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No. Desk-17/NC/II/ID.12741 / 408 /20-21

Nagpur - 440 001, Date: 29/06/2021

To,

The Secretary,
Ministry of Environment and Forests & Climate Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj
New Delhi -110003

Sub:- Approval of the Forest Advisory Committee.

Ref:- This office letter No. Desk-17/NC/II/ID- 12741 /1380,dt.23/3/2021. P/172

Sir,

The compliances of the following 3 proposals have been duly submitted by the State Government to the Ministry and the same need to be placed before the Forest Advisory Committee at the earliest as per the following details:-

Sr. No	Name of the proposal	Forest Area (in ha)	Reference from the State Government
1	Proposal for diversion of 374.75 ha forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for rehabilitation of Rantalodhi village of Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve in Compartment No.14-B, Distt. Chandrapur in the State of Maharashtra	374.75	This office letter No.Desk-17/NC/II/ID-12741/20-21/1057, dt.18/1/2021. (Annexure-I) P/1071
2	De-reservation of 215.42 ha out of total 240.62 ha (excluding 25 ha forest land at paragaon) of Reserved Forest and Protected Forest land of 240.62 ha from 7 villages from Chandoli Wildlife Sanctuary in Dist. Kolhapur, Maharashtra	215.42	This office letter No.Desk-17/NC/II/ID-12445(60)/123, dt.17/6/2020 (Annexure-II) P/170
3	Extension of General approval for laying of Optical Fiber Cable by Aerial methodology & erection of poles	-	Government of Maharashtra letter No.FD-2014/CR.166/F-10, dt.18/2/2021. (Annexure-III) P/168

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No.Desk-17/1/Nodal/ID 12741/20-21/1380

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Enclosure:- As above

Yours' sincerely

(Sanjeev Gaur)
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No.Desk-17/NC/1/ID-12741/20-21/ 1057

Date:- 18/01/2021

Via-Email

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- i. Since the proposal is not in conformity with the guidelines of Ministry dt.20/05/2019 the State Government, if so desires, may approach Hon. Supreme court to seek the relief in this regard.
- ii. Comments of National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) on the proposed proposal may also be obtained by the MoEF&CC for further consideration by the Committee.

2.0 In pursuance to the above said observations this office has submitted compliance as per reference 3, enclosing the detailed Note dated 12/08/2020 from the Chief Wildlife Warden. The concern expressed by the FAC is duly addressed to in the said Note of the Chief Wildlife Warden which is reproduced as under-

b) In Maharashtra State the rehabilitation of 66 villages from the core area of tiger reserves has been done with the acquisition of 8613.63 ha of land vacated by these 66 villages and in lieu of this, only 2650.57 ha of forest land has been diverted for relocation so far. Thus, the land added to the core of tiger reserves as inviolate area and declared as Reserve Forests far exceeds the forest land diverted for rehabilitation in the State.

In addition to this, 15093 ha. of mangrove forests have been notified under section 4 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 as Reserve Forests and 1774.84 ha. private land has also been declared as forests.

c) The diversion of forest land in this proposal is for the purpose of conservation of tigers i.e. for making the core of tiger reserve as inviolate which is a top most priority of State Government as well as of Government of India. Furthermore, this is required to be done as per the provisions under section 38V of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 as amended in 2006, which stipulates that the core area has to be kept inviolate. This activity is also financially supported by MoEF&CC so as to make the core area inviolate (free from any disturbance) for the creation of an ideal tiger habitat.

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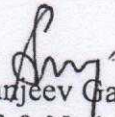
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4.0 The Note dated 12/08/2020 enclosed with the reference under 3 is self-explanatory and therefore considering the objective of the proposal it may be placed again before the FAC for its kind consideration.


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No. : Desk-17/NC/II/ID 12445/(60)/1 23/2020-21

Nagpur - 440 001, Dated: 17/06/2020

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
(Forest Conservation Division) Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj
Jorbagh Road, New Delhi - 110003

Ref :- GOI, MoEF&CC (FC Division) , New Delhi letter No F No 8-81/2013-FC dated 26/11/2019.

Government of India has accorded in-principal approval for the subject proposal, under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to the fulfillment of the conditions mentioned in the letter under reference dated 26/11/2019. Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Kolhapur vide letter dated 18/03/2020 has submitted the compliance of the conditions, which is furnished as under :-

