

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**  
**(Forest Conservation Division)**  
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**Dated: 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2022**  
19<sup>th</sup>

**To**

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

**Subject: Diversion of 263.5406 ha forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction of Sambarkund Irrigation Project at Village Mahan, Taluka Alibag, District Raigad in the State of Maharashtra (Online No. FP/MH/IRRIG/142819/2021) - regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra letter no. FLD-2022/C.R-294/F-10 dated 18.11.2022 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, the calculated area (as per KML file) of forest land proposed for diversion is 261.274 ha instead of 263.5406 ha as given in proposal. Further the KML file of forest land under diversion is not commensurate with the component wise breakup given in PART-I form on PARIVESH. This needs clarification and submission of correct KML file including different components accordingly.
- ii. The KML file of the Non-forest land involved in the proposal has not been submitted which is required to be done.
- iii. As per DSS Analysis, it has been found that the Compensatory Afforestation has been proposed over an area of 407 ha in seventeen (17) patches over the Forest land located under the Nanded district of Maharashtra. Whereas the Compensatory Afforestation has to be raised over Non forest land. Therefore the KML file, SoI toposheet Maps, Geo-referenced Maps and approved CA Scheme with Site Suitability certificates of CA on Non-Forest Land are required to be uploaded/provided.
- iv. As per DSS Analysis, it has been found that the Legal status of land for one patch near Gata No. 180 comprising an area of 0.632 ha is not clear. Therefore, legal status of the said patch of land needs clarification.
- v. Satellite imagery shows the presence of Village settlements, Road, School and the Agricultural land within the forest land proposed for diversion. This needs clarification.
- vi. The State Government has reported that project will affects 129 families and will be

resettled in the project command area. However as per R&R plan submitted with proposal it has been mentioned that the number of families to be displaced is 199. This variation needs clarification. Further, the copy of approval of the R&R plan by the competent authority is also required to be submitted.

- vii. *The detail of the alternatives examined and the justification/ reasons for selecting the proposed alternative shall be submitted.*
- viii. The copy of the approved CAT plan as per provisions contained in Handbook of guidelines dated 28.03.2019 is required to be submitted.
- ix. 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.
- x. 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.
- xi. 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.
- xii. The complete DGPS map and Survey of India toposheet map showing the forest land under diversion is not uploaded online. The State Govt. needs to upload the DGPS map showing the component wise utilization of forest land under diversion and the latest Survey of India topo-sheet map showing the proposed forest land for diversion on PARIVESH.

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: 19-12-2022 11:00:26

Reason: Approved

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(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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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.