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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 2.3427 ha of forest land in favour of Public Works Division, Chandrapur for construction of Chak Futana 4/170 km. to Chak Navegaon + Navegaon more 9/550 km MDR-27 Road in Chandrapur District in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to Government of Maharashtra letter no. FLD-3623/CR-29/F-10 dated 12.05.2023 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra letter no. Desk-17/Nodal/Chandrapur/I.D.14209/2435/22-23 dated 20.12.2022 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, MoEF&CC revealed following:

- Name of signing authority and date of submission is not mentioned in Part- I submitted along with the proposal. Revised Part- I mentioning name of signing authority and date of submission needs to be submitted.
- Deputy Conservator of Forests, Central Chanda has mentioned in Part- II that there is presence of Tiger in the area proposed for diversion. Specific recommendations/ comments from PCCF (Wildlife), Maharashtra on the importance of area from wildlife point of view and conservation measures, if any shall be submitted.
- State Government has mentioned in its covering letter that User Agency shall submit Record of Rights of proposed Forest land at Navegaon More (Compt. no. 547A) & Chak Futana (Compt. No. 551E) and CA land at Navegaon Bhujala (Compt no. 586) before Stage- I approval. Clarification for the same needs to be submitted by the State Government. Change in Forest area for diversion, if any, shall also be intimated to this office.
- Compensatory Afforestation has been proposed over 5.00 ha. degraded forest land. Since the User Agency is State PWD, as per Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022 Compensatory Afforestation was supposed to be proposed over equivalent non-forest land. Accordingly, CA shall be proposed over equivalent non-forest land adjoining to forest land and CA details viz. Site specific CA scheme, site suitability certificate, Differential GPS map and KML file shall be submitted.

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) (Central), IRO, MoEF& CC, Bhopal.

Yours faithfully,

(Karthik M.L.)

Technical Officer (Gr. II)

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

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