Sr. No.	Particular	Compliance
i.	Plantation/afforestation will be taken up in the Chandoli Wildlife Sanctuary land, being vacated by the villagers, in accordance with Wild Life Management Plan of the sanctuary.	Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife) Chandoli National Park, Karad submitted that , according to Tiger Conservation Plan of Sahayadri Tiger Reserve, all Paddy lands are maintained as Meadows for herbivorous, as local good quality grasses like Marvel (Andropogan annulatus), Ghanya marvel (Andropogan partusus), Kunda (Ishehaemum pitosum), Marali (Cynodon dactylon) are spreading over naturally, as well as artificially. Other open malki lands vacated by villagers are also maintained as naturally meadows by removing unwanted growth of shrubs. Undertaking submitted by User Agency is enclosed as Annexure-1 .
ii.	The State Government shall charge additional Net Present Value of the total forest land to be diverted Under this proposal from the User Agency, if so	Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife) Chandoli National Park, Karad submitted that as per guidelines of GOI, Relocation projects are exempted from Net Present Value. Even

	determined, as per the final orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.	though if it is determined it will be remitted in the CAMPA account of Central Government. Undertaking submitted by User Agency is enclosed as <u>Annexure-2</u> .
iii.	Trees shall be felled only when it becomes necessary And that to under strict supervision of State Forest Department.	Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife) Chandoli National Park, Karad submitted that the trees cutting program will be implemented after plotting the area for agriculture and trees will be cut only when it is necessary. Undertaking submitted by User Agency is enclosed as <u>Annexure-3</u> .
iv	No felling of the trees will be done in the area demarked for grazing land. This land may be managed on the principal of Joint Forest Management.	Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife) Chandoli National Park, Karad submitted that Felling of trees will not be done in the area earmarked for grazing and this land will be managed on the principals of Joint Forest Management. Undertaking submitted by User Agency is enclosed as <u>Annexure-4</u> .
v.	The approval will be subject to the condition that after relocation of villagers, the non-forest land proposed to be vacated by the villagers shall be transferred and mutated in favour of the Forest department and shall be declared Protected forest /Reserve forest under "Indian Forest Act, 1927".	Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife) Chandoli National Park, Karad submitted that Transfer and mutation of land in favour of Forest Department is in progress. As soon as the records of land be made in the name of Forest Department, the necessary proposals be moved to convert all areas vacated by the villagers into Reserve Forest. Undertaking submitted by User Agency is enclosed as <u>Annexure-5</u> .
vi.	The land diverted for agriculture should be developed so as to meet the fodder requirement also, of the cattle reared by families to be shifted. Practice of stall feeding shall be adopted as far as possible.	Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife) Chandoli National Park, Karad submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as <u>Annexure-6</u>
vii.	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose Other than that specified in the proposal;	Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife) Chandoli National Park, Karad submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as <u>Annexure-7</u>
viii.	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;	Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife) Chandoli National Park, Karad submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as <u>Annexure-8</u>
ix.	The State Government shall complete the compliance of Scheduled Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 And may identify alternate land at Narande Village Prior to Stage-II approval.	Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife) Chandoli National Park, Karad submitted that as there is no proposal decided or pending under Scheduled Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 to date. So question does not arise for alternative land at Narande village, if it is identified in future, alternate land will be made available at Narande village. Undertaking submitted by User Agency is enclosed as <u>Annexure-9</u> .

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x.	The user agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat / home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird's nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project.	Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife) Chandoli National Park, Karad submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as <u>Annexure-10</u>
xi.	The approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to clearance under all other Acts, Rules and Regulations and guidelines.	Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife) Chandoli National Park, Karad submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as <u>Annexure-11</u>
xii.	Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests and wildlife.	Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife) Chandoli National Park, Karad submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as <u>Annexure-12</u>
xiii.	The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules Regulations and guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.	Noted. Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife) Chandoli National Park, Karad submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as <u>Annexure-13</u>

In view of the above facts, it is requested that the Central Government may kindly accord prior approval order under section - 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 at the earliest.

Encls : As above

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Sub: Extension of General approval for laying of Optical Fiber Cable by Aerial methodology & erection of poles.

Ref: 1. Revenue and Forest Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Letter No. FLD-2015/C.R.08/F-10, dt.03.06.2019
2. FAC meeting dt.27.06.2019, Agenda No.7- Policy Issues- 1, Recommendation of FAC
3. Additional Principle Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur Letter No. Desk-17/NC/17-4/CR/114/2020-21/224, dt.9.7.2020

Sir,

Government of Maharashtra has requested GoI to extend general approval u/s 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of aerial OFC and erection of poles for this purpose vide letter under reference No.1 (Copy Attached)


2. The above request was discussed and deliberated before the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 27.06.2019, when it sought following information:-

- Detail proposal highlighting the dimension of poles, distance between poles, and height of poles and sagging of cables, in case the OFC is laid over ground within ROW of existing roads.
- Comparative statement of financial implications of laying OFC over ground and underground.
- Other considerations which State Government may deem fit to bring to the knowledge of FAC.

3. The compliance report furnished by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letter under reference No.3 is self-explanatory and the General Administration Department (Information and Technology), Government of Maharashtra also agrees with the same. (Copy Attached)

4. Therefore, you are requested to extend general approval u/s 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of Forest land for laying of OFC by aerial methodology and erection poles for the same.

Yours faithfully,


18/02/2021
(Arvind Apte)

Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)

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