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**Sub.:-** Diversion of 7.26 ha. Reserved Forest for construction of new six lane tunnel in Khambatki ghat including approaches from Ex. km 771.730 (Design Km 771.730) to Ex. Km 782.000 (Design km 778.190) in Pune Satara section of NH-4 in the State of Maharashtra.

No. : Desk-17/NC/II/ID 12639/(27)/ 1596 /2018-19  
Nagpur – 440 001, Dated: 16/11/2018

To,

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central),  
Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change,  
Regional Office, Ground Floor, East Wing,  
New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines, Nagpur-440001

**Ref:-** 1) GOI,MOF&CC Regional Office (WCZ), Nagpur letter No FC-II/MH-90/2018-NGP/4406 dated 05/10/2018.

2) GOI,MOF&CC Regional Office (WCZ), Nagpur letter No FC-II/MH-90/2018-NGP/4527 dated 25/10/2018.

3) National Highways Authority of India, Pune letter No NHAI/PIU/Pune/Khambatki Tunnel/Forest/2018/4056 dated 25/10/2018.

As desired by Government of India vide letter dated 05/10/2018, clarification on the points raised by Government of India, received from CCF (T), Kolhapur vide letter dated 31/10/2018. Clarification on points raised by Government of India are submitted as under :-

| Sr. No. | Query   | Compliance  |
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| i       | Maps viz, 10 Km radius map showing PA's and Protected area Distance Map is not submitted along with the proposal.   | The required map has already been submitted by the User Agency vide letter dated 25/10/2018 to The Regional Office, Nagpur. However a copy of the same is enclosed as <b>Annexure 1</b>   |
| ii      | Date of submission of Part – II is not mentioned by the concerned DCF / DFO Further, Part – II is not uploaded properly in web portal, instead of Part – II, Site Inspection Report of DCF, Satara has been uploaded. | 1) Copy of Part II mentioning the date is enclosed as <b>Annexure 2</b><br>2) Part – II was already upload on web portal with the proposal as per online format and also in prescribed format with Site inspection report of DCF, |

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|      |  | Satara. Copy of the same are enclosed as <b>Annexure 3</b>   |
| iii  | Name of the singing authority is not mentioned in Part - III.  | Part III has been signed by Shri Arvind Patil, CCF (T), Kolhapur. Copy of the same is enclosed as <b>Annexure 4</b>  |
| iv   | Funds for watch and ward seem to be inadequate and the same has to be revised and provision for watch and ward is not provided for Second year of operation for Panadewadi Village. Financial outlay for fencing of CA area is also not mentioned in the CA scheme submitted for both villages.  | <p>Deputy Conservator of Forests, Satara has proposed 15.00 ha degraded forest land as per detail mentioned below for compensatory afforestation :-</p> <p>1) 5.00 ha of Compartment No 19 pt at Village Pandewadi, Tal-Wai, Distt -Satara,</p> <p>2) 10.00 ha. of forest Gut No 123,124 at Village Tondal, Tal-Khandala, Distt Satara.</p> <p>Now Deputy Conservator of Forests, Satara vide letter dated 31/10/2018 selected 10.00 ha of Forest Compt No 145 at Village-Harali, Tal-Khandala, Distt-Satara. CA suitability Certificate is enclosed as <b>Annexure 5</b>.</p> <p>The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Satara submitted the revised CA scheme including funds for watch and ward in the outlay and chainlink financing provision has been already made in the estimate for the PYO / PPO with in both villages in item no. 3. Copy of CA scheme is enclosed as <b>Annexure 6 &amp; 7</b></p> |
| v    | Original Certificate insuring importance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 issued by District Collector, Satara is not Submitted.  | The copy of FRA-2006 Certificate dated 11/06/2018 issued by District Collector, Satara is enclosed as <b>Annexure 8</b>  |
| vi   | Discrepancy is observed in the details of employment potential likely to be generated from implementation of the project in online Part – I application and hard copy submitted by the User Agency. Correct details on employment potential likely to be generated in terms of Skilled, Semi-skilled and Unskilled persons / mandays by implementation of the project may be submitted by the User Agency. | The User Agency has already submitted the required information vide their letter dated 25/10/2018 to Regional Office, Nagpur. Copy of the same is enclosed as <b>Annexure 9</b>  |
| vii  | Area Calculation statement in terms of length and breadth for forest land required shall be submitted by the User Agency.  | The User Agency has already submitted the required information vide their letter dated 25/10/2018 to Regional Office, Nagpur. Copy of the same is enclosed as <b>Annexure 9</b>  |
| Viii | As area is less than 10.00 Ha. Complete enumeration list of tree proposed to be felled in the proposal may be submitted by   | The details of trees proposed to be felled in the proposal is enclosed as <b>Annexure 10</b>   |



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|           | the User Agency.  |   |
| <b>Ix</b> | At Page 31/c i. e. in Part – I submitted by the User Agency it is written two tunnels. Your agency is requested to please spell clearly, if there is one tunnel or two tunnel | The User Agency has already submitted the required information vide their letter dated 25/10/2018 to Regional Office, Nagpur. Copy of the same is enclosed as <b>Annexure 9</b> |

In view of the above facts, it is requested that Government of India may kindly be moved to issue formal approval order for diversion of 7.26 ha. under section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, as early as possible.

Encls : As above

**Draft Approved by**  
Addl.P.C.G.F.&N.O.M. S.Nagpur

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