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Date: 29.10.2021

✓ To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 19.8469 ha. Forest under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of Public Works Division, Allapalli for construction of RRP additional works of roads and Bridges in Somanpalli-Zinganoor via Kopela ODR 68 & MDR 26 (total length 16.96 km) in Village Somanpalli Kopela & Zinganoor, Taluka- Sironcha, 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.177/ F-10 dated 25.09.2021 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra letter No. Desk-17/NODAL/Gadchiroli/ID-12875/1039/21-22 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 and recommendation of State Government the Committee decided that proposal shall again placed before the REC after the receipt of following information:


- i. Compensatory Afforestation has been proposed over 40.00 ha. Degraded Forest Land (i) 15.00 ha. of Compt. No. 416, Sur. No. 422 at Village- Shembalpimpri, Taluka- Pusad, District- Yavatmal (ii) 15.00 ha. of Compt. no. 762 at Village- Karankheda, Taluka- Mahagaon, District- Yavatmal (iii) 10.00 ha. Of Compt no. 369 at Range- Pusad, Beat- Mungshi, Dist- 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, KML file has not been uploaded in Parivesh portal. Further, Differential GPS map of CA land is not submitted along with the proposal. Necessary corrections shall be made in Parivesh portal and requisite map shall be submitted by the State Government.
- 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. The number of project affected trees need to be revisited by keeping trees on outer RoW intact.
- v. DCF, Sironcha has mentioned in his Part- II that 189.82 ha for Forest land has been diverted since 1980, out of which CA has been carried out only in 17.83 ha. Proper justification shall be submitted by DCF concerned.

- vi. 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.

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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