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No.:Desk-17/Nodal/S1/PID-17443/Chandrapur/3384/2023-24

Nagpur – 440 001, Dated : - 13/03/2024

To,  
The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Revenue and Forest Department,  
Mantralaya, Mumbai -32

Sub:- Diversion of 0.20 ha. Zudpi Jungle land for Opencast Mining under section (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Bhatadi Expansion Mine Project (FP/MH/MIN/17443/2016)-regarding

Ref:-1) This office letter No. Desk-17/NC/II/ID-12763/1378, dated 28/11/2019.

2) Government of Maharashtra letter No. FLD-3620/CR-40/F-10, dated 21/06/2023.

3) The Government of India, MoEF&CC, RO,Nagpur letter No. F.No.FC-I/MH-341/2023-NGP/12710, dated 04/01/2024.

4) This office letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Chandrapur/ID-12763(2)/3000, dated 24/01/2024

Please refer above references. This office vide letter under reference No.1 has submitted Diversion of 0.20 ha. Zudpi Jungle land for Opencast Mining under section (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Bhatadi Expansion Mine Project to Government of Maharashtra. Accordingly, the Government of Maharashtra vide letter under reference No.2 has submitted proposal to Government of India, Regional Office.

2.0 Subsequently, the Government of India, Regional Office vide letter under reference No. 3 has informed that as per the provision of sub rule (2) (ii) of Rule 10 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rule 2023, the competent authority to deal such cases is the MoEF&CC, New Delhi. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith for needful action.

3.0 However, the Government of Maharashtra on 21/02/2024 has returned proposal to Nodal Office and remarks is stated that the *instant proposal is Mining Project. Hence as per the provisions of Van Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan Rules 2023 competency to deal with such violation cases is MoEF&CC, New Delhi. Therefore, change the Scenario for submit proposal to MoEF&CC, New Delhi.* The said proposal is examined that there is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as certified by the Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur. The said certificate is enclosed herewith

4.0 The said proposal is registered Parivesh 1 portal and there is no provision for change <sup>of</sup> the Scenario <sup>at</sup> to this office level. It is requested to forward the proposal to MoEF&CC, New Delhi for approval under Forest (Conservaton), Act, 1980.

Encl:- As above

 13/3/24

(Naresh Zurmure)

**Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
& Nodal Officer**

Copy to Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Chandrapur for information.  
Copy to the Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division, Chandrapur for information.  
Copy to the Office of the Area General Manager, Chandrapur Area WCL, Chandrapur Area,  
Chandrapur-442304 for information.