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The Secretary (Forests), Government of Maharashtra, Revenue & Forest Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai-400032

Sub: Diversion of 12.92 ha of Reserved Forest land in favour of Nandurbar Medium Project Divisional Unit, Nandurbar for Nimbhel Storage Tank under Prakasha Burai Lift Irrigation Scheme at Village- Nimbhel Taluka And District Nandurbar in the state of Maharashtra-regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-16A19/C.R.181/F-10 dated 24.06.2019 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that examination of the said proposal in the Regional Office revealed following:

- i. Name of signing authority has not been mentioned in Part-I and Part-II of Form-A. Revised Part-I and Part-II mentioning name of signing authority may be submitted.
- ii. Complete Part-I has not been submitted and important information with respect to project specific details, viz, total catchment area, total command area, employment to generated, abstract of 3 alternatives examined, etc need to be included in Part-I.
- iii. Complete Part-II has not been submitted, DCF concern may provide abstract of project affected trees rather than referring same in annexure. Further, progress of CA over forest land has not been provided. Revised complete Part-II providing abstract of information under each heading therein may be submitted.
- iv. It has been mentioned in proposal that total 09 trees of various species are proposed for felling. However, as per details in online submitted Part-II, there are total 196 project affected trees at FRL level. State Government may revisit the discrepancy in number of project affected trees.
- v. Examination of site identified for raising CA over google satellite imaginary revealed that site is bifurcated by a road, further, area is surrounded by agriculture fields, accordingly, area may be fenced from all side and full time provision of watch and ward may be included in CA scheme.
- vi. KML file of area identified for raising CA has not been submitted. Further, revised KML file of area proposed for diversion dully highlighting all project components along with forest patches therein may be submitted.
- vii. It has been submitted that User Agency has explored three alternatives before finalization pf present. Details of alternatives alignments explored by the User Agency, duly depicted on appropriate map and duly certified by the competent authority in the State Forest Department needs to be submitted by the State Government.
- viii. State Government may submit details of Forest Clearance, if any, accorded under Prakasha Burai Lift Irrigation Scheme along with compliance report on conditions mentioned therein.

- ix. Status of Catchment Area Treatment Plan, if any, proposed under current proposal or being implemented Prakasha Burai Lift Irrigation Scheme, from where water is proposed to lift for instant proposal, may be intimated by State Government
- x. 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.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information on the shortcomings, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

(NK Dimri)

Technical Officer (Gr-I)

Copy to:

1. The PCCF, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur

- 2. The Nodal Officer FCA), O/o of the PCCF, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- 3. User Agency.

4. Guard File.

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