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Date: 23.02.2021

✓ To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 5.610 ha Reserved Forest Land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of National Highway Division, Amravati for Rehabilitation and up-gradation of Arni to Naigaon Bandi (km 00+00 to 40+00) and Poharadevi Link (km 0+000 to 5+132) section of NH-161 A in Washim Forest Division in Washim District in the state of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to State Government of Maharashtra's letter No. FLD-2020/CR-250/F-10 dated 07.01.2021 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra vide his letter No. Desk-17/NC/I/ID-12836/843/20-21 dated 01.12.2020 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to inform that the instant proposal was placed before Regional Empowered Committee in its meeting held on 18.02.2021. The Committee, after detailed discussion and examination of the proposal the Committee decided that proposal shall again placed before the Committee after receipt of following information:

- i. The State Government shall revisit the status of proposed alignment in view of MoEF&CC guidelines dated 18.08.2020, wherein advisory with respect to clarification on dispensation of Compensatory Afforestation over double the degraded forest land, instead of equivalent non-forest land- in respect of Central PSUs/Central Government Projects has been issued. In case, proposed alignment is not not owned, developed and maintained by Central Government; the Compensatory Afforestation is need to be proposed over equivalent non-forest land.
- ii. Date of submission is not mentioned in Part- II submitted by DCF concerned along with the proposal.
- iii. 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.
- iv. Differential GPS map of area identified to carry out CA is not submitted along with the proposal.
- v. 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.

- vi. 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. The same needs to be provided by the State Government.
- vii. Information on total CA stipulated since 1980 in the Division is mentioned as 0.00 by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Washim in his Part- II. Revised Part- II incorporating correct information shall be submitted.

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.

Yours faithfully,



(N.K. Dimri)

Technical Officer (Gr. I)

Copy to:

- i. The PCCF, 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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