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Dated: 25th April, 2022

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File No. 6-GJB081/2021-BHO

To

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests)

Govt. of Gujarat

Block No. 14, 8th Floor, New Sachivalaya

Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

(Online Proposal No. FP/GJ/WATER/118273/2021)

Sub: Diversion of 0.945 ha Protected forest land for laying of drinking water pipeline for Machchhu-1 based bamanbor Gr. W.S.S. (WSS-6 General) connectivity Wankaner/Rajkot in favour of Dy. Executive Engineer, P.H. Works Sub Division in Morbi District of Gujarat.

Madam/Sir.

I am directed to refer the Govt. of Gujarat letter No. FCA-1021/4-04/21/SF-111/F dated 10.08.2021 forwarding the proposal on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. On detailed examination of the proposal and reply of State Govt. vide letter dated 22.03.2022 following deficiency is observed:

- i. This office had requested for comments from CWLW as the area proposed for diversion fall within 4.4 km (as per DSS) from the boundary of Rampara Wildlife Sanctuary (considering the default ESZ of 10 km). But State Government in its reply has stated that the area proposed for diversion is outside the eco-sensitive zone of Rampara Wildlife Sanctuary. However, the State Government has not submitted ESZ notification of Rampara Wildlife Sanctuary. Thus, the State Govt. is requested to submit the document in support of the statement.
- 2. Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above mentioned information for further consideration of the proposal.

(Shrawan Kumar Verma) DIG & RO, IRO Gandhinagar

Copy to:

- 1. The APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Aranya Bhawan, Block No. A/3, Sector- 10A, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- 2. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Morbi Forest Division, Morbi, Gujarat.
- 3. The Deputy Executive Engineer, Public Health Works Sub-division, Rajkot, Gujarat.
- 4. Guard File/ Order File.