

भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS & CLIMATE CHANGE

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To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 17.01 ha of forest land in favour of Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Ltd., Mumbai for rehabilitation and up-gradation of Sahapur Patgaon Section-I (KM 0.000 to KM 20.130) part of NH-3 Shahapur-Murbad-Patgaon-Karjat-Khopoli-NH4 section of newly declared NH-548A in the State of Maharashtra - regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to Government of Maharashtra letter No. FLD-1220/C.R.239/F-10 dated 10.03.2021 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra letter No. Desk-17/NC/II/ID 12819/(71)/683/2020-21 dated 27.10.2020 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 Regional Office (WCZ), MoEF&CC revealed following:

- i. Consolidated single KML file of entire road alignment under instant proposal, dully highlighting proposed forest area for diversion has not been submitted. The same needs to be submitted.
- ii. Since Eco-Sensitive Zone of Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary has not been notified, ESZ is deemed to be 10 Km. The State Government shall obtain comments from PCCF (Wildlife), Maharashtra on the importance of area from wildlife point of view and conservation measures, if any shall be submitted.
- iii. Certificate ensuring importance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 is not submitted along with the proposal. Original FRA- 2006 certificate along with documentary evidences in the form of copies of the resolutions of the concerned Forest Rights Committee(s), Gram Sabha(s), Sub-Division Level Committee(s) recording their consent for the proposal and bearing signature of the participants shall be submitted. In addition to this, copies of record of proceedings of the Forest Rights Committee, Sub Divisional Level Committee(s) may also be submitted.
- iv. Details of employment potential in terms of man days of skilled, semiskilled and unskilled persons on permanent (direct and indirect) and temporary (direct and

indirect) basis have not been provided. The same needs to be provided by the State Government.

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 Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, MoEF & CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,

(Kathik, M.L)

Technical Officer (Gr. II)

Copy to:

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

- ii. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iii. User agency.

iv. Guard file.

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