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F.No. FC-III/MH-34/2018-NGP 4677

Date: 12.12.2018

✓ To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 74.7102 ha. forest land in favour of Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Limited, Bandra (W), Mumbai for construction of Mumbai-Pune Expressway missing link (13.3 Km from Khopoli Exit on Yashwantro Chavan Expressway (YCEW) to Sinhagad Institute near Lonavala) in Raigad and Pune District in the state of Maharashtra - Regarding.

Sir,

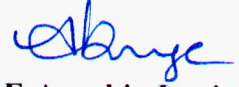
The undersigned is directed to refer to FLD-1918/C.R.312/F-10 dated 30.11.2018 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that preliminary scrutiny of the proposal in the Regional Office (WCZ), MoEF&CC revealed following:

- i. As on 10.12.2018, the proposal is still pending at State Government level in the web-portal. The same has to be forwarded to the Regional Office.
- 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. Soft copies of KML/ Shape file of area identified CA has been submitted only for 4 patches. KML/ Shape file of all the 5 patches shall be submitted.
- iv. District Collector, Raigad, has issued certificate for 34.2028 ha., whereas in the text he has mentioned that "*complete process for identification and settlement of rights under FRA has been carried out for 25.0715 ha.*". Clarification in this regard may be obtained and the same 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.

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,

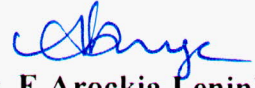


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- i. The PCCF, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- ii. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iii. User agency.
- iv. Guard file.



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