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✓ To,

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

**Sub: Diversion of 18.412 ha. Forest land in favour of Public Works Division No.2, Gadchiroli for Link Road (MH-1050) Improvement / Upgradation and maintenance of ODR 51 Dhanora to Pendhari from Km 0+000 to Km 36+650 at Taluka- Dhanora, District- Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.**

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to State Government of Maharashtra's letter No. FLD-2021/ C.R.181/ F-10 dated 25.09.2021 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra letter No. Desk-17/NODAL/Gadchiroli/ID-12911/1044/20-21 dated 22.09.2021 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to inform that the instant proposal was placed before Regional Empowered Committee in its meeting held on 26.10.2021. After detailed discussion and examination of the proposal the Committee decided that proposal shall again placed before the REC after the receipt of following information:

- i. Compensatory Afforestation has been proposed over 37.00 ha. Degraded Forest Land (i) 27.00 ha. in Compt no. 806, Range- Digras, Taluka- Digras, District- Yavatmal (ii) 10.00 ha. of Compt. No. 366, Range- Pusad, Taluka- Pusad, District- Yavatmal. Since CA land is proposed over degraded forest land twice in extent outside Gadchiroli, CA over equivalent Non-Forest Land needs to be proposed. If CA is proposed over Degraded Forest Land twice in extent, then CA needs to be proposed in Gadchiroli District only. Accordingly revised CA details, viz, CA Schemes, site suitability certificates, DGPS maps and KML files for all CA areas need to be submitted.
- ii. Details of Compensatory Afforestation viz. CA scheme and KML has not been uploaded in Parivesh portal. Further, CA details viz. Differential GPS map of CA land, site specific CA scheme, site suitability certificate is not submitted along with the proposal. Necessary corrections shall be made in Parivesh portal and requisite documents shall be submitted.
- iii. The road is proposed in Biodiversity rich dense forest; accordingly specific comments of the PCCF, Wildlife regarding any possible adverse impact and mitigation measures thereof with respect to all proposed roads shall be obtained.
- iv. As reported by the State Government, the proposal is passing through Tiger Corridor as identified by NTCA; accordingly, permission from the standing Committee of NBWL has to be taken. The number of project affected trees need to be revisited by keeping trees on outer RoW intact.
- v. The alignment has to be revisited by DCF concern to ensure that entire alignment is within the Maharashtra State, since some portion appeared to be in Chhattisgarh State as per Google Satellite imagery.



- vi. Name of signing authority and date of submission is not mentioned in Part-I of Form-A submitted by User Agency along with the proposal. Revised copy of the same shall be submitted.
- vii. Discrepancy is observed in non-forest land involved in the proposal, in online Part-I, at one place it is mentioned that 8.513 ha. of non-forest land has involved in the project and in another place it is mentioned that 6.9 ha of non-forest is involved in the project, however; in area calculation statement submitted along with the proposal, it is mentioned that 7.2 ha non-forest land is involved in the proposal. Necessary corrections shall be made in Parivesh portal and intimated to this office and correct area calculation statement shall be submitted.
- viii. Information on total CA stipulated since 1980 is not submitted by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gadchroli in his Part-II submitted along with the proposal. Revised Part- II mentioning necessary information needs to be submitted.
- ix. Project layout map is not submitted along with the proposal, the shall be submitted.
- x. Certificate ensuring importance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 is not submitted along with the proposal. Original FRA-2006 certificate along with documentary evidences in the form of copies of the resolutions of the concerned Forest Rights Committee(s), Gram Sabha(s), Sub-Division Level Committee(s) recording their consent for the proposal and bearing signature of the participants shall be submitted. In addition to this, copies of record of proceedings of the Forest Rights Committee, Sub Divisional Level Committee(s) may also be submitted.
- xi. Details of employment potential in terms of man days of skilled, semiskilled and unskilled persons on permanent (direct and indirect) and temporary (direct and indirect) basis have not been provided. The same needs to 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.

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