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Revenue and Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400 032.
Date:- 23.04.2025

To,
The Secretary,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Government of India,
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
New Delhi.

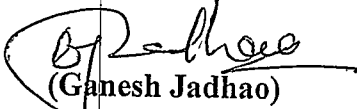
Sub:- Forest Land-Pune

Diversion of 0.4620 ha. Reserved forest land for construction of link road between two defence complexes in Survey No.102, at Village Kothrud, Tal. Haveli, District Pune in the State of Maharashtra. (FP/MH/Road/144314/2020)

- Ref:-** 1. Your Office Letter No. 8-15/2007-FC (Vol. 1)/79999/2024, Dt. 16.08.2024.
2. APCCF & Nodal Officer Letter No. Desk-17 / FCA-S1 / PID-144314 / Pune / 165, Dt.22.04.2025.

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division), Government of India has sought additional information with respect to proposal for diversion of 0.4620 ha. Reserved forest land for construction of link road between two defence complexes in Survey No.102, at Village Kothrud, Tal. Haveli, District Pune in the State of Maharashtra, vide letter under reference No.1.

2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted compliance report to the Government of Maharashtra vide letter under reference no.2, Compliance Report submitted by the APCCF & Nodal Officer is self-explanatory and attached herewith for further necessary action in the matter.


(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to
the Government of Maharashtra

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Encl : As above.

Copy:-

- 1) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
- 2) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Nagpur.
- 3) Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Pune.
- 4) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pune.

**OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
(HEAD OF FOREST FORCE), MAHARASHTRA STATE, NAGPUR**

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No. : Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-144314/Pune/165
Nagpur - 440 001, Dated : 22/04/2025

To,
The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),
Revenue & Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.

Subject: Diversion of 0.4620 ha Reserved forest land for construction of link road between two defence complexes in Survey No. 102, at Village Kothrud, Tal.- Haveli, District Pune in the State of Maharashtra (Online No. FP/MH/Road/144314/2020) - regarding.

Ref - (i) The Govt. of India, MoEF&CC (FC Division) New Delhi letter No.8-15/2007-FC (vol.1)/79999/2024 dated 16/08/2024.

(ii) The Chief Conservator of Forest (T), Pune letter No.D-4/Land/FCA 339/A 64/2025-26, dated 22/04/2025

The Government of India, MoEF & CC (FC) Division, New Delhi vide reference No. 1 has raised queries on certain points. Accordingly, the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Pune vide letter under reference No.2 has submitted the compliance report in this regard to this office. The same may be submitted as under:-


Sr. No.	Shortcomings	Compliance
1.	The State Govt. has still not clarified whether diversion of 0.4620 ha. forest land may be consider as fresh diversion proposal or only 0.31 ha forest land can be considering as fresh diversion and balance 0.152 ha forest land as re-diversion proposal because the revocation order for Stage-II approved 55.74 ha forest land has not been issued by the State Govt. and nor requested to the Ministry in this regard.	The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pune & Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Pune vide letter dated 21/04/2025 and 22/04/2025 has submitted query compliance which is stated as under:- In this regard, it is mentioned that the Central Govt. has granted final approval to ARAI Pune on 24.07.2008. But PCCF and HOFF, Nagpur vide dated 29.06.2009 instructed to CCF (T), Pune that, "As per the instructions of the Govt; ARAI Pune, the project authority has not fulfilled and submitted the no claim certificate under ST and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Enforcement of Forest Rights) Act 2006, Hence until further orders of State Government area should not be handed over to ARAI" Till date area is not handed over to ARAI, hence proposal for diversion of 0.462 ha. forest land to ARDE including overlapping 0.15 ha. overlapping area be treated as fresh proposal.
2.	The Ministry vide letter No. 8-15/2007-FC dated 24.07.2008 diverted 55.74 ha (45.57 ha for proposed facilities + 10.17 ha for existing built-up area/ facilities) forest land to user agency i.e. ARAI. However the State Govt. has informed that an area of 7.695 ha. is in possession of ARAI. The State Govt. shall submit factual information on the	The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pune & Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Pune vide letter dated 21/04/2025 and 22/04/2025 has submitted query compliance which is stated as under:- In Year 1971 Maharashtra Govt. letter No. FLD-1971/32250-W dt. 09/11/1971 has granted 105.74 ha. Forest land of survey no 102 of village-Kothrud to ARAI on lease basis for 30 years. In above letter condition no. 5 is ARAI has allowed to construct only 2 ha area on the said land. But ARAI has constructed 7.695 ha on forest area. Meanwhile Forest Conservation Act 1980 has enacted on dt. 25.10.1980 lease stands terminated. But remaining 98.045 ha. area was and is in the possession of forest department. During 2007 ARAI has submitted 55.74 ha. Forest land diversion proposal under Forest conservation Act 1980. This 55.74 ha. Forest area is approved for diversion to ARAI under forest conservation Act 1980 by central

	proposal based on actual ground position	<p>Government MOEF & CC New Delhi vide letter dt 24/07/2008. But this land has not been handed over to ARAI.</p> <p>Out of 105.74 Ha. Forest area 7.695 ha area is in possession with ARAI and remaining 98.045 ha area is managed by Forest Department. In this area plantation under various schemes has been carried out which includes 50.0 ha Forest area is worked under CAMPA Green Belt in the year 2013-14, 6 ha area is under bamboo plantation, 2.5 ha. Local species tall plantation (Year 2019-20) under the 50 crore tree plantation scheme. Plantation done on 10.00 ha of forest area and remaining 29.5 ha. is under Glericidia old plantation.</p> <p>Actual ground position of area under consideration is given in table below.</p> <p>Location Name: Kothrud</p> <p>Survey No.: 102</p> <p>Area in possession of ARAI: 7.695</p> <p>Forest area possessed and managed by forest department: 98.045 ha</p> <p>Total: 105.74</p>																																										
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6.	The calculated area of the KML file of proposed forest land as submitted is found 0.393 ha. Therefore the correct KML/Shape-file of 0.462 ha shall be uploaded/submitted.	<p>The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pune & Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Pune vide letter dated 21/04/2025 and 22/04/2025 has submitted query compliance which is stated as under:-</p> <p>The correct KML/Shape file of 0.462 ha is already uploaded on PARIVESH and also forwarded to your office in CD alongwith the PCCF Nagpur letter NO.Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-144314/Pune/2024-25/748Dtd 27/06/2024. However, CD containing KML files attached alongwith.</p>

The aforesaid compliance submitted for further needful action.

Encl : As above


 (Naresh Zurmure)
 APCCF & Nodal Officer

Copy to

The Chief Conservator of Forest (T), Pune
 The Deputy Conservator of Forest, Pune Forest Division, Pune
 The Director, ARDE, Pune



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Forest Department

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To,

**Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest
and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur.**

Sub - Diversion of 0.4620 ha. Forest Land S. No. 102, Village Kothrud for construction of link road between two defence complex, Tal. Haveli, Dist. Pune, in favour of ARDE, Pune. (FP/MH/ROAD/144314/2021)

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3. Dycf, Pune Office letter No.A/Desk4.2/Land/ 84 /2025-26, Date. 21.04.2025.

The compliance & clarifications of the queries raised vide the Nodal Officer letter at reference No.2 regarding the detailed compliance report is Submitting as follow.

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Herewith above Compliance report is submitted in 3 copies for kindly information and necessary process.

Encl.- As above 3 Copies


(N.R.Praveen)

Chief Conservator of Forests (T),
Pune Circle, Pune.

1. Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forest Division, Pune for information and necessary action.
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