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To,

**The APCCF & Nodal Officer, Forest Conservation
Van Bhawan, Nagpur**

Subject :- Diversion of 63.540 ha. Forest land for development of Green Field Airport at village Vihirgaon and Murti, taluka Rajura of District Chandrapur in the State of Maharashtra (Online Ni. FP/MH/Others/42471/2019) regarding.

Reference :- Central Government letter No. File No. 8-29/2022-FC dated 10th November, 2022.

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Regarding the proposal for diversion of 75.24 ha. (Revised Area 63.540) Reserved/Protected Forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for development of Green Field Airport at village Vihirgaon and Murti, Taluka. Rajura of District Chandrapur in the State of Maharashtra. (FP/MH/Others/42471/2019) has been submitted by this office, the Govt. of India has communicated shortcomings vide letter under reference 1.

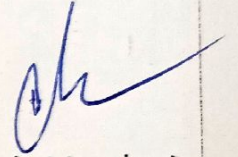
Following is the point wise compliance for the same.

Sr. No.	Objections	Compliance
i	In the part -IV of the application from against the specific recommendation of the Nodal Officer/PCCF (HoFF) it has been mentioned that the specie recommendation of PCCF (HoFF) is attached, whereas as per attached letter dated 20/08/2020 which is also signed by the Nodal Officer, the proposal has been submitted to Govt. for consideration subject to certain conditions. However, the specific recommendation of the Nodal Officer or PCCF (HoFF) has not been found in the proposal.	This point is not related to this office
ii	The proposal area is part of a Tiger corridor. In the para 8.20 of the letter dated 20/08/2020, it has been mentioned that " <i>the first recommendation of the report prepared by Wildlife Institute of India is that given the wildlife value of the area and its importance of connecting corridors, the present site may or shall not be considered for the construction of the proposed Greenfield Airport.</i> " The justification for selecting the present site shall therefore be submitted.	This point is not related to this office.

	<p>The details of the other alternatives examined and the reasons for their rejection have not been submitted, The State Government shall submit the details including KML files of all such alternatives examined along with the justification for selecting the present proposed forest area.</p>	<p>The information on the said point will be obtained from the User Agency and submitted.</p>
	<p>As per the remarks of CWLW given in the para 8.22 of the letter dated 20/08/2020 issued by the officer of PCCF (HoFF), it has been mentioned that "in view of the benefits that seem to be accruing due to the project for local population in terms of the number of emolument opportunities, the trade of between the protection of the corridor to be disrupted if the project comes through and the benefits proposed, weighs heavily in favour of protection of the corridor". The justification for recommendation of the proposal in view of the above remarks of CWLW is therefore required to be submitted.</p>	<p>This point is not related to this office.</p>
	<p>The CCF, Chandrapur Circle in the Site Inspection Report has informed that 10 ha. of Teak Plantation raised in 2004 and 20 ha. Mix plantation is included within the proposed diversion. The State Government shall submit the detail of plantations including the schemes under which they have been taken up.</p>	<p>10 ha teak plantation of 2004 is in nearby revenue area, plantation was undertaken by Social Forestry dept. It is not the part of proposed diverted forest area.</p> <p>20 ha mixed plantation is undertaken by forest dept in 2018, compartment no. 173. Out of this, 6 ha area is affected by the proposed diversion of forest land.</p> <p>20 ha mixed plantation is undertaken by Forest Dept in 2018, under NTSP, in compartment 200. Of this, 1.3 ha area under plantation is affected by the proposed diversion of forest land.</p>
vi	<p>The existing Chandrapur Airport is just 39 km. away from proposed diversion site and the Nagpur Airport is 158 Km. from proposed diversion site. Therefore, the State Government shall submit details justification for proposing new Airport involving forest land proposed site.</p>	<p>The User Agency will submitted details justification in this regard</p>
vii	<p>Project report mentions that the total requirement of land is 339.94 ha. (Including both forest as well as Non-forest land) and project will be implemented in two phases wherein Phase-1 involves 63.54 ha forest land and 216.19 ha. Non forest land. The remaining non-forest area of 48.57 ha. Is proposed to be utilized in Phase II. The State Government shall submit the reason for not utilizing the remaining 48.57 ha. Non-forest area in Phase -I instead of proposed forest area.</p>	<p>The project will justification the mechanism</p>
viii	<p>Keeping in view the standard area requirement for the construction of Airport, the State Govt. shall submit the justification that the bare minimum forest area is proposed for diversion.</p>	<p>This point is not related to this office</p>

