

भारत सरकार **GOVERNMENT OF INDIA** पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवाय परिवर्तन मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS Civil Lines, Nagpur - 440001

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F.No. FC-II/MH-103/2019-NGP 5237

To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 20.00 ha Reserved Forest land in favour of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sangli for rehabilitation of Village- Dicholi, Tal. Patan, District- Satara due to Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary to Gut. No. 422/1 at Village- Khambale Bhalavni, Tal. Khanapur, District- Sangli in the State of Maharashtra - Regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to State Government of Maharashtra's letter No. . FLD-2119/CR-59/F-10 dated 28.02.2019 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that preliminary scrutiny of the proposal in the Regional Office (WCZ), MoEF&CC revealed following:

- i. The State Government has mentioned in its letter that Gut. No. of Reserved Forest land proposed for diversion is 422/1, whereas, in online Part- I application submitted by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sangli, Gut. No. has been mentioned as 422/19.
- ii. Date of submission of Part-I, Part- II and Part- III has not been mentioned by User Agency, DCF/ DFO and CCF respectively.
- iii. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sangli has mentioned in his Site Inspection Report that the density is 0.03. Whereas, in online Part- II application it is mentioned that density is 0.4.
- iv. State Government has mentioned in its letter that Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sangli has fully agreed to bear the cost of felling of 867 trees. Whereas, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sangli has mentioned in his certificate that Forest Department fully agrees to bear the cost of removal of 821 trees. Further, in online Part- II application, no information has been provided regarding tree enumeration.
- v. Certificate ensuring importance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, in prescribed format as per Govt. of India guidelines issued vide letter no. 11-9/98 FC (pt) dated 5th July, 2013 for non-linear projects is not submitted. The same has to be submitted in original along with English translated copies of 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 has to be submitted.

- vi. Total cost of the project has not been mentioned by the User Agency.
- vii. Details on progressive CA done till date in the Division is not mentioned by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sangli in his Part- II.

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. Further, the State Government is requested to call concerned User Agency on day of REC, when Nodal Officers will also be present for discussion.

Yours faithfully,

(Suresh Kumar Adapa)

Scientist 'D'

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.

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