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Date: 23.12.2022

✓To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 0.121 ha Reserved Forest in favour of M/s Dosti Agro Tourism Centre, Pune for laying water pipeline, erection of electric pole to supply electricity, aerial iron cable for cable car and regularize existing approach stairs pathway for Dosti Agro Tourism Centre in Village- Karanja, Taluka- Junnar, District- Pune in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to FLD-1922/CR-232/F-10 dated 22.09.2022 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra letter no. Desk-17/Nodal/Pune/I.D-12951(22)/881/2022-23 dated 12.07.2022 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 Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC revealed following:

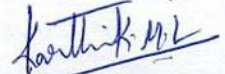
- i. Discrepancy is observed in the area calculation statement submitted by the State Government, KML file and statement made by the User Agency in the proposal. In area calculation statement, forest land is proposed for laying water pipeline, erection of electric pole to supply electricity, aerial iron cable for cable car and regularize existing approach stairs pathway, whereas, KML is submitted for road and ropeway. Further, User Agency has mentioned in their Part- I that nearby villagers use stairs instead of the road. Clarification regarding why road is proposed when User Agency is requesting to regularize existing approach stairs pathway needs to be submitted along with revised KML file highlighting various components.
- ii. DCF has stated in his Part- II that the area proposed for diversion is vulnerable for erosion. Accordingly, soil conservation measures is not proposed. Soil conservation measures to avoid erosion may be submitted.
- iii. Further, DCF has mentioned in his Part- II that surrounding area falls under Western Ghats and definitely has unique flora and fauna. List of unique flora and fauna found in the surrounding area along with conservation measures if any needs to be submitted.
- iv. Signed copy of Specific recommendation of PCCF (HoFF) is not submitted along with the proposal. Signed copy shall be submitted.
- v. The detail report on violation of FCA, 1980 including nature and extent of violation, name of official persons responsible for violation and action taken thereof need to be submitted.

- vi. Three alternatives has been explored, however, KML file of the same is snot submitted along with the proposal.
- vii. Details of employment potential in terms of man days of skilled, semiskilled and unskilled persons on permanent (direct and indirect) and temporary (direct and indirect) basis have not been provided. The same needs to be provided.

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.

This issues with the approval of DDGF(C)/ Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, MoEF & CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,



(Karthik, M.L)

Technical Officer (Gr. II)

Copy to:

- i. The PCCF (HoFF), 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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