

भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS & CLIMATE CHANGE Integrated Regional Office Ground Floor, East Wing New Secretariat Building Civil Lines, Nagpur - 440001 apccfcetral-ngp-mef@gov.in

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Date:21st October,2022

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

Sub: Diversion of 8.4771 ha of forest land in favour of PWD Nanded for construction of Up-gradation and widening from existing 2-lane to 2-lane with paved shoulder configuration of Mudked-Bhokar NH-161A section from Km 22.000 to Km.43.000 of 21 Km length in Mudkhed and Bhokar Talukas of Nanded District in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to State Government of Maharashtra letter FLD-2722/CR-191/F-10 dated 06.09.2022 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that instant proposal was placed before the REC in its meeting dated 14.10.2022, the Committee after detailed discussion and examination of the proposal the Committee decided that proposal shall be again placed before the REC after receipt of following information:

- i. A detail report on violation of FCA, 1980 including nature of violation, name of officials responsible and extent and intensity of violation shall be submitted by the DCF, Nanded.
- ii. For smooth movement of resident wildlife in forest patches as well as in non-forest areas where there is a traditional route of wildlife movement also for the movement of cattle the size of box culverts should at least be of 2x3 meters, further, all hume pipes proposed through the entire alignment shall be converted in to the box culverts and a pre-feasibility report in this regards in consultation with DCF, Nanded shall be prepared and submitted.
- iii. Forest area part of old road and proposed for realignment shall be dismantled and handed over to Forest Department and planting shall be done by the State Government at the cost of User Agency. Exact details of such area shall be submitted.
- iv. KML file of exact area identified for raising CA shall be submitted.

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 Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, MoEF & CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,

(N.K. Dimri) Technical Officer (Gr. I)

Copy to:

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

(N.K. Dimri) Technical Officer (Gr. I)