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**No. D-4/4(2) Land/FCA 339/2024-25/A333**

**Date: 19/06/2024.**

**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)

- Ref - 1. MOEF, New Delhi Office Letter No.8-15/2007-FC dt.07/08/2023  
2. Your Office Letter No. Desk-17/ Nodal /Pune /PID-44314/Pune/372  
24-25 Dt.15.05.2024.  
3. Dycf, Pune Office letter No.A/Desk4.2/Land/354/2024-25, Date. 13.06.2024.

The compliance & clarifications of the queries raised vide the Nodal Officer letter at reference No.2 regarding the project proposal is submitted as under.

Query no.	Query	Compliance
1	It has been mentioned that the 0.462 ha area proposed for diversion is part of the 55.74 ha area already diverted in favour of ARAI. The justification and reasons for submitting a fresh diversion proposal instead of applying for re-diversion of forest land is required to be submitted. Upon receipt of same the further decision for acceptance of the proposal in the present form can be taken by the ministry. Proper Justification not mentioned by CCF (T) Pune office in its query	In this regard, it is mentioning that the Central Government has granted final approval to ARAI, Pune on Dt.24.07.2008. But PCCF & HOFF, Nagpur vide his letter no.581/09-10 dt.29/06/2009 has instructed to this office that, As per the instructions of the Government, ARAI Pune, the project authority has not fulfilled the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Enforcement of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 the state government has been informed about the further orders from the government level. But till now no direction has been received from the government level. Also, the decision of



	compliance letter.	the state government on issue no.15 is expected. The 55.74 ha. forest area should not hand over and also, no work should be done in relation to the subject project. " Hence the project authority has not completed compliance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Enforcement of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 still today. So the State govt has not issued the diversion order for 55.74 ha forest land in favour of ARAI. Therefore ARDE has submitted the 0.462 ha. fresh proposal. This office is in agreement with the report submitted by Dycf, Pune.
2	An area of 55.74 ha forest land was diverted vide the Ministry's letter No. 8-15/2007-FC dated 24.07.2008 in favour of Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) where as the instant proposal for diversion of 0.462 ha has been submitted by the Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE) Therefore, the copy of NoC from the ARAI in this regard needs submission. Proper Justification not mentioned by CCF (T) Pune office in its query compliance letter.	In accordance with the said query, the compliance given by the project authority is being enclosed herewith. (As Annexure - 1) This office is in agreement with the report submitted by Dycf, Pune.
3	The State Govt. reported that the present user agency i.e. ARDE has developed several stores and services in the village Kothrud and due to increased defence related services and communication, the user agency would have a requirement of 0.462 ha forest land to establish the direct approach/ link between its different complexes. The details of forest land involved in the ARDE complex and approvals accorded in this regard needs submission. Proper Justification not mentioned by CCF (T) Pune office in its query compliance letter.	In accordance with the said query, the compliance given by the project authority is being enclosed herewith. (As Annexure - 2) they mentioned that No Forest land is presently involved in the ARDE complex. This office is in agreement with the report submitted by Dycf, Pune.
4	The site specificity of the proposal shall be re-examined and a detailed report	In accordance with the said query, the 3 alternatives are examined and this map is already



	along with KML files of alternatives examined with relevant maps shall be submitted.	attached on page no.11 in the proposal file copy. In the 3 alternatives, alignment no.1 is selected for this proposal which requires diversion of forest area 0.4620 ha. is minimum. Also KML files is attached herewith.
5	The State Govt. reported that the ARDE & ARAI has now signed a MoU on 20.01.2021. The copy of the same shall be submitted. Proper Justification not mentioned by CCF (T) Pune office in its query compliance letter.	In accordance with the said query, the compliance given by the project authority is being enclosed herewith. (As Annexure - 1) This office is in agreement with the report submitted by Dycf, Pune.
6	The KML file/ Shape-file of 55.74 ha diverted forest land in favour of ARAI shall be submitted.	In this regard, it is mentioned that the said proposal was of the year 2007, at that time the kml file was not included in the proposal, so the KML file has been prepared from the hard copy of the 55.74hectare forest diversion map in the said proposal which is attached herewith in CD.
7	The correct KML/ Shape-file of 0.462 ha shall be uploaded on PARIVESH.	In accordance with the said query, the compliance given by the project authority by above referene letter no.9 & 10 in its mentioned that they are uploading correct KML file on PARIVESH portal. Also CD is enclosed herewith.
8	The KML/ Shape-file of the two defence complex sites i.e. ARDE & DRDO shall also be submitted.	In accordance with the said query, the compliance given by the project authority is being enclosed herewith in CD.
9	KML file of diverted area,3 alternative alignment and KML file of 55.74 ha.already been diverted area not submitted properly.The properties starting point and ending point not shows.The revised KML file of the said needs to be submitted in 3 copy of C.D's	In accordance with the said query, the compliance is being enclosed herewith in CD.

Herewith above Compliance report is submitted in 4 copies for kindly information and necessary process.

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1. Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forest Division, Pune for information and necessary action.
2. Technical officer, ARDE, Pashan, Pune for information and necessary action.