

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

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**Dated: May, 2023**

To,

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

**Subject: Diversion of 73.94 ha forest land for construction of Kareghat Minor Irrigation Tank at Kareghat, Tal. Nawapur, District Nandurbar in the State of Maharashtra (Online No. FP/MH/IRRIG/61238/2020) – regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-2022/C.R.01/F-10 dated 10.04.2023 on the above cited subject. In this regard following shortcomings have been observed in the proposal submitted by the State Govt.:

- i. The KML file of proposed diversion area is in line features which is not appropriate for calculation of area and the same can not be analyzed through DSS tool. Therefore the revised KML file of proposed diversion area showing all components shall be submitted in polygon form.
- ii. The CAT plan is required to be approved by the competent authority as mentioned in the para 9.2(vi) of the Handbook of guidelines dated 28.03.2019. Accordingly. the copy of the approval of the CAT plan needs submission.
- iii. The cost of Compensatory Afforestation as mentioned in the Cost Benefit analysis is not at par with the cost contained in the CA scheme. The Cost Benefit analysis therefore needs revision and the same shall be submitted as per the prescribed format.
- iv. The State Govt. vide letter dated 12.09.2022 had informed that the total Non-forest land involved in the project is 77.54 ha and later vide letter dated 13.12.2022 informed that 3.60 ha non-forest area is involved in the project for the construction of canal. The Part-1 of the proposal mentions the NFL to be null. The State Govt shall verify the total Non forest land involved in the project and the accurate details shall be filled in the Part-1 of the proposal online.
- v. The KML file of the Non forest land involved in the project is required to be submitted in polygon form.
- vi. The State Govt. has reported 91.26 ha Non forest land for CA whereas the area of KML file as provided has been found to be 153 ha. Therefore the correct KML file of 91.26 ha Non-forest/ Revenue land located in Villages Sutare and Satarpada, is required to be submitted and uploaded online on the

PARIVESH portal.

- vii. The KML file (153 ha) as submitted for the Compensatory Afforestation site apparently contains encroachment and roads etc. Moreover the presence of settlements can also be seen within. Therefore apart from submission of correct KML file as above the State Govt shall ensure that the area proposed for CA is free from all encumbrances.

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

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

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**Assistant Inspector General of Forests**

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