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No.:Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID- 144314/Pune/872/24-25
Nagpur – 440 001, Dated : 15/05/2024

To,
The Chief Conservator of Forests (T),
Pune

Subject:- Diversion of 0.4620 ha. Reserved forest land for construction of link road between two defence complexes in Survey No.102, at Village Kothrud, Tal. Haveli, Dist.Pune in the State of Maharashtra-reg.

Ref:- 1) Government of India, MoEF&CC (FC Division), New Delhi letter No. 8-15/2007-FC (Vol), dated 07/08/2023.

2) This office letter No. Desk-17/FCA-SI/PID-144314/Pune/1459, dated 10/08/2023.

3) Your office letter No.Desk-4/4(2)/land/FCA-339/A131, dated 03/05/2024.

Please refer above references, the Government of India, MoEF&CC (FC Division), New Delhi vide letter under reference No.1 has sought query compliance on 18 points. Accordingly your office vide letter under reference No.3 has submitted query compliance to this office. During scrutiny of said query compliance, following discrepancies has been observed in the said proposal:-

- 1) It has been mentioned that the 0.4620 ha area proposed for diversion is part of the 55.74 ha area already diverted in favour of ARAI. The justification and reasons for submitting a fresh diversion proposal instead of applying for re-diversion of forest land is required to be submitted. Upon receipt of same the further decision for acceptance of the proposal in the present form can be taken by the ministry. Proper justification not mentioned by CCF (T), Pune office in its query compliance letter.
- 2) An area of 55.74 ha forest land was diverted vide the Ministry's letter No. 8- 15/2007-FC dated 24.07.2008 in favour of Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) whereas the instant proposal for diversion of 0.462 ha has been submitted by the Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE) Therefore, the copy of NoC from the ARAI in this regard needs submission. Proper justification not mentioned by CCF (T), Pune office in its query compliance letter.
- 3) The State Govt. reported that the present user agency i.e. ARDE has developed several stores and services in the village Kothrud and due to increased defence related services and communication, the user agency would have a requirement of 0.462 ha forest land to establish the direct approach/ link between its different complexes. The details of forest land involved in the ARDE complex and approvals accorded in this regard needs

submission. Proper justification not mentioned by CCF (T), Pune office in its query compliance letter.

- 4) The site specificity of the proposal shall be re-examined and a detailed report along with KML files of alternatives examined with relevant maps shall be submitted.
- 5) The State Govt. reported that the ARDE & ARAI has now signed a MoU on 20.01.2021. The copy of the same shall be submitted. Proper justification not mentioned by CCF (T), Pune office in its query compliance letter.
- 6) The KML file/ Shape-file of 55.74 ha diverted forest land in favour of ARAI shall be submitted.
- 7) The correct KML/ Shape-file of 0.462 ha shall be uploaded on PARIVESH.
- 8) The KML/ Shape-file of the two defence complex sites i.e. ARDE & DRDO shall also be submitted.
- 9) KML file of diverted area, 3 alternative alignment and KML file of 55.74 ha. already been diverted area not submitted properly. The properties starting point and ending point not show. The revised KML file of the said needs to be submitted in 3 copy of C.D's.

The above discrepancies should be complied at the earliest.

(Naresh Zurmure)

**Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pune Forest Division, Pune for information and necessary action.

Copy to Technical Officer, ARDE, Pashan, Pune for information and necessary action.