

भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA पर्यावरण ,वनएवंजलवायुपरिवर्तन मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS & CLIMATE CHANGE



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Date: 14.02.2024

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests), Revenue and Forest Department, HutatmaRajguru Chowk Madame Cama Marg Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400032.

Sub: Diversion of 9.9249 ha. forest land in favour of National Highway Division, Pen- Raigad for rehabilitation and upgradation of existing highway to 2 lane/ 4 lane with paved shoulder under configuration from Pen-Khopoli-Mahad (Km.00+000 to Km 33-328) section of NH-166 D (Pen-Khopoli-Mahad) Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) Basis in Raigad district in the State of Maharashtraregarding.

Sir,

With reference to the subject, it is to inform that the instant proposal was placed before 112th Regional Empowered Committee (REC) meeting held on 06.02.2024 and after detailed discussion and examination of the proposal, the Committee decided to **DEFER** the proposal and to consider the proposal after receipt of the following;

a. Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023 adopted w.e.f. 01.12.2023 and as per the sub rule (16) (8) (ii), the instant proposal further to be processed as per the provision of new Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023. The State Government proposed degraded forest area for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) purpose. However, as per the provisions of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023, the UA shall require to provide suitable Non forest area for CA purpose. Hence, State Government shall submit details of the Non forest area and supporting documents like map, CA scheme, KML file, site suitability certificate etc. through online.

Accordingly, I am directed to request the State Government to identify suitable Non forest area for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) purpose and details of the Non forest area like map, CA scheme, KML file, site suitability certificate etc and resubmit after ensuring all relevant documents, through online.

This issue with the approval of DDGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF& CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,

(C.B. Tashildar) AIGF (Central)

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