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Date: 29.05.2023

To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 12.2607 ha of forest land in favour of Thane Municipal Corporation for construction of Balkum to Gaimukh DP Road (NH-3 Connector Ghodbunder By-pass) in Taluka- Thane, District- Thane in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to Government of Maharashtra letter no. FLD-1223/CR-86/F-10 dated 27.03.2023 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra letter no. Desk-17/Nodal/Thane/ID-13107(79)/3447/2022-23 dated 15.03.2023 2022 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to inform that the instant proposal was placed before Regional Empowered Committee in its meeting held on 27.04.2023. After detailed discussion and examination of the proposal the Committee decided that proposal shall again placed before the REC after receipt of following:

- The User Agency in consultation with the DCF concern shall explore the possibility of shifting alignment further towards the main land at chainage 750.
- The DCF concern shall certify whether the mangroves can grow naturally under the proposed structure.
- Specific comments of the CWLW/PCCF (Wildlife) with respect to the proposed mangroves cutting, maintenance of flow of water/wild animals across the proposed structure at the time of construction and also proximity of the proposed alignment to the SGNP.
- The State Government shall submit CA schemes and KML files for NFL and DFL areas proposed for CA.
- User Agency shall submit CRZ clearance from competent authority.

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

Yours faithfully,

(N.K. Dimri)

Technical Officer (Gr. I)

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- The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- User Agency.
- Guard file.

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