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To

✓ The Secretary,
Govt. of Maharashtra,
Revenue & Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400032

Sub: Diversion of 37.512 ha of forest land in favour of Executive Engineer, Gosikhurd Lift Irrigation Division, Ambadi for construction of Surewadi Lift Irrigation Village Surwadi, Bhandara in District Bhandara in the State of Maharashtra – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Maharashtra's letter No. FLD-3516/CR-138/F-10 dated 17.06.2016 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra's letter no. Desk-17/NC/RS-I/ID-12429/1176/16-17 dated 28.09.2016 forwarding additional information as sought by the Regional Office vide its letter of even number dated 8.08.2016 and to inform that proposal, along with the additional information received from the Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, was considered by the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) in its meeting held on 24.10.2016. The REC, after detailed discussion and examination of the proposal desired additional information from the State Government as given under:

- Patch wise detail of forest area involved in the proposal, number of trees involved therein along with the detail of forest patches being bifurcated by the canal alignment and distribution channels system may be submitted by the State Government.
- Forest patches being bifurcated should be clearly depicted on the map of appropriate scale and submitted
- Purpose wise breakup of the area proposed for diversion.
- Correct and consolidated shape/Kml files of the canal patch conspicuously showing the forest land and canal alignment.
- The alignments, in the area where forest area is being bifurcated, should be realigned to avoid fragmentation of the forest land. The possibility to this extent may be explored by the State Government including construction of underground pipeline in such patches to avoid fragmentation.
- A copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the NBWL may be made available to the Regional Office.
- Complete compliance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as the record of the proceedings of the Gram Sabha/Forest Right Committee in Gondia District and proceedings of the Sub-Divisional Committee for the Bhandara and Gondia Districts have not been submitted. The same needs to be submitted along with the English translation of all supporting documents.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to submit information as per the observation of the REC, as given above, to this office for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Charan Jeet Singh
Scientist 'C'

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- The PCCF, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur
- The Nodal Officer FCA), O/o of the PCCF, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- User Agency.
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