

## 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 apccfcetral-ngp-mef@gov.in

Date: 15.05.2023

F.No. FC-I/MH-301/2022-NGP / 11561

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

Sub: Diversion of 0.121 ha Reserved Forest in favour of M/s DostiAgro Tourism Centre, Punefor laying water pipeline, erection of electric pole to supply electricity, aerial iron cable for cable car and regularize existing approach stairs pathway for DostiAgro Tourism Centre in Village- Karanja, Taluka- Junnar, District- Pune in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir.

The undersigned is directed to refer to FLD-1922/C.R.232/F-10 dated 27.03.2023 and Addl. PCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra letter no. Desk-17/Nodal/Pune/ID12951(22)/3405/2022-23 dated 13.03.2023 on the above subject forwarding additional information as sought vide this office letter of even number dated 23.12.2022 and to say that examination of the additional information in the Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC revealed following:

- i. In compliance to *point no. iii* of query raised by this office, State Government was requested to submit list of unique flora and fauna found in the surrounding area along with conservation measures, if any. Accordingly, list of unique flora and fauna found in the surrounding has been submitted and found that Schedule I Species like Sambar, leopard, Indian cobra, Indian porcupine, Russell's viper are present in the area. However, conservation measures have not been submitted. The State Government shall obtain comments from PCCF (Wildlife), Maharashtra on the importance of area from wildlife point of view and conservation measures and submit to this office.
- ii. In compliance to <u>point no. iv</u> of query raised by this office, it is stated that Signed copy of Specific recommendation of PCCF (HoFF) is enclosed along with the reply. Examination of the same revealed that said enclosure is not attached along with the reply. Signed copy of the same shall be submitted.
- iii. In compliance to <u>point no. v</u> of query raised by this office, detail report on violation of FCA, 1980 including name of forest officials responsible for violation and action taken thereof has not been submitted. Detailed report including name of forest officials responsible for violation and action taken against them needs to 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.

(N. K. Đimri)

Yours faithfully.

Technical Officer (Gr. I)

Copy to:

i. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.

ii. User agency.

iii. Guard file.

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