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No.:Desk-17/Nodal/FCA/S1/PID-141097/Thane/2023-24/3/86 Nagpur - 440 001, Dated: 15 02 2024

THE Chief Conservator of Horests (T),

Thang प्रशासकीय अधिकार मुख्य बनसंरक्षक ठाणे

> Sub:- Diversion of 9.9249 ha. forest land in favour of National Highway Division, Pen-Raigad for rehabilitation and up-gradation 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 Maharashtra-reg.

> Ref:- The Government of India, MoEF & CC, Intigrated Regional Office, Nagpur vide letter No.F.No.FC-II/MH-229/2023-NGP/12874, dated 14/02/2024.

Your attention is drawn to the letter under reference. In this context, the Government of India, MoEF & CC, Intigrated Regional Office, Nagpur has sought compliance on 01 points (copy enclosed).

It is therefore requested to obtain compliance of the shortcomings from the user agency and submit with all relevant documents in English to this office for further submission to the Ministry for consideration of the proposal for approval

Encl:- As above

(Naresh Zurmure)

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag Forest Division and Divisional Forest Officer, Mumbai Mangrove Conservation Unit, Mumbai for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Project Authority, Executive Engineer, National Highway Division Pen, Dist. Raigad, Pen-402107 for information and necessary action.

महत्वाचे

जा.क्र.कक्ष-10/वसं/प्र.क्र.28/2022-23/जा. 🔰 6 /2023-24 ठाणे - 400 603, दिनांक - 23/02/2024.

प्रतिलिपी- उप वनसंरक्षक, अलिबाग यांना माहिती व पुढील आवश्यक कार्यवाहीसाठी अग्रेषित. प्रतिलिपी- Executive Engineer, NHAI, Pen Division, Dist. Raigad, Pen 402 107 यांना माहिती व आवश्यक कार्यवाहीसाठी अग्रेषित.

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F.No. FC-II/MH-229/2023-NGP/ 12874

Date: 14.02.2024

To

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

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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.

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Accordingly, I am directed to request the State Government 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)

Copy to:

- i. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- ii. User Agency.
- iii. Guard file.

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