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Date: 31.12.2021

✓ To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 0.9984 ha Forest land in favour of Town Development & Planning Officer, Thane Municipal Corporation, Thane for construction of service road from Kolshet to Bhaindarpada in Thane Municipal Corporation at Village- Kolshet, Kevesal & Bhaindarpada, Taluka- Thane, District- Thane in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir

The undersigned is directed to refer to APCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra vide letter no. Desk-17/Nodal/Thane/ID-12986(76)/1758/2021-22 dated 10.12.2021 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. Part- V has been wrongly uploaded on Parivesh portal. Instead of Part- V, Part- IV has been uploaded. The same shall be replaced and intimated to this office.
- ii. KML file of all the Forest patches proposed for diversion has not been uploaded in Parivesh portal. KML files of all the patches proposed for diversion shall be uploaded and intimated to this office. Soft copy of KML files may also be submitted.
- iii. APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra has mentioned in his letter that there 267 trees are proposed to be felled in the proposal. Whereas, in Parivesh portal details of only 246 trees has been uploaded. Further, enumeration list of trees is also not submitted along with the proposal. Necessary corrections shall be made in Parivesh portal and girth wise complete enumeration list of trees along with scientific names needs to be submitted by the State Government.
- iv. Conservator of Forests & Director, Sanjay Gandhi National Park has mentioned in his Part- II that the present proposal involves the land cutting and filling for road construction, there will be chances of soil erosion from the adjoining forest area. Soil Conservation Plan for the same needs to be submitted.
- v. DCF, Thane has mentioned in his certificate that there is violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 over an area of 0.3959 ha. Detailed violation report is not submitted along the proposal. The same needs to be submitted.
- vi. APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra has mentioned in his covering letter that Proposed area is within 10 Km from boundary of Sanjay Gandhi National Park and some part is inside Sanjay Gandhi National Park. Accordingly, approval of SBWL and

NBWL is required. The same shall be obtained and submitted to this office for further consideration.

- vii. Compensatory Afforestation has been proposed over 3.00 ha. degraded Forest Land, whereas, CA scheme has been submitted only for 1.50 ha. Therefore, site specific CA scheme for entire area proposed to carry out CA duly approved by the officer not below the rank of DCF/ DFO shall be submitted. The same may also be uploaded on Parivesh portal and intimated to this office.
- viii. As per Part- V submitted along with the proposal, it is mentioned that Government of Maharashtra has delegated powers to the Nodal Officer, Maharashtra to submit proposals less than 5 ha (excluding National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries). Since the proposal is passing through Sanjay Gandhi National Park, proposal was suppose to be submitted through State Government of Maharashtra along with comments of the State Government to IRO, Nagpur instead of submitting directly from APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra to IRO, Nagpur. Justification for the same needs be submitted.
- ix. Certificate related to recognition and vesting of forest rights in accordance with the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 is not submitted along with the proposal. Original FRA-2006 certificate in prescribed format along with documentary evidences in the form of copies of the resolutions of the concerned Gram Sabha(s), Sub-Division Level Committee(s) and the District Level Committee(s) recording their consent for the proposal and bearing signature of the participants shall be submitted along with English translated copies.
- x. Cross sectional map both vertical and horizontal has not been submitted. The same needs to 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.

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,


(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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