

भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS & CLIMATE CHANGE

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The Secretary, Govt. of Maharashtra, Revenue & Forest Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai-400032.

Sub: Diversion of 0.2794 ha of Mangrove Forest land in favour of Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai for construction of Storm Water Pumping Station on SNDT Nalla at Gazarbandh in village Bandra at Santacruz near Khardanda, Mumbai (West) in the State of Maharashtra.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra's letter no. Desk- Desk-17/NC/II/ID /()/1956/16-17 dated 23.01.2017 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section – 2 of the Forest 9Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that scrutiny of the proposal in the Regional Office revealed following:

- i. Proposal has not been submitted online to the Regional Office. As per online status as revealed on 20.02.2017, the proposal is still pending with the authorities in the State Forest Department. Proposal may be submitted online to the Regional Office.
- ii. Original copy of Part- II of Form A has not been submitted. Similarly, Part-I does not bear the name of signing authority.
- iii. Incomplete Part-II of the Form –A has been submitted in the online proposal. Information in respect of all fields contained in the Part-II may be filled in by the DCF concerned and Part-II may be uploaded and submitted by the State Government.
- iv. Copy of the Differential GPS map of the area proposed for diveriosn, duly certified by the DCF concerned, has not been uploaded on the website of the MoEF&CC.
- v. The Addl. PCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra in his forwarding letter has mentioned the density of area proposed for diversion between 0.4 to 0.6 while DFO concerned has reported density in Part-II as below 0.4. Exact density of the area proposed for diversion may be intimated by the State Government.
- vi. CA scheme may be revised for a period of 7-10 years. Provisions for watch and ward in the CA scheme have been estimated on the basis of 1 watchman per 10 ha, provisions of fulltime watchman should be provided in the CA scheme. A copy of the attributes related to the CA i.e. KML file, DGPS map, Sol toposheet, site suitability certificate have not been submitted along with proposal. The online proposal may also be updated with the requisite details of information/documents pertaining to CA.
- vii. Information in respect of various parameters pertaining to CA, have not been provided in the Part-II submitted online. Similarly, particulars pertaining to the additional information have not been provided in the online Part-II.

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- viii. A Sol toposheets and Differential GPS maps of the area identified for raising CA, duly certified by the concerned DCF, has not been submitted. The maps and toposheets of appropriate scale may be submitted by the State Government.
- ix. Original copy of the certificate issued by the District Collector in support of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 along with English version of the record of the consultation and meeting of the Sub-Divisional Level Committee. Requisite details have not been provided/uploaded in Part-I submitted online.
- x. Details of faunal diversity in the area proposed for diversion has not been submitted.
- xi. Details of employment potential in terms of maydays for skilled, semiskilled and unskilled persons to be generated both on permanent basis (direct and indirect) as well as temporary (direct and indirect), also needs to be provided by the State Government.

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

Yours faithfully

Charan Jeet Singh Scientist 'C'

Copy to:

- 1. The PCCF, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- 2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o the PCCF, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- 3. User Agency.
- 4. Guard File.

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