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No. Desk-6(3)/20/Land/ 937 /2021-22

Date 31/05/2021

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests (T)
Thane.

Subject:- Diversion of 17.01 ha. forest land for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of Shahapur Patgaon Section 1 – (KM 0+000 to KM 20+130) part of NH-3 Shahapur - Murbad – Patgaon – Karjat - Khopoli-NH4 section of newly declared NH-548 A in the state of Maharashtra...

Reference:- 1) MoEF&CC, Integrated Regional Office, Nagpur letter no. FC-II/MH-150/2021-NGP/8061, dated 30/04/2021
2) Your office letter no. D-10/FCA/CR-08/20-21/61/21-22, dated 04/05/2021

With reference to captioned subject the compliance of the observations raised by MoEF&CC, Integrated Regional Office, Nagpur vide reference letter no. 1, MSRDC i.e. Project Authority has submitted compliance report vide letter dated 04/05/2021. So hereby consolidated compliance report of the observations/ queries raised by MoEF&CC, Integrated Regional Office, Nagpur is submitted herewith as follows.

Sr. No.	Observations/ Query	Compliance/ Remarks
i.	Consolidated single KML file of entire road alignment under instant proposal, dully highlighting proposed forest area for diversion has not been submitted. The same needs to be submitted.	Project Authority has submitted Consolidated single KML file of entire road alignment under instant proposal dully highlighting proposed forest area for diversion, which is enclosed herewith.
ii.	Since Eco-Sensitive Zone of Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary has not been notified, ESZ is deemed to be 10 Km. The State Government shall obtain comments from PCCF (Wildlife), Maharashtra on the importance of area from wildlife point of view & conservation measures, if any shall be submitted.	Project Authority has submitted that as per Ministry of Environment and Forests notification dated 22/08/2013 the proposed project does not attract prior Environmental Clearance from SEIAA/EAC (MoEF&CC) as expansion of National Highway projects upto 100 kms involving additional right of way or land acquisition upto 40 mtr on existing alignments

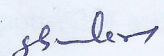
		<p>and 60 mtr on re-alignments or by-passes may be exempted from the preview of the EIA Notification 2006 as per amendment & hence as per MoEF&CC (Wildlife Division) letter F.No.6-60/2020 WL Part(1), dated 16/07/2020, wildlife clearance is not required.</p> <p>The nearest Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary is located 3.09 km away from starting point of the project and the forest area involved in the project is located 4.5 km away from Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary and it is outside the proposed Eco Sensitive Zone around Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary for which Draft Notification is issued. It is also certified by the DCF Shahapur in Part-II & Site Inspection Report itself that, No rare/ endangered/ unique species of flora & fauna was found in the proposed area.</p> <p>So considering the above facts and the guidelines issued vide MoEF&CC (Wildlife Division) letter F.No.6-60/2020 WL Dated 16/07/2020, the comments from PCCF (Wildlife), Maharashtra on the importance of area from wildlife point of view & conservation measures may not be required.</p>
iii.	<p>Certificate ensuring importance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 is not submitted along with the proposal. Original FRA-2006 certificate along with documentary evidences in the form of copies of the resolutions of the concerned Forest Rights Committee(s), Gram Sabha(s), Sub-Division Level Committee(s) recording their consent for the proposal and bearing signature of the participants shall be submitted. In addition to this, copies of record of proceedings of the Forest Rights Committee, Sub Divisional Level Committee(s) may also be submitted.</p>	<p>Project Authority has submitted that they have enclosed the undertaking with the proposal for submission of FRA Certificate stating that FRA Certificate will be submitted on receipt from Collector Thane or with the Stage-I approval compliance report. Project Authority have requested to District Collector Thane to issue FRA Certificate; but it is delayed due to Pandemic Situation of Covid-19. Project Authority has submitted that they will submit the FRA Certificate and relevant documents with the Stage-I approval compliance report.</p>

iv.	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 need to be provided by the State Government.	Project Authority has submitted the details of employment likely to be generated during the implementation of the project which is enclosed as <u>Annexure-I</u> herewith.
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Project Authority has stated that due to Pandemic Situation of COVID-19 in Maharashtra State the up-gradation work in above subjected stretch is delayed. Ministry of Road Transport & Highways is constantly pressuring for completion of balance work at the earliest. But due to non availability of work front it has become very difficult to them to achieve Physical & Financial Targets of Ministry of Road Transport & Highways. Hence they have requested to expedite the process of approval of Forest Proposal.

So the compliance report with the required documents is submitted herewith for further necessary action please.

Encl.:- As above.


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Copy to the Executive Engineer, Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Ltd., Opp. Bandra Reclamation Bus Depot, Near Lilavati Hospital, K. C. Marg, Bandra (West) Mumbai – 400 050 for information and necessary action.