

भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE Integrated Regional Office Ground Floor, East Wing New Secretariat Building Civil Lines, Nagpur - 440001 apccfcentral-ngp-mef@gov.in

F.No. FC-II/MH-208/2023-NGP /11381

Date: 31.03.2023

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

## Sub: Diversion of 5.00 ha of Protected Forest land in favour of Superintendent of Police, Gadchiroli for construction of Police Station Building and Residential Quarters for Police at Village- Bhamragad, Taluka- Bhamragad, District- Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to Government of Maharashtra letter no. FLD-2022/CR-118/F-10 dated 17.01.2023 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra letter no. Desk-17/NODAL/Gadchiroli/ID-12652 (26A)/1231/2021-22 dated 13.10.2021 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. Part- II has not been uploaded completely on Parivesh portal. Complete Part- II shall be uploaded and intimated to this office.
- ii. Part- IV along with Specific recommendation of PCCF (HoFF), Maharashtra has not been submitted along with the proposal. The same needs to be submitted in original.
- iii. As per para 4.4.1 of the Handbook under the FCA, 1980 activities mentioned in the proposal is not permissible in Forest land. Justification for recommendation of instant proposal in Forest land shall be submitted by the State Government.
- iv. User Agency has mentioned in their project report that cutting of trees are not required in the proposed area, whereas, State Government has mentioned in its letter that 1273 trees are proposed to be felled in the area proposed for diversion. Clarification in this regard shall be submitted by the State Government.
- v. State Government has mentioned in its letter that 1273 trees are proposed to be felled in the proposal and in Parivesh portal also details of 1273 trees has been uploaded, whereas, APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra has mentioned in his letter that there are 1162 trees proposed to be felled. Enumeration list of exact number of trees to be felled shall be submitted.
- vi. Discrepancy is observed in land proposed for CA, wherein State Government has mentioned in its covering letter that Compensatory Afforestation will be carried over 10.00 ha degraded forest land in Survey no. 178 at Village- Kokadi in Wadsa Forest Division, whereas, APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra has mentioned in his

letter that CA will be carried over 10.00 ha degraded forest land in Compt. No. 51 at Village-Suryadingri in Pola Range. Clarification in this regard needs to be submitted.

- vii. CA details viz. site specific CA scheme, suitability certificate, Differential GPS map and KML file has not been submitted along with the proposal. The same needs to be submitted.
- viii. Maps viz. Index Map/SoI toposheet on 1:50,000 scale and 10 Km radius map showing PA's is not submitted along with the proposal. The same needs to be submitted.
- ix. Discrepancy is observed in KML file of land proposed for diversion uploaded on Parivesh portal and soft copy of KML file submitted along with proposal. Correct KML file shall be uploaded on Parivesh portal and soft copy correct KML file shall be submitted.
- x. Details on progressive CA done till date in the Division is not mentioned by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhamragarh Division, Allapalli in his Part- II. Revised Part- II mentioning the same 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.

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)

Copy to:

- i. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- ii. User agency.
- iii. Guard file.

- Sd -(Karthik, M.L) Technical Officer (Gr. II)