



भारत सरकार  
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पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय  
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F.No. FC-II/MH-229/2023-NGP /12459

Date: 09.11.2023

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Revenue and Forest Department,  
HutatmaRajguru Chowk  
Madame Cama Marg  
Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400032.

**Sub: Diversion of 9.9249 ha. forest land in favour of National Highway Division, Pen-Raigad for rehabilitation and up-gradation of existing highway to 2 lane/ 4 lane with paved shoulder under configuration from Pen-Khopoli-Mahad (Km.00+000 to Km 33-328) section of NH-166 D (Pen-Khopoli-Mahad) Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) Basis in Raigad district in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.**

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to State Government of Maharashtra letter no. FLD-1323/CR-124/F-10 dated 06.09.2023 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra letter no. Desk-17/Nodal/Thane/ID-13727(NH)/3413/22-23 dated 13.03.2023 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, MoEF&CC revealed following:

- Maps viz. Differential GPS Map, Index Map/SoI toposheet on 1:50,000 scale, Project layout map, 10 Km radius map showing PA's, Village map, Protected area distance map and alternative Map is not submitted along the proposal. Maps certified by concerned DCF needs to be submitted.
- Since the User Agency is of PWD, CA land should be proposed equivalent non-forest land. Accordingly, CA shall be proposed over equivalent non-forest land adjoining to forest land and CA details viz. site specific CA scheme, site suitability certificate, Differential GPS map and KML file shall 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(Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,

(Karthik M.L.)

Technical Officer (Gr. II)

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- The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- User Agency.
- Guard file.

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