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**F.No. FC-I/MH-343/2023-NGP /13375**

**Date: 19.07.2024**

To,

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

**Sub: Diversion of 2.0847 ha. forest land under in favour of Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority, Bandra East, Mumbai for construction of Mumbai Trans Harbour Line (Sewri to Nhava up to NH-4B) Link road for Bridge and Link Road in Village- Jasai, Taluka- Uran, District- Raigad in the State of Maharashtra - regarding.**

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, vide his letter no. Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-13818/Thane/2023-24/3143 dated 09.02.2024 and to inform that, as the proposal involves works in Violation of Van (Samvardhan Evam Sanrakshan) Adhinyam, 1980, the Regional Office Nagpur referred the proposal to the Ministry, New Delhi as per the provision of Van (Samvardhan Evam Sanrakshan) Rules, 2023.

2 The Ministry New Delhi informed this office to seek detailed report on the following from the State Government. Hence, I am directed to request the State Government to submit the detailed report on the following to this office at the earliest;

- i. The State Govt. reported that the 2.0847 ha forest land of instant proposal was included in the 47.4170 ha forest diversion proposal (F. No. 8-89/2013-FC online No FP/MH/ROAD/3308/2013) which has been accorded final approval on 22.12.2023. Since the forest diversion proposal of 47.4170 ha forest land was given Stage-I approval on 22.01.2016 & Stage-II approval was given on 22.12.2023 and the instant proposal for diversion of 2.0847 ha forest land was submitted by the user agency on 18.02.2022 on PARIVESH, the reason behind non-inclusion of 2.0847 ha forest land in the previous approval i.e. diversion of 47.4170 ha forest land has not been submitted by the State Government. The same may be clarified.
- ii. The State Govt. reported that, as per the RFO, Uran letter dated 23.09.2022 after confirmation in field said that, the violation has been done over the area of 0.8064 ha and further requested that the violation cannot be attributed either the User Agency or the Forest Department. The error of non-

compliance can be condoned. However, detailed report along with suitable justification in this regard is required.

- iii. The State Govt. has not clarified whether the violation carried out under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980 may be considered for entire 2.0847 ha. forest land or only on 0.8064 ha forest land in which actual construction work has been done by the user agency. The same needs to be clarified.
- iv. The State Govt. has not submitted the detailed violation report for an area of 0.8064 ha forest land. Further, it may be clarified that whether the construction work was going on in the 2.0847 ha forest land while the approval for the same was sought through online application on PARIVESH submitted by the user agency on 18.02.2022.
- v. Compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the Stage-II approval dated 22.12.2023 for diversion of 47.4170 ha forest land has not been submitted.
- vi. DSS analysis of the proposed forest land revealed that the construction of flyover bridge has been completed in the proposed forest land. Further, certain Non-forestry activity such as mining has been noticed in the proposed forest land for diversion. In this regard the clarification is required.
- vii. Compensatory Afforestation will be carried over 2.0847 ha. non-Forest Land in Gut no. 169, Survey no. 188/0 at Village- Pitsai, Taluka- Tala, District- Raigad. Further, it is mentioned that the DCF, Roha has submitted that crown density of the forest cover on the proposed non-forest CA land is more than 40%. Therefore, the CA is proposed over 2.0847 ha. degraded Forest land in Survey no. 46 (Old Survey no. 157/A/1) at Village- Navenagar (Old Village Poynad), Taluka- Alibag, District- Raigad. However, crop improvement programme/scheme for the Non-Forest land proposed for CA has not been submitted. Hence same needs to be submitted.

**In addition to the above, the Ministry requested this office to carry out the inspection of the instant project site and also to submit the monitoring report on condition imposed under approval accorded for proposal of 47.4170 ha. Hence, the tour programme for the site inspection will be communicated separately**

**This issues with the approval of DDGF(C), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur.**

Yours faithfully,

  
**(C.B. Tashildar)**  
AIGF (Central)

**Copy to:**

- i. The IGF (RoHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003 **for information please.**
- ii. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iii. User agency.

iv. Guard file.



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