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Date: 31.10.2022

✓ To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 3.48 ha Reserved Forest land in favour of Minor Irrigation Division, Nashik for Gravity Scheme Nanashi Link Cut/Canal in Village- Nanashi, Taluka- Dindori, District- Nashik in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to Government of Maharashtra letter No. FLD-2021/CR-229/F-10 dated 22.08.2022 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Nashik/I.D-12913/1594/2021-22 dated 22.11.2021 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 Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC revealed following:

- i. Component wise area calculation statement is not submitted along with the proposal. The same needs to be submitted.
- ii. CA scheme is not submitted along with the proposal, only abstract has been submitted. Site specific CA scheme for 10 years shall be prepared and submitted.
- iii. DCF, West Nashik has mentioned in his Part- II that there is presence of White Rumped Vulture, Long Billed Vulture and Leopard which are Schedule- I species. Specific comments from PCCF (Wildlife) in this regard needs to be submitted.
- iv. DCF, West Nashik has mentioned in his certificate that the proposed site is barest minimum and is most suitable from Technical, Economical and from Forest point of view. In this regard, comparative statement viz. activities to be carried out depth of cutting, amount of muck generating and its disposal shall be submitted.
- v. DCF, West Nashik has mentioned in his Part- II that in joint inspection report it is mention that, alternative land with minimal diversion of forest area is available if the diversion canal is made through Gut no. 194 and Gut no 196. This option would not only reduce the total area needed for diversion (forest or otherwise), but also reduces the total project cost. However, the alignment will run through Nanashi village. The local MLA, on behalf of villagers, has requested to not divert the land for the said project. Comments from State Government in this regard is required.
- vi. Details of alternative alignments explored, Justification for selecting the proposed alternative and Reasons for discarding other alternatives is not submitted.

- vii. Cross sectional map of the canal is not submitted along with the proposal. 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 DDGF(C)/ Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, MoEF & CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,



(Karthik. M.L)

Technical Officer (Gr. II)

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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