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Date: 23rd February, 2021

✓ To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 33.420 ha Forest Land for upgradation to two lanes with paved shoulder to four lane configuration of Nanded-Kinwat-Mahur-Arni road section of National Highway 161 A 0.00 km at Bhoker and end at Arni Fata via Sarsam-Himayatnagar-Kinwat-Mahur of Nanded district in the state of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir

The undersigned is directed to refer to State Government of Maharashtra FLD-2020/CR-206/F-10 dated 22.01.2021 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that proposal was placed before REC in its meeting dated 18.02.2021, wherein, the Committee after detailed discussion and examination of the proposal and recommendation of State Government the Committee decided that proposal shall again placed before REC after receipt of following information:

- Clarification with respect to tenure of Monitoring Committee formed under para 5.1 of Gazette Notification dated 30th November, 2016; notifying an area to an extent of up to one kilometer from the boundary of Painganga Wildlife Sanctuary as the Painganga Wildlife Sanctuary Eco-sensitive Zone. The comments of CWLW in this regard need to be submitted.
- Site specific Wildlife Management Plan suggesting mitigation measures in form of underpasses and overpasses both in forest and non-forest area clearly mentioning the location and dimensions of all such structures shall be prepared and submitted to IRO after approval of Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Maharashtra.
- Revised CA scheme proposed over larger forest patches instead of many smaller patches.
- Consolidated single KML file of entire road alignment under instant proposal, dully highlighting proposed forest area for diversion has not been submitted. The same needs to be submitted.
- Part-II has been submitted without mentioning the date of submission. Revised Part- II mentioning date of submission shall be submitted.
- Cross sectional map of the proposed road is not submitted along with the proposal. The same shall be submitted.

- vii. KML file of land identified to carry out Compensatory Afforestation uploaded in Parivesh portal is not proper. Proper KML file of CA land shall be uploaded on Parivesh portal and soft copy of the same shall be submitted.
- viii. Cost Benefit analysis submitted along with the proposal is not calculated as per Ministry's guidelines. The same has to be calculated as per Ministry's guidelines and correct Cost Benefit analysis shall be submitted.
- ix. Certificate ensuring importance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 is not submitted along with the proposal. Original FRA- 2006 certificate along with documentary evidences in the form of copies of the resolutions of the concerned Forest Rights Committee(s), Gram Sabha(s), Sub-Division Level Committee(s) recording their consent for the proposal and bearing signature of the participants shall be submitted. In addition to this, copies of record of proceedings of the Forest Rights Committee, Sub Divisional Level Committee(s) may also be submitted.
- x. Details of employment potential in terms of man days of skilled, semiskilled and unskilled persons on permanent (direct and indirect) and temporary (direct and indirect) basis have not been provided.

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 is issued with the approval of Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,

(N K Dimri)

Technical Officer (Gr. I)

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- 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.

- Sd.

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