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भारत सरकार  
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पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय  
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✓ To,

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

**Sub: Diversion of 3.36 ha Forest land in favour of National Highway Authority of India, Solapur for four laning of Pune-Solapur section of NH-9 in Km 144/400 to Km 249/000 at Villages- Pakhani, Chikhali, Hivare, District- Solapur in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.**

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to Government of Maharashtra letter no FLD-2223/C.R.238/F-10 dated 24.08.2023 which was received physically in this office on 06.09.2023 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra letter no. Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-42876/Pune/1148 dated 14.07.2023 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:

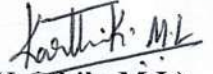
- i. Consolidated single KML file of entire road alignment under instant proposal, dully highlighting proposed forest area for diversion has not been submitted. The same needs to be submitted.
- ii. Name of the signing authority and date of submission is not mentioned by the User Agency in Part- I submitted along with the proposal. Revised Part- I mentioning name of the signing authority and date of submission shall be submitted.
- iii. DCF, Solapur has mentioned in his violation certificate that work is already executed in 2012. Detailed violation report has not been submitted along with the proposal. A detailed report on the violation of the FCA, 1980 and action taken thereof against the officers responsible for violation of FCA, 1980 needs to be submitted by the State Government.
- iv. DCF, Solapur has mentioned that proposed area for diversion is passing through Great Indian Bustard Wildlife Sanctuary and NBWL in their 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting dated 12.04.2010 granted the clearance for the said proposal. However, copy of approval of NBWL is not submitted along with the proposal. The same needs to be submitted.
- v. Complete enumeration list of trees proposed to be felled in the proposal is not submitted. Girth wise complete enumeration list of trees proposed to be felled in the proposal needs to be submitted.

- vi. 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 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 is issued with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,



(Karthik, M.L)

Technical Officer (Gr. II)

Copy to:

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



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