

भारतसरकार Regional Office (WCZ) GOVERNMENT OF INDIA Ground Floor, East Wing पर्यावरण, वन एवंजलवायुपरिवर्तनमंत्रालय New Secretariat Building MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS Civil Lines, Nagpur - 440001 & CLIMATE CHANGE E-mail: apccfcentral-ngp-mef@gov.in

F.No. FC-II/MH-90/2018-NGP 4406

Date: 05.10.2018

To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 7.26 ha Reserved Forest Land in favour of National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), Pune for construction of new six lane tunnel in Khambatki Ghat including approaches from Ex. KM 771.730 to Ex. KM 782.000 in Pune District in the State of Maharashtra - Regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to State Government letter No. FLD-2018/C.R.253/F-10 dated 12.09.2018 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 (WCZ), MoEF&CC revealed following:

- i. Maps viz., 10 Km radius map showing PA's and Protected area Distance Map is not submitted along with the proposal.
- ii. Date of submission of Part- II is not mentioned by the concerned DCF/ DFO. Further, Part- II is not uploaded properly in web portal, instead of Part- II, Site Inspection Report of DCF, Satara has been uploaded.
- iii. Name of the signing authority is not mentioned in Part- III.
- iv. Funds for watch and ward seem to be inadequate and the same has to be revised and provision for watch and ward is not provided for Second year of operation for Panadewadi village. Financial outlay for fencing of CA area is also not mentioned in the CA scheme submitted for both villages.
- v. Original Certificate ensuring importance of Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006, issued by District Collector, Satara is not submitted.
- vi. Discrepancy is observed in the details of employment potential likely to be generated from implementation of the project in online Part- I application and hard copy submitted by the User Agency. Correct details on employment potential

likely to be generated in terms of Skilled, Semi-skilled and Unskilled persons/ mandays by implementation of the project may be submitted by the User Agency.

- vii. Area calculation statement in terms of length and breadth for forest land required shall be submitted by the User Agency.
- viii. As area is less than 10 ha, complete enumeration list of trees proposed to be felled in the proposal may be submitted by the User Agency.
 - ix. At page 31/c i.e. in Part- I submitted by the User Agency it is written two tunnels. User Agency is requested to please spell clearly, if there will be one tunnel or two tunnels.

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.

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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