F. No. 8-4/2019-FC

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

> Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi-110003 Ju Dated: / 7 May, 2019

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

Sub: Diversion of 49 ha of forest land in favour of M/s Bairavnath Earthmovers & Co. Guntur for mining of Laterite in Parkhandle and Guntur villages, Tahsil Shahuwadi, District Kolhapur in the State of Maharashtra – regarding

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-2318/CR-277/F-10 dated 22nd January, 2019 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to inform that proposal was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC), in its meeting held on 23rd April, 2019 and the Committee, after deliberation and examination of the submissions made by the Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra, desired that requirement of forest area proposed for diversion may be re-examined by the State Government in light of justification provided by the User Agency and the same be submitted for further consideration of the Committee. Accordingly, the Committee decided to defer the proposal till a time, the requisite information is received from the State Government. A copy of the minutes of the meeting of the FAC may kindly be accessed at <u>http://parivesh.nic.in/</u>.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to submit information, as per the observation of the FAC, to this Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

(Naresh Kumar) Dy Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- 2. The Addl. Director General (Central), Regional Office, Nagpur
- 3. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the PCCF, Government of Maharashtra
- 4. User Agency
- 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi
- 6. Guard File

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