

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

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F.No. FC-II/MH-93/2018-NGP 4635

To,

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

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 6.53 ha. Zudpi Jungle land at Gondia Khurd, Taluka and Dist. Gondia under Category II [Zudpi Jungle Under Encroachments (excluding commercial purpose) prior to 12/12/1996 using simplified procedure} in consolidated form under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in accordance with the procedure prescribed as per Government of India, Ministry of Environment of Forest's letter No. 8-33/2001-FC, Dated 04/03/2014 - Regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to State Government letter No. FLD-2018/C.R.285/F-10 dated 31.10.2018 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra letter No. Desk-17/NC/I/I.D-12634/1423/18-19 dated 17.10.2018 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/ Shape file of area proposed for diversion is not uploaded properly in the website nor it is submitted along with the proposal.
- ii. 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.
- iii. State Government has mentioned in its letter that the vegetation density is 0.1, whereas, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gondia in his Site Inspection Report has mentioned that vegetation density is 0.0. The same may be verified by the State Government.
- iv. Original certificate ensuring importance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, issued by concerned District Collector as per Ministry's guidelines dated 05.07.2013 along with documentary evidences in the form of copies of the resolutions of the concerned Gram Sabha(s)/ Ward Sabha(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 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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