

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: As per E-sign

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Maharashtra,
Mumbai.

Subject: Proposal for seeking Ex-post facto approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of 0.1305 ha of forest land for laying underground water pipeline for industrial use and drinking purpose in Reserve forest Gut No. 152 to 155 at Village Koregaon Bhima - Dhingrajwadi, Tal. Shirur, District Pune, Maharashtra State in favour of M/s Essar Steel India Ltd (Online No. FP/MH/IND/20151/2016) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra vide their letter No. FLD-1920/CR-153/F-10 dated 11.04.2025 (uploaded online on dated 30.04.2025) on the above mentioned subject, forwarding the information and to say that examination of same revealed following shortcomings:

- i. The State Govt. vide their letter dated 02.02.2024 has forwarded and recommended the proposal for diversion of 0.1305 ha forest land in favour of erstwhile user agency i.e. M/s Essar Steel India Ltd whereas the user agency in the instant proposal is M/s Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India Limited. However as requested the State Govt. has not submitted the revised recommendation Part-II, III, IV & V in favour of present user agency i.e. M/s Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India limited.
- ii. The CCF, Pune recommended the proposal subject to a condition that the user agency should raise 25 ha of Irrigated plantation under CSR through tripartite agreement. The State Govt. reported that the user agency has shown its dis-agreement with regard to the recommendation made by the CCF, Pune. In this regard, the State Govt. shall submit its comments.
- iii. The State Govt. has not submitted clarification regarding variation in the Gut No. which has been observed from the justification submitted by the user agency and the recommendations given by the PCCC (HoFF).
- iv. As per DSS analysis, still the calculated area of KML file of the proposed forest land is found 0.394 ha instead of 0.1305 ha as per the proposal. Hence, the State Govt. shall submit correct KML file of the proposed forest land.
- v. The State Govt. as well as the user agency has not updated the details of the Non-forest land involved in the proposal on online Part-I and same needs to

be uploaded.

- vi. The State Govt. has not uploaded the complete KML file of forest land as Non-forest land involved in the project on online Part-I and same needs to be uploaded.
- vii. The DGPS map of the proposed forest land has not been uploaded online and same needs to be uploaded.
- viii. The KML of CA against the present proposal has not been uploaded and same needs to be uploaded.

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Digitally signed by
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Date: 16-05-2025
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(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur;
3. The Nodal Officer, Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.