ix	The component wise breakup of the forest land involved has not been uploaded in the Part-I on the PARIVESH which is required to be done. Further, in the letter dated 20/08/2020 of the office of PCCF (HoFF) a tabular statement of different component has been given wherein it has been provided that 38.25 ha, 26.11 ha, And 1.54 ha. In different villages will be used for other related infrastructure and open space. The details/break up regarding the said area shall be provided.	The PARIVESH is being corrected in Part 1 by the user Agency
x	The project is located at a distance of around 1 km. from Wardha river and its tributaries. The State Government shall examine this aspect from flood zone point of view and the mitigation measures required to be taken during construction phase.	The Undertaking of the User Agency is attached.
xi	The copy of the report prepared by Wildlife Institute of India has not been submitted which is required to be done.	A copy of the report prepared by Wildlife Institute of India is enclosed.
xii	The Geo-referenced land use map of the project area involved in the instant proposal need submission.	The Geo reference map is attached with the proposal.
xiii	The State of declaration of ESZ around Kanhargaon Wildlife Sanctuary needs submission.	As per the gram Sabha resolutions taken from 53 villages affected by the Kanhargaon Wildlife sanctuary 10 km provisional ESZ, a draft proposal for final notification is being submitted to the PCCF office. The proposed diverted land is not within the proposed ESZ boundary.
xiv	The user agency initially applied for diversion of 75.24 ha. Forest land. However the State Government has recommended only 63.540 ha. Forest land for diversion. Therefore, the same needs correction in online Part-I. The component wise breakup for both the forest land and non-forest is required to be corrected and uploaded accordingly.	Corrections have been made in Part 1
xv	A per DSS analysis, the Satellite imagery shows the presence of Plantation activities, Kaccha Road and encroachment for agriculture within the forest land sought for diversion. This need clarification.	There is encroachment in the proposed forest land for diversion. 9 pattas have been granted to Kolam tribals and 5 pattas are pending for approval at DLC level.
xvi	DSS analysis shows the presence of encroachments in patches of DFL proposed for planting the balance seedlings and in one patch namely CHUNALA plantation work has been done in the year 2015, Further, as per DSS analysis, 4 ha. Area in Jogapur is in the category of VDF. Therefore, the proposed DLF areas identified for planting the balance seedlings shall be revisited.	There is encroachment in the DFL as clarified in point (xv). The said plantation of 2015 is at least 500 m away from the proposed sites for compensatory afforestation plantation. It is not in the proposed DFL. Jogapur area is not considered for Compensatory Afforestation as per the list of sites attached.
xvii	Details like village, compartment No. & area (ha.) of the CA site on the forest land is not matching with the details mentioned in online Part-II. The same shall be examined and corrected.	Corrections have been made.
xviii	Relevant copy of note containing justification for locating the Project in forest land shall be uploaded online in Part-I of the application form.	Note for containing justification is uploaded in Part- I

xix	The copy of Cost Benefit Analysis and the recommendations of DFO, CF and Nodal Officer as submitted by State Government vide letter dated 18/10/2022 are not in conformity with that uploaded in online application form on PARIVESH portal. Therefore the correct documents shall be uploaded and provided to the Ministry.	Correct documents uploaded in PARIVESH Portal and hard copies of same attached in proposal.
xx	The correct Sol Toposheet Map, Geo-referenced Map, KML file and complete CA Scheme along with the site suitability certificates w.r.t. proposed CA on degraded forest land shall be uploaded on PARIVESH portal.	All maps and documents uploaded on PARIVESH portal.



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