

भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS & CLIMATE CHANGE Integrated Regional Office Ground Floor, East Wing New Secretariat Building Civil Lines, Nagpur - 440001 apccfcetral-ngp-mef@gov.in

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F.No. FC-II/MH-192/2022-NGP/11124

The Principal Secretary (Forests), Revenue and Forest Department, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk Madam Cama Marg Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400032.

Sub: Diversion of 13.20 ha of Reserved Forest land in favour of Public Works Division, Nanded for construction of Two lane road with paved shoulder from border Loha-Kandhar-Mukhed-Eklara-Khanapur-Narangal-Sagroli-Biloli-Kundalwadi-Dharmabad to state border MSH-16 and SH-268 Project-AU104 (MSH-16 from Loha Km. 297/400 to Khanapur Phata Km. 371/900 in Nanded District in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to State Government of Maharashtra letter FLD-2722/CR-195/F-10 dated 01.09.2022 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the instant proposal was sent to MoEF&CC, New Delhi for approval as the proposal involves violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After the examination of the proposal the MoEF&CC, New Delhi desired the updated status on the case registered for violation of FCA/POR in the instant case. In this connection the State Government is requested to submit the detailed report on violation of FCA, 1980 including name of officials from the User Agency and the Forest Department responsible for the violation of FCA, 1980 along with the updated status on the case registered for violation of FCA/POR by the State Forest Department.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to submit information on the shortcomings, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

This issues with the approval of the DDGF/Regional Officer (Central), IRO, MoEF&CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully Technical Officer (Gr. I)

Copy to:

- i. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- ii. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iii. User agency.
- iv. Guard file.

(N.K. Dimri) Technical Officer (Gr. I)