates ensuring importance of Schedule Tribes and other Traditional Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 for the area sought for diversion for this proposal has not been submitted from the concerned Collector. The same shall be submitted.
- (iv) Details of number of cases in which Forest area has been diverted since 1980 is not submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thane and CCF & Director, Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Borivali in their Part –II. The revised Part- II shall be submitted by concerned DCF and CCF & Director, SGNP.

- (v) Though it is mentioned that in the heading of the proposal the area of water supply scheme mentioned is for Mumbai District, actually the forest area being diverted falls in more than one district and desired that the exact details may be submitted.
- (vi) As to why the two projects i.e. for diversion portion and re-diversion portion should not be clubbed together.
- (vii) An area of 1.680 ha Kashidkopar village and 1.80 ha in Chena village have been proposed for MBR activity which comes under non-linear category. Hence, the Committee desired that the category in online may be changed to Hybrid category and revised FRA, for non-linear projects, may be submitted accordingly, by the User Agency for these respective areas.
- (viii) If any portion of pipeline falls in the notified Eco-Sensitive Area of Dahanu.

The Committee, after detailed examination and discussion, decided that the proposal may again be placed before the Committee, after receipt of reply from the State Government on the above mentioned points.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit information as desired by the REC as above for further consideration of the proposal for approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully,



(Dr. E Arockia Lenin)
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Copy to:

- i. The PCCF, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- ii. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iii. User agency.
- iv. Guard file.



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