

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**  
**(Forest Conservation Division)**

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**Dated: 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2022**

**To**

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Government of Maharashtra,  
Mumbai.

**Subject: Diversion of 73.94 ha forest land for construction of Kareghat Minor Irrigation Tank at Kareghat, Tal. Nawapur, District Nandurbar in the State of Maharashtra (Online No. FP/MH/IRRIG/61238/2020) - regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-2022/CR-01/F-10 dated 12.09.2022 on the above cited subject. In this regard following shortcomings have been observed in the proposal submitted by the State Govt:

- i. As per DSS analysis, according to the administrative boundary provided by the Survey of India and available on the DSS web-portal, part of area proposed for diversion is falling within the state of Gujarat. This needs clarification and further necessary action as per ground situation.
- ii. The State Govt has recommended the proposal subject to a condition that the *CF Dhule and DCF Nandurbar shall ensure that the proposed area is outside the confines of Kareghat Conservation Reserve and submit SIR in this regard before Stage-1 approval.* However, no such document has been submitted and the recommendation of the State Govt is therefore not complete in this regard.
- iii. The DFO in his Site Inspection Report has mentioned that the forest land to be diverted is included in proposed Kareghat Conservation Reserve. The comments/ recommendation of CWLW in this regard shall be submitted.
- iv. The detail of the alternatives examined and the justification/ reason for selecting the proposed alternative shall be submitted.
- v. As per online Part-II the proposed forest land is slightly susceptible to erosion E-3. Therefore, constructing a Dam in the area prone to erosion needs clarification.
- vi. The user agency has reported that the proposed Compt. No. 41A, 42A & B within 73.94 ha forest land for diversion falls in the Scheduled Tribal Area. This needs clarification.
- vii. The copy of the approved CAT plan as per provisions contained in Handbook of

guidelines dated 28.03.2019 is required to be submitted.

- viii. The Cost Benefit analysis is required to be submitted on the prescribed format keeping in view the revised NPV rates issued vide MoEF&CC letter dated 06.01.2022.
- ix. The State Govt. vide letter dated 12.09.2022 has informed that the total Non-forest land involved in the project is 77.54 ha, whereas the user agency in online Part-I has mentioned that the requirement of non-forest land is NIL. This discrepancy needs clarification. The detail and KML file of the non-forest land required shall also be submitted.
- x. As per DSS analysis, the calculated area( as per KML file) of forest land proposed for diversion is 78.110 ha instead of 73.94 ha as given in proposal. This needs clarification and submission of correct KML file accordingly.
- xi. The State Govt. shall upload the DGPS map showing the component wise requirement of forest land and the latest Survey of India topo-sheet showing the proposed forest land for diversion on PARIVESH.
- xii. The State Govt has not submitted the copy of revenue documents indicating that the area proposed for CA is Non-forest land and free from all encumbrances. Further in the online part-1 of the application form, a copy of technical sanction order has been uploaded against the ownership proof of CA land. The reason for the same shall be explained.
- xiii. The State Govt. has reported that 87.00 ha area has been selected for Compensatory Afforestation whereas the KML file comprising 152.161 ha area has been uploaded on PARIVESH. Moreover, the site suitability certificate has been submitted for an area of 91.26 ha This needs clarification and correct detail of the area proposed for CA along with the site suitability certificates, maps, KML file and CA scheme is required to be submitted.
- xiv. Sattelite imagery shows the presence of Roads, Settlements and Agriculture land within the proposed CA site which indicates that the area is not free from all encumbrances. The State Govt shall ensure that the area free from all encumbrances is provided for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation..

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely

**Sd/-  
(Suneet Bhardwaj)**

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**Copy to:**

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.