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Nagpur - 440 001 Dated 26 / 12/2022.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 75.24 ha. (Revised Area 63.540) Reserved / Protected Forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for development of Green Field Airport at village Vihirgaon and Murti, Taluka.Rajura of District Chandrapur in the State of Maharashtra. (FP/MH/Road/42471/2019).

Ref: Govt. of India letter no. F.No.8-29/2022-FC, dtd.26th December 2022.

Please find enclosed a copy of letter under reference. The Govt. of India vide letter under reference has raised 3 queries on the proposal mentioned under subject above.

It is requested to submit the complete compliance at the earliest.

Encl: as above

(Naresh Zurmure)

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer
Maharashtra State, Nagpur

To
The Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur

Copy forwarded to Maharashtra Airport Development Company Ltd; Central Facility Building, B-Wing(North), 1st floor, MIHAN SEZ, Khapri (Rly), Nagpur 441 108 along with the copy of letter under reference for further necessary action.

क्रमांक कक्षा- 3(1)/जमीन/प्र.क्र. 479/22-23/36, 20
चंद्रपूर, दिनांक :- 26/12/22

प्रतिलिपी:- उपवनसंरक्षक, मध्य चौदा वनविभाग, चंद्रपूर यांना माहिती व आवश्यक कार्यवाहीस सादर. वरीलप्रमाणे केंद्र शासनचे संदर्भिय पत्रातील 1 ते 3 श्रुत्यांची पूर्तता करून अहवाल तात्काळ या झालेलास सादर करावा ही विनंती.

* User Agency,

Chief Accountant
Chief Conservator Of Forests
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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bag Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi – 110003

Dated: 23rd December, 2022

26th

To

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

Subject: Diversion of 63.540 ha forest land for development of Green Filed Airport at village Vihirgaon and Murti, Taluka Rajura of District Chandrapur in the State of Maharashtra (Online No. FP/MH/Others/42471/2019) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

This is in reference to the FLD-2022/C.R-272/F-10 dated 18.10.2022 on the above mentioned subject. In this regard, the proposal for diversion of 63.540 ha forest land was considered by the FAC in its meeting held on 09.12.2022.

After thorough deliberations and discussions, keeping in view the location of the proposed area within a Tiger Corridor, the recommendation of the Wildlife Institute of India and the non-site specific nature of the project, the FAC **deferred** the proposal and decided that:

- i. The State Government shall examine the financial viability of the project and submit a detailed analysis/report in this regard.
- ii. The construction of a Greenfield airport is a non-site specific activity and the proposed site is surrounded by Non-forest land. The State Government shall therefore explore other options of using non-forest land instead of using Forest land for the project. The State shall also explore the possibility of expanding the already existing Chandrapur (Morwa) Airport. In this regard the State Govt. shall provide a detailed presentation along with DGCA and MADC before the FAC.
- iii. Keeping in view the ecological importance of the area, the Ministry shall seek detailed comments from WII, Dehradun and NTCA on the instant proposal for the construction of Greenfield airport.

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

Yours sincerely,

Signed by Suneet Bhardwaj
Date: 26-12-2022 10:26:54

Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest and Environment, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
4. User Agency;