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Date: 17.04.2023

To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 18.94 ha of forest land in favour Minor Irrigation Division, Sindhudurg for construction of Minor Irrigation Tank in Village- Nirukhe, Taluka- Kudal, District- Sindhudurg in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to Government of Maharashtra letter no. FLD-2022/CR-285/F-10 dated 20.03.2023 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 Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC revealed following:

- i. State Government has mentioned in its letter that 7477 trees are proposed to be felled in the proposal, whereas, in the abstract submitted by RFO, Kadawal it is mentioned that total trees are 9192 and out of that 3071 trees will be felled. Exact number of trees to be felled in the proposal needs to be submitted along with girth wise enumeration list.
- ii. DCF, Sawantwadi has mentioned in his Part- II that there are presence of Leopard and Sloth Bear which are Schedule- I species. Comments from PCCF (Wildlife), Maharashtra on the importance of area from wildlife point of view and conservation measures, if any shall be submitted.
- iii. After examination of the Google satellite imaginary it has been found that no seasonal or perennial stream is visible in area to feed the proposed tank. The details of stream proposed to utilize for the dam along with its season-wise annual flow regime needs to be submitted.
- iv. Details on progressive CA done till date in the Division is not mentioned by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sawantwadi in his Part- II. Revised Part- II mentioning the same shall be submitted.
- v. 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.
- vi. No maps submitted along with the proposal is certified by DCF concerned. All requisite maps certified by DCF concerned needs to be submitted.
- vii. Certificate related to recognition and vesting of forest rights in accordance with the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 is submitted for 28.05 ha along with the proposal.

Certificate for exact area proposed for diversion along with supporting documents shall be submitted. State Government shall ensure settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (No. 2 of 2007) before issue of Stage- II approval.

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 issues with the approval of DDGF(C)/ Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, MoEF& CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,



(Karthik M. L)

Technical Officer (Gr. II)

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