

भारतसरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA पर्यावरण, वन एवंजलवायूपरिवर्तनमंत्रालय MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS Civil Lines, Nagpur - 440001 & CLIMATE CHANGE

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To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 11.78 ha Reserved Forest Land in favour of National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), PIU- Aurangabad for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of existing two lane to four lane of Aurangabad- Koradi section of NH-211, to 4 lane from km 290.200 to Km 376.000 and Km 390.000 to Km 452.800 (Design Chainage 290.200 Km in Aurangabad to Koradi 320.640 Km) in Aurangabad District in the State of Maharashtra - Regarding.

Sir.

The undersigned is directed to refer to State Government letter No. FLD-2018/CR-324/F-10 dated 14.12.2018 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra letter No. Desk-17/NC/I/I.D-/1697/17-18 dated 01.12.2018 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 (WCZ), MoEF&CC revealed following:

- i. KML files of land identified for CA have not been uploaded properly in the web-portal. KML files of proposed area have been uploaded against CA land area. The same needs to be uploaded properly in the web-portal.
- ii. Maps viz., Index Map/SoI toposheet on 1:50,000 scale for proposed area and Alternatives map is not submitted along with the proposal.
- iii. Details of facts as contained in the Part- II of the proposal viz. Topography of the area, Geology and Slope to erosion are not mentioned. Further, details on progressive CA done till date in the Division is also not mentioned by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Aurangabad in his Part- II. Revised Part- II may be submitted by the DCF concerned.
- iv. PCCF (HoFF), Maharashtra has mentioned in his specific recommendation that chain link fencing will be provided for 20 ha. Whereas, in CA scheme chain link fencing has been provided for only 11.78 ha. Revised CA scheme including provision for chain link fencing for 20 ha. shall be submitted by the State Government.

- v. Original certificate ensuring importance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, in prescribed format as per Govt. of India guidelines issued vide letter no. 11-9/98 FC (pt) dated 5th July, 2013 for linear projects is not submitted. The same has to be submitted along with documentary evidences in the form of copies of the resolutions of the concerned Forest Rights Committee(s), Gram Sabha(s), Sub-Division Level Committee(s) recording their consent for the proposal and bearing signature of the participants have not been submitted. The same is required to be submitted by the State Government. In addition to this, copies of record of proceedings of the Forest Rights Committee, Sub Divisional Level Committee(s) may also be submitted.
- vi. Though it is mentioned that Permanent employment for 1500 persons and Temporary employment for 5,40,000 person days will be generated from the project, information on employment potential likely to be generated in terms of Skilled, Semi-skilled and Unskilled persons/ mandays by implementation of the project is not mentioned properly.

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.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. E Arockia Lenin)

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Copy to:

i. The PCCF, 